



ALEX BERKO composer/pianist

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EDUCATION

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, IN..... 2014-2018
Bachelor of Music in Composition, concentration in piano performance, certificate in entrepreneurship
Principal Instructors, Composition: David Dzubay, Claude Baker, Aaron Travers, Don Freund
Principal Instructors, Piano: Jean-Louis Haguenaer and Edmund Battersby
Cleveland Institute of Music Pre-College Division, Cleveland, OH..... 2014
Principal Instructor, Composition: Keith Fitch
Principal Instructor, Piano: Sandra Shapiro

EXPERIENCE

Notable Commissions

Curls commissioned by the Boston New Music Initiative (pierrot ensemble, 8')..... 2018
To be performed during Boston New Music Initiative's 2019 season
Among Waves commissioned by the Monterey Symphony Orchestra (full orchestra, 12')..... 2018
Premiered by the Monterey Symphony, Max Bragado-Darman, conductor
To be performed by the Bloomington Symphony, Alejandro Gómez Guillén, conductor
Through a Technicolor Glass commissioned by the Society of Composers, Inc. (percussion 4tet, 5').. 2018
Premiered by the Heartland Marimba Quartet at the 2018 SCI National Conference
Lincoln commissioned by the Cathedral Choral Society (SATB choir, 5')..... 2018
Premiered at the Washington National Cathedral, Donald Nally, conductor
Performed by The Crossing for their Month of Moderns Concert Series
The Tower Roof commissioned by 3dB Vocal Ensemble (3 voices, 6')..... 2017
Performed by 3dB at the "Silence Presents" Series in Guelph, Canada
Predator commissioned by Carl E. Baldassarre (solo piano, 8')..... 2015
Premiered by Alex Berko at the Cleveland Institute of Music

Festivals & Additional Studies

Big Sky Choral Initiative Fellow, studied with Gavin Bryars..... 2017
Fresh Inc Festival, studied with Stacey Garrop..... 2017
RED NOTE New Music Festival Workshop Fellow, studied with Sydney Hodkinson..... 2017
NYU/ASCAP Film Scoring Institute, studied with Mark Suozzo..... 2016
California Summer Music Festival, studied with David Tcimpidis & Louis Karchin..... 2014
Atlantic Music Festival, studied with Eric Ewazen & Sheridan Seyfried..... 2013
Interlochen Fine Arts Camp, studied with Leah Sproul Pulatie..... 2012

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Awards

1 st place; Boston New Music Initiative (BNMI) Commission Competition.....	2018
1 st place; Bloomington Symphony Call for Scores.....	2018
Finalist; BMI Student Composer Competition.....	2017
1 st place; SCI/ASCAP Commission Competition.....	2016
1 st place; Webster University Composition Competition.....	2016
Honorable Mention; Minnesota Orchestra Composer's Institute.....	2016
1 st place; ACDA Raymond Brock Memorial Competition.....	2015
1 st place; Carl E. Baldassarre Composer/Performer Competition.....	2015
Finalist; ASCAP Morton Gould Award.....	2014-2017

PIANO

Featured pianist with NOTUS Contemporary Vocal Ensemble.....	2016
Pianist for improv comedy troop <i>HoosOnFirst</i>	2015-2018
Accompanist for Indiana University Choral Ensembles.....	2015-2018
Pianist for numerous colleague composition recitals at Indiana University.....	2014-2018
Guest composer/performer for Carl Baldassarre piano competition at CIM.....	2015
Finalist; Cleveland Institute of Music Concerto Competition.....	2013
Semifinalist; Dubois Piano Competition at Bowling Green State University.....	2011

VOCAL EXPERIENCE

Private Lessons at Indiana University; Julian Morris, instructor.....	2017-2018
NOTUS Contemporary Choral Ensemble, Dominick DiOrio, director.....	2015-2018
Conductor's Chorus directed by Masters/Doctoral students at Indiana University.....	2015-2018
Indiana University Vocal Jazz Ensemble I, Jeremy Fox, director.....	2015-2017