

John Eells – Conductor 2027 NEMFA Orchestra

A music lecturer in the Music Department at Stanford University, John Eells is the Conductor of the Stanford Philharmonia and the Stanford Symphony Orchestra. He also serves as the Interim Music Director of the Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra. Born in Oakland, California, he completed his education at York University and the Royal Academy of Music in London, studying both conducting and the French Horn. Eells was the founder of the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra. John has been guest conductor with the Jacksonville, Spokane and Hartford Symphony Orchestras, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, and the Meriden Symphony Orchestra. John has attended seminars and been coached by Gunther Sculler, Otto Werner Mueller, Andre Previn, Erich Leinsdorf, Riccardo Muti, Gustav Meier, Seiji Ozawa, and Leonard Bernstein. He also attended Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in the Berkshires, and the Schweitzer Institute of Music at Sandpoint, where he studied alongside conductors Marin Alsop and Paul Phillips. Returning to his roots in the Bay Area, John Eells also conducted the Golden State Youth Orchestra Sinfonietta.

“I would love my musicians and the readers to understand and see something of my real passion for the music that we’re playing, and my real passion for working with the people I am working with, and that it is something that inspires them to be passionate about the playing they are doing or excites them to attend a concert,” Eells said.