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Education

M.A. Music Composition	2009
City College of New York	
B.Mus. Music Theory & Composition and Vocal Performance	2004
Illinois State University	

Compositional Studies

Chester Biscardi	2010
David Del Tredici	2007 – 2009
Daron Hagen	2004 – 2007
David Feurzeig	2002 – 2004
Serra Hwang	2001 – 2002
Stephen A Taylor	2000 – 2001

Selected Recent Commissions

Only Air for soprano and orchestra	Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra	2011
Growl	Marc Peloquin, piano	2011
Duo for Violin & Piano	Roger Zahab, violin	2010
To a Poet a Thousand Years Hence	Illinois State University College of Fine Arts	2010
Take All My Loves	Illinois State University Madrigal Singers	2009
at least a moment	Megan Sesma, harp; Patricia Schuman, soprano	2008
echoes	Staunton Music Festival	2008
Starfish at Pescadero	Ingrid Gordon, percussion; Melissa Fogarty, soprano	2006
Songs of Love & Madness	IonSound Project	2006
Fair Robin I Love	Illinois State University College of Fine Arts	2005
And He'll Be Mine	Robert Frankenberry, tenor	2005

Selected Performances of Original Works

Growl	Upright Pianos Brigade (sponsored by Concert Artists Build)	2011
	KeyedUp MusicProjects	2011
Take All My Loves	Illinois State University, Normal, IL	2010
Best at dawn	Marc Peloquin, piano; New York, NY	2010
And He'll Be Mine	Opera Theatre of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Art	2009
	Tobenski-Algera Concert Series: "Songs by Gay American Composers"	2007
	Friends & Enemies of New Music; New York, NY	2006
Starfish at Pescadero	Percussia; Jackson Heights, NY	2009
	Members of the US Coast Guard Band; New London, CT	2008
	Percussia; Corona, Queens, NY	2007
echoes	Staunton Music Festival	2008
	Opera Grows in Brooklyn / American Opera Projects / Opera on Tap	2011
Letter from a Young Poet	Eugene Contemporary Chamber Ensemble	2008
	David Russell, cello; New York, NY	2008
Songs of Love & Madness	IonSound Project; University of Pittsburgh	2008

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Selected Awards and Honors

ASCAPPlus Awards	2007 – 2011
Brush Creek Foundation for the Arts residency nomination/invitation	2011
Ucross Foundation residency	2009
City College of New York music scholarship	2009
Virginia Center for the Creative Arts residencies	2007, 2010, 2011
Staunton Music Festival Emerging Composers Program commission and residency	2008
Staunton Music Festival Young Artist	2008
Prairie Center of the Arts residency	2007
ISU Friends of the Arts Endowment scholarship	2003 – 2004
Illinois Federation of Music Clubs scholarship	2001

Discography

My True Love Hath My Heart

Sing On – Celebrating 50 Years of Madrigal Dinners at Illinois State University

Illinois State University Madrigal Singers; Dennis Tobenski, conductor

Distributed by the Illinois State University School of Music

Professional Organizations

ASCAP; American Music Center; American Composers Forum; College Music Society; The Field; National Collegiate Choral Organization

Additional Information

Founder and owner of NewMusicShelf.com, online digital distributor for self-publishing concert composers

Co-founder and Artistic Director of the Tobenski-Algera Concert Series, a Manhattan-based concert series devoted to the presentation and promotion of new music by young and emerging composers.