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**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Music in Theory/ Composition**, Westminster Choir College, 2018

**Bachelor of Music in Piano**, Westminster Choir College, 2018

**ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

Jacobs Music Steinway Award

Symphony of Siberia 2017 Composition Competition Finalist/Winner

Damien Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Phillips Memorial Scholarship

David & Joyce York Scholarship

Julianne & Bill Phillips Composition Award (x2)

L. Hood Fenn Scholarship

PBD Associates Outstanding Young Artist Award (x2)

Clifton Foundation Rising Young Artists Award 2017

The Pearl & Julius Young Music 2015 Competition Finalist

First Place: Westminster Choir College 2017 Composition Competition

First Place: Westminster Choir College 2017 Piano Competition

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Cleveland Prelude*, published by ACME summer 2016.

*Piano Concerto No. 1*, published by Firebird Music Publications winter 2016.

*Terpsichorean*, published by Yale Guild of Carilloneurs in the collection: *Music for an Elegant Evening* date T.B.A.

*La Mer Dans Le Ciel*, electroacoustic album published by Off-Record Label in Brussels, Belgium winter 2017.

*Slower*, electroacoustic album by music duo Helix 2 published by Off-Record Label, spring 2017.

*i have not seen as others saw*, electroacoustic album published by Off-Record Label, spring 2017.

*Note the Color: Volume 1*, the first of a two volume series of piano pieces, published by Alijam Music summer 2017.

*Highland Concerto*, concerto grosso in the neo-baroque style for recorder quintet, strings and harpsichord. Published by the American Recorder Society in September 2017.

*Note the Color: Volume 2*, the second of a two volume series of piano pieces, published by Alijam Music October 2017.

*I'm Sure You Can Imagine*, electroacoustic EP published by Off-Record Label, October 2017.

*Alexander's City*, intermediate piano concerto for students, published by Alijam Music

*Purely Mozart*: Solo album dedicated to selected works by W. A. Mozart. September 2019.

*Aphoria*: Online ambient music platform and label launched October 2019.

## **RECORDINGS OF ORIGINAL WORKS AND ARRANGEMENTS**

*Purely Mozart*: Includes personal arrangement of K. 356

*Random Access Klavier: Search Space* on solo album to be released on Naxos in the coming year

*Baroquen* for harpsichord/piano & electronics at Salon 33 in Princeton, New Jersey October 2018

*Concert Fantasy* and *Piano Sonata in One Movement*, performed by the composer John Franek at The New York City Bar Association in Manhattan, New York City January 19, 2018

*Piano Sonata in One Movement*, performed by the composer John Franek at La Casa de la Música, Quito Ecuador August 4, 2017

*Quintillus*, performed by the composer John Franek as solo pianist with the Westminster Community Orchestra, Princeton New Jersey March, 2017

*Concert Fantasy* and *Seine Interlude*, performed by the composer John Franek as pianist, Princeton New Jersey February 16, 2017

*Artifex Inanis* - performed by the composer John Franek as pianist, Princeton New Jersey October 22, 2016

*Night Music*, album composed and performed by John Franek, July 2015. Released on iTunes, Amazon MP3, Spotify and more on February 12, 2016.

*Valerian Music*, album composed and performed by John Franek, July 2015. Released on iTunes, Amazon MP3, Spotify and more on May 21, 2016.

*Inner Symmetries*, improvised music for two pianos improvised and composed by John Franek and Mike Ryan, March 2016. Released on iTunes, Amazon MP3, Spotify and more on June 24, 2016.

*Concerto for Keyboard and Strings*, performed by the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey with the composer John Franek as soloist, Caldwell New Jersey, July 2016

*Concert Fantasy* and *Seine Interlude*, performed by the composer John Franek as pianist, Caldwell New Jersey, July 2016

*Lament for Many Strings*, performed by the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey, Caldwell New Jersey, July 2016

*Construct for Two Pianos*, performed by Mike Ryan and John Franek, Princeton NJ, February 2016

*Chamber Hearts*, performed by the James Caldwell High School String Consort, Caldwell NJ, January 2016.

*Totentanz*, performed by Stefan Young and John Franek, Princeton NJ, October 2015

*Love; and It's Dance*, performed by David Lawn, Princeton NJ, April 2015

*The False Spell*, performed by John Franek, Princeton NJ, February 2015

## SELECTED WORKS

### Piano Solo Works:

*The False Spell*

••• Premiered: Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College, 10/2014•••

*Two Works for Solo Piano: Fantasy*

••• Premiered: First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell NJ, 7/2016•••

*Two Works for Solo Piano: Sonata*

••• Premiered: La Casa de la Música, Quito - Ecuador, 8/4/2017•••

*Random Access Klavier: Search Space (I)*

•••Premiered: Salon 33, Princeton - New Jersey•••

### Piano Collections:

*Note the Color*: Two Volume set of 16 works for students.

### Piano Ensemble Works:

*Totentanz*- for four hands piano

••• Premiered: Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College, 10/2015•••

*Dance of Two Dragons*- for two pianos

••• Premiered: Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College, 12/2014•••

*The Huntsmen's Chorus*- Arrangement of Carl Maria Von Weber's Was gleicht wohl auf Erden for Two Pianos

### Concerto Works:

*Piano Concerto No. 1*  
for piano and orchestra

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••• Premiered: Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, Drew University, Madison NJ, 5/2017•••

*Roman Diptych*

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I: *Quintillus*

II: *Palatine Lost*

for piano and orchestra

••• Premiered: Annis Playhouse, Westminster Choir College, 11/2017•••

*L'inverno*

arrangement of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto "Winter" for piano and strings

*Alexander's City*

student concerto for piano and strings

*Dí Gotik Automaton*

for piano four hands and string orchestra.

Saxophone Concerto

for soprano saxophone and string orchestra

Oboe Concerto

for oboe and string orchestra

### **Non-Piano Solo Works:**

*Love; and It's Dance-* for oboe solo

••• Premiered: Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College, 4/2016•••

### **Chamber Works:**

*String Quartet No. 1 "Triptych"*

*Chamber Hearts-* for String Quintet

••• Premiered: Performing Arts Center, James Caldwell High School, Caldwell NJ 1/2016•••

*Concertino for Piano and String Quartet*

••• Premiered: Kimmel Center - Perelman Theatre, Philadelphia PA, 5/2017•••

*Highland Concerto*- for recorder quintet, strings and harpsichord

••• Premiered: United Methodist Church, New Brunswick NJ, 2/2017•••

*Beton Ugolki* - for mixed quintet

••• Premier scheduled w/ Lontano Ensemble for February, 2020•••

### **Orchestral Works:**

*Our Something Sky*- for chamber orchestra with piano 1111/pn/str

*Lament for Many Strings*- for string orchestra

••• Premiered: First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell NJ, 7/2016•••

*A Portrait of Civilization: Symphony No. 1 for Orchestra*

I: *Euridice Collapse*

II: *Ptolemy's Visions of the Sphere* 3(pic)3(ca)3(bcl)2/4331/timp.3perc/str

III: *The River of Silence*

IV: *Mithridates*\*\*

••• \*\*Finalist: Siberian Symphony Composition Competition, Russia 11/2017•••

*Mithridates*- for full orchestra

••• Premiered and recorded by Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra, April 2019•••

### **Vocal & Choral Works:**

*The Moon was in Her*- SSSAAA (music & text) acapella

*L'infinito*- for soprano and piano

*Poema Doce*- for soprano and piano

••• Premiered: La Casa de la Música, Quito - Ecuador, 8/2017•••

*Snowfall*- for soprano and piano

### **Carillon Works:**

*Cleveland Prelude*- for carillon solo

••• Premiered: Cleveland Tower, Princeton NJ, 10/2014•••

*Nocturne in Blue & Gold*- for carillon four hands and electronics

••• Premiered: Cleveland Tower, Princeton NJ, 10/2017•••

### **Albums:**

*Purely Mozart*- 57 minutes w/ DoubleV Digital Recordings

\*solo album be released and distributed by Naxos in coordination with Affetto Records Pending\*

**Electronic Albums:**

*La Mer Dans Le Ciel*- 53 Minutes

*Slower*- 52 Minutes

*i have not seen as others saw*- 30 minutes

*Aphoria* - Growing catalogue of ambient music

**Film Scores:**

*Puzzles*- Short Film

*Return Safely*- Short Film

**REPERTOIRE:**

Bach:

- *Partita No. 6 in e minor*
- *Keyboard Concerto No. 5 in F minor*
- *Keyboard Concerto No. 6 in G Minor*
- *English Suite No. 5 - Prelude, Sarabande*
- *Well Tempered Klavier Book 2- Prelude and Fugue No. 6 in d minor*
- *Inventions & Sinfonias*

Haydn:

*Sonata No. 47 in B minor, Hob. XVI:32 Finale: Presto*

Mozart:

- *Piano Sonata No. 8 in A minor K. 310*
- *Piano Concerto No. 8 in C Major K. 246*
- *Piano Concerto No. 12 in A Major K. 414*
- *Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor K. 466*
- *Piano Concerto No. 27 in Bb Major K. 595*
- *Rondo in F Major, K. 494*
- *Fantasy & Fugue in C Major, K. 394*
- *Kleine Phantasie in C Major, K. 395*
- *Fantasy in D Minor K. 397*
- *Adagio in B Minor K. 540*
- *Rondo in A Minor K. 511*

Beethoven:

- *Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor Op. 57*
- *Piano Sonata No. 16 in G Major Op. 31 No. 1*

Chopin:

- *Nocturne in C Minor Op. 48 No. 1*
- *Nocturne No. 4 in F major, Op. 15 No. 1*

Brahms:

- *Sechs Klavierstücke, Op. 118: Ballade No. 3 in G minor*

Debussy:

- *Les soirs illuminés par l'ardeur du charbon*
- *Feux d'artifice*

Prokofiev:

- *Piano Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 14 - Allegro, ma non troppo*
- *Toccata in D Minor, Op. 11*

## **REFERENCES WHO MAY BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY**

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