

Chad Hutchinson

Dr. Chad Hutchinson is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Orchestral Activities at Eastern Michigan University. In addition to conducting the Symphony Orchestra, he teaches courses in conducting, music education and supervises student teachers in the field. Recently, Dr. Hutchinson was also named the conductor of the Symphonic Orchestra within the Toledo Youth Symphony Orchestras organization. Prior appointments include the Interim Director of Orchestras at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Assistant Conductor of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestras, Music Director of the Siouxland Youth Orchestra and a Lecturer in music at Northwestern College (IA).

With a long-standing commitment to education, Hutchinson taught orchestra in the public schools for nine years in Williamsville, NY and Sioux Falls, SD with both programs more than doubling in size during his tenure. He has served as a guest conductor for numerous orchestras and festivals throughout the Midwest, Montana, Tennessee and New York and has been on the conducting faculty of the International Music Camp for several years. This year, he will lead festivals and honor orchestras in 5 states as well as present sessions at the Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Music Education Conventions.

As comfortable in the pit as on the stage, Dr. Hutchinson was named the 2017-2018 winner of The American Prize in Opera Conducting for his performance of *Suor Angelica* with University Opera Theatre at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Hutchinson's recent publications include a journal article for the *College Orchestra Directors Association Journal* on Puccini and a co-authored article for *Teaching Music* with colleague Laura Pawuk about relaxed performances.

An Iowa native, Dr. Hutchinson holds conducting degrees from the University of Minnesota and Bowling Green State University and a bachelor's degree in music education from Morningside College. Away from the university, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, training for triathlons as well as rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes and Kansas City Royals.