

Zakresky - Short Form Biography

Kevin Zakresky is founder-director of the Sea to Sky Symphony and conductor of the Pacifica Singers in Vancouver. He is also touring conductor of *Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses*, a production that has seen him direct orchestras in Philadelphia, Montreal, Quebec City, Charlottesville, Columbus, Miami, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Fresno, and London (with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra in Wembley Arena). The 2017 season will see him conduct 20 performances of *Zelda* including shows in Seattle, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Portland, Birmingham UK, San Diego, San Francisco, Denver and New York City. He will also be guest conducting the Fort Worth Symphony in a performance of *rePlay: Symphony of Heroes*.

Zakresky is the past Music Director of the Prince George Symphony Orchestra in British Columbia and has recently conducted the St Louis Symphony, Sudbury Symphony, West Coast Symphony, Vancouver Chamber Choir and three concerts with Sea to Sky. He completed his Doctorate at Yale University in 2012.

Zakresky made his CBC broadcast debut conducting Monteverdi with the Vancouver Chamber Choir and the Vancouver Chamber Orchestra in 2014. During his time with the Prince George Symphony, he worked with many soloists including Jane Coop, Dale Barltrop, Nadina Mackie Jackson and Lucas Wong. He has been a faculty member of the Vancouver International Song Institute, directed choirs at Douglas College and has taught conducting at the School for Contemporary Arts, Simon Fraser University. He currently teaches at the Vancouver Symphony School of Music.