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**RAPHAELA CORREA DE LACERDA CAMPOS RECEIVES ACSO'S EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

Thursday, July 13, 2023 – The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) announced today that **Raphaela Correa De Lacerda Campos**, Assistant Conductor of the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra (SBSO), received its 2023 Emerging Professional Award, which comes with an honorarium.

The ACSO Emerging Professional Award recognizes the current contributions and the future potential of an individual who has been in the orchestra/classical music field for less than five years but who has already made significant contributions to their organization and has demonstrated the potential for leadership and continuing professional growth. This individual has experienced early career success in the field, has helped elevate the mission of their organization, and thus is actively making an impact in the community.

“Raphaela has only been with the SBSO a short time, but her work distinguished her as a true emerging professional from the day we met her,” said Anne Viricel, Executive Director of the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra. “In December of 2022, she conducted a performance of Bizet’s Farandole from L’Arlesienne Suite No. 2 to significant community acclaim. We even received phone calls from community members and local music teachers asking when she would be back on the podium! It was the maturity of her conducting ability and demonstrated interest in orchestra operations that brought her to the attention of our Music director and Conductor Anthony Parnter.”

ACSO executive director, Sarah Weber, said “ACSO recognizes how important it is to invest in the future of the classical music field by identifying and encouraging those who are challenging the status quo, bringing new ideas, working collaboratively, and invigorating their organizations. Raphaela embodies these ideals, and we are proud to honor her with this award.”

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The San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra has been bringing music to the people of the Inland Empire for over ninety years. Its mission is “to foster a love of music, excite the spirit, and enrich our diverse community and region through live orchestral performances and music education.” The orchestra plays in the historic California Theater in downtown San Bernardino. www.sanbernardinosymphony.org

The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO), founded in 1969, is a member service organization representing 120 classical music organizations and their 2,000 board and staff in its network. ACSO’s members are comprised of professional, academic, youth, and community-based orchestras, choruses, and festivals in California and the western region. ACSO’s annual awards program recognizes remarkable individuals and organizations for their meaningful contributions to the orchestra field. To read about all our 2023 award winners, click [here](http://www.acso.org). www.acso.org