

Marlon Daniel

Short Biography

One of the most dynamic conductors of his generation, Marlon Daniel has been described as “a natural and enormous talent” by the Chicago Sun-Times and as “fabulous and exceptional” by Pravda. A laureate of the 2018 Bucharest Symphony Orchestra International Conducting Competition, he has performed in some of the most prestigious venues in the world, from New York’s Carnegie Hall to Prague’s Rudolfinum.

He has made acclaimed débuts with Chineke! Junior Orchestra, Havana Lyceum Orchestra, Sofia Sinfonietta and Tatarstan National Symphony Orchestra, where he conducted the Russian premiere of William Grant Still’s iconic Afro-American Symphony. In 2016, he conducted the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Cuba, where he was the first African American to conduct the orchestra in its sixty-five-year history.

Daniel is the world’s foremost authority on the life and music of Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges and a champion of music by living and neglected composers. A recipient of the Yvar Mikhashoff Trust for New Music Award, he has conducted numerous premieres and worked with composers that include Adolphus Hailstork, Giya Kanchell, Libby Larsen, Tania Léon, Nkeiru Okoye, Eino Tamberg, and George Walker.

Daniel has held positions as Associate Conductor of the Praga Sinfonietta, Principal Guest Conductor of the Pazardzhik Symphony Orchestra and the inaugural Music Director for the Colour of Music Festival. He has also been a guest lecturer for the Sphinx Organization, Tafelmusik, and at Columbia and Yale Universities. He is currently Artistic and Music Director of Festival Saint-Georges, Music Director of Ensemble du Monde, and Associate Conductor of Florida Grand Opera.

Daniel continues to shape musical landscapes through his artistry and leadership. In 2025 he worked as the Music Curator of Guillon Lethière Exhibition for Mémorial ACTe and Musée du Louvre. This upcoming Season 2026/27 he will make débuts with the Chicago Philharmonic, the Kuopio Symphony Orchestra and the upcoming new Marvel Cinematic Universe Black Panther Opera.

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