

James Fellenbaum is Assistant Professor of Music and the Director of Orchestras at the University of Tennessee. In addition to conducting the ensembles of the Orchestra Program, he is the conductor of the UT Opera Theater productions, and the founder of the UT Chamber Orchestra in 2004. He teaches advanced undergraduate instrumental conducting, and oversees the Masters program in Orchestral Conducting. He also serves as Guest Conductor with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.

His extensively diverse background as a conductor has found him collaborating with some of the world's great artists and orchestras. Mr. Fellenbaum was invited to the 2006 First International Gennady Rozhdestvensky Conductors Competition, where he was a top 5 Finalist. He has conducted orchestras around the country and internationally, including recent guest conducting engagements with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, the Symphony of the Mountains in Kingsport, TN, the Chicago ensemble Fulcrum Point New Music Project, the Aspen Summer Music Festival Academy Orchestra, in Canada with the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Ottawa, and in Europe with the Satu-Mare State Philharmonic of Romania, and the Russe Philharmonic and Vidin Philharmonic of Bulgaria.

Previous university appointments have included Director of Orchestral Activities and Instructor of Violoncello Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX, and North Park University in Chicago, IL. Professional positions have included Music Director and Conductor of the Orchestra of the Pines in Texas; Artistic Director of the North Shore Chamber Orchestra in Evanston, IL; and Music Director of the Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra, IL. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in violoncello performance from James Madison University in Virginia, and holds a double Masters degree in violoncello performance and orchestral conducting from Northwestern University.