**Sebastián Modarelli**

Sebastián Modarelli studied at the **National Conservatory of Music** in his native Buenos Aires, Argentina, earning his degree as salutatorian of his class. He also studied composition privately with Virtú Maragno. After being awarded the First Prize in the triennial Composers’ Contest of the **National Academy of Arts** in Argentina, he was offered a scholarship from the Argentinean **Mozarteum** and a second one from the **Italian Government** to study and compose at the **Conservatory Giuseppe Verdi** in Milan. Besides earning an additional degree in Composition, Europe gave him the opportunity to participate in seminars and master classes with composers such as Karlheinz Stockhausen, Luis de Pablo and many others. Recently he was awarded a **Global Music Award** for his duo *I’ll Meet You Again*.

As an organist, he studied in Argentina at the National Conservatory of Music with Luis Caparra and Jesús Segade, Karl Richter’s frequent collaborator in Argentina. He held the position of Organist and Music Professor at the Seminary of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, guided by then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis). He also founded and conducted Scholae Canctorum and choirs in both Buenos Aires and Milan.

In 2005 Modarelli moved to Rochester, Minnesota after being offered the position of Music Director and Organist at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Since then, his music has been performed by several ensembles and orchestras, and broadcast in different countries, including **Minnesota Public Radio**. In 2009, Alliance Publications contracted with him to begin publishing his work in the U.S.