

# Diego Piedra

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Diego Piedra is a driven musician -conductor and violinist- with diverse international background as performer and educator.

## PRIMARY POSITION

Assistant Professor of Music.	Valparaiso University	Valparaiso, Indiana	2020 — present
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## OTHER CURRENTLY HELD POSITIONS

Music Director and Conductor	Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Summer String Camp	Dubuque, Iowa	2014 – present
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## GUEST CONDUCTOR APPEARANCES

Conductor	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	Kalamazoo, MI	2022
Conductor	Luther College Dorian Festival	Decorah, IA	2022
Strings Mentor	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	Detroit, MI	2019
Conductor	Oakland Symphony Orchestra	Rochester, Michigan	2019
Conductor	Dexter Community Orchestra	Dexter, Michigan	2018
Conductor	Dubuque Symphony Orchestra	Dubuque, Iowa	2014
Conductor	Orquesta Sinfonica Municipal de Cartago	Cartago, Costa Rica	2013 – 2015
Conductor	National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica	San José, Costa Rica	2010
Conductor and Professor of Violin	El Sistema, Venezuela	Acarigua-Araure, Venezuela	2009

## PREVIOUS CONDUCTING POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor	Luther College	Decorah, Iowa	Feb – May 2019
Music Director and Conductor	Spectrum Orchestra	Birmingham, Michigan	2018-2020
Conductor	Campus Symphony Orchestra	University of Michigan	2016 – 2018

Assistant Conductor	University Symphony Orchestra, University Philharmonia Orchestra	University of Michigan	2015 – 2018
Visiting Conductor	University of Toledo Symphony Orchestra	University of Toledo, Ohio	Winter 2017
Conductor and Professor of Orchestral Conducting	University of Costa Rica Symphony Orchestra	Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica	2009 – 2015
Music Director and Conductor	Orquesta Manuel María Gutiérrez	San José, Costa Rica	2009 – 2011
Music Director and Conductor	Orquesta A SINEM Costa Rica	San José, Costa Rica	2008 – 2012
Music Director and Conductor	Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra	Waco, Texas	2002 – 2003

#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Doctor of Musical Arts	Orchestral Conducting	University of Michigan	2018
Master of Music	Orchestral Conducting	University of Michigan	2008
Master of Music	Violin Performance	University of Michigan	2006
Bachelor of Music	Violin Performance	Baylor University	2003

#### **CONDUCTING TEACHERS**

Kenneth Kiesler, Michael Haithcock, Stephen Heyde

#### **CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS**

Conducting Institute	Miguel Harth-Bedoya	Fort Worth, Texas	2020
Masterclass	Simon Rattle	University of Michigan	2017
Masterclass	Carl St. Claire	San José, Costa Rica	2014
Conductors Retreat	Kenneth Kiesler	Washington, Maine	2007
Masterclass	Giancarlo Guerrero	Baylor University	2003

#### **CONDUCTING AWARDS**

Honorable Mention	American Prize - Conductor	United States	2022
Honorable Mention	London Classical Soloists	London, England	2017