

## LINUS LERNER

## CONDUCTOR

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Conductor Linus Lerner is praised for the charisma and passionate energy he brings to his musical performances, inspiring artists and audience. At home on either the symphony podium or the operatic pit, Lerner has conducted in the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Spain, South Korea, Turkey and Russia.

Some of Lerner's recent performances include: Ulsan Symphony Orchestra (South Korea), Sofia Philharmonic (Bulgaria), Torún Symphony (Poland), Opera of the Greek Theater of Tindari (Italy), Leipzig Philharmonic Orchestra (Germany); Plovdiv Opera, Sliven Symphony Orchestra, Vidin Symphony Orchestra, Sofia Sinfonietta and Sofia Philharmonic (Bulgaria); Mussorvksy Conservatory Orchestra (Russia); Panama National Symphony Orchestra (Panama); Korea Peace Orchestra (South Korea); Fondi Music Festival Orchestra and Arezzo Symphony Orchestra (Italy); Antalya Symphony Orchestra (Turkey); Tsingtao Symphony Orchestra, Hunan Symphony Orchestra, Fuzhou Symphony Orchestra and National Orchestra of Film and Radio (China); Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra, Texas Festival Orchestra, Opera in the Heights and Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra (USA); Acapulco Philharmonic Orchestra, San Luis Opera Festival Orchestra and Michoacán Symphony Orchestra (Mexico); Orchestra of the National Congress (Paraguay); Campinas Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra of Porto Alegre, Pernambuco University Opera Studio, Gramado Symphony Orchestra, Caxias do Sul University Symphony Orchestra, Goiânia Symphony Orchestra and Teatro da Paz Symphony Orchestra (Brazil).

Lerner is currently Artistic Director and Conductor of SASO: Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra (USA); OSRN: Rio Grande do Norte Symphony Orchestra and OSG: Gramado Symphony Orchestra (Brazil); Gramado in Concert International Music Festival (Brazil); and the San Luis Potosi Opera Festival and the Linus Lerner International Voice Competition (Mexico). He also serves as conductor of Round Top Festival Hill Institute (TX).

Some of his recording include *MENDELSSOHN* (Meridian), with the Royal Philharmonic of London; *AMERICAN CLASSICS* (Naxos) and *CELEBRATION* (SASO) with the Southern Arizona Symphony; TONHECA *DANTAS* (OSRN) with the Rio Grande do Norte Symphony Orchestra. Other recording credits include CDs with choruses in the USA and Brazil.

Conductor Linus Lerner also worked as a teacher and coach for various orchestras and choruses and for El Sistema "La Esperanza Azteca" in Mexico, where he taught more than 100 teachers and conductors. Before his full dedication to the conducting, Lerner also sang with various opera companies and orchestras in the USA, Brazil and Europe and received several awards in different voice competitions. His performance of *Carmina Burana* with the OSRN won the title of "Best Performance of the Year."

Some important recognitions and honors received by Maestro Linus Lerner are: the *Ohtli Medal* (the highest award of the Mexican government) because of his work for the development of the opera in Mexico; the *Djalma Marinho Medal* and the *Alberto Maranhão Medal* for his work with OSRN as well as the *Key to the City* for his work in the musical community of Tucson, AZ.

Lerner received his Doctor of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Arizona, his Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from Florida State University, his Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati and his Bachelor of Music in Conducting from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil.