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## About

I am a composer of instrumental and vocal music particularly interested in harmony. I am also a classical, jazz and gospel pianist, and often premiere my own compositions and those of my peers.

## Qualifications

MA (Hons) Music - University of Cambridge

MPhil in Musical Composition - University of Cambridge

MMus in Composition - Royal Northern College of Music

LRSM in Piano Performance - ABRSM

PhD in Composition - University of Manchester

## Teaching

Since September 2008 I have taught musicianship, orchestration, composition and tonality at the University of Manchester.

Since September 2013 I have taught harmony, counterpoint and modules in the history of music at the University of Birmingham.

## Research

As a composer, my current research is focussed on writing works which explore the relationship between teleology and harmony.

## Other activities

I am the Musical Director for several gospel choirs including the award-winning Harmony Gospel Choir.

## Publications

### Selected performances

- *String Quartet No.6*  
Royal Philharmonic Society//Cheltenham Music Festival July 2013  
Carducci Quartet
- *Expanses* (a.sax, pno)  
RNCM Gold Medal Festival, June 2013  
Kyran Matthews (a.sax), David Önaç (pno)
- *Newton's Cradle*  
(solo pno, ob, c.a., 2cl, bn, 2hns, 2tpt, 1perc, hp, 2vn, 1va, 1 vc, 1db)  
New Music Northwest Festival, RNCM, March 2012  
David Önaç (pno), Theo Vinden (cond), Vaganza
- *Ayla* (vln, pno)  
Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall, Manchester, May 2011  
Marc Danel (vln), David Önaç (pno)
- *From Different Places*  
(orch: 3fl (picc), 3ob (c.a.), 3cl, 3bn (cont), 4 hn, 3 tpt, 2tbn, b.tbn, tba, 2perc, 2hp, vlnI, vlnII, vla, vc, db)  
University of Manchester Symphony Orchestra, Feb 2010  
Mark Heron (cond)
- *...And the Red Sea...* (b.tbn, pno)  
Eastern Trombone Workshop, Virginia, USA, March 2009  
Jonathan Warburton (b.tbn), Sophia Kim Cook (pno)
- *Beginnings* (fl, vla, hp)  
BBC Philharmonic Chamber Concert Series, Nov 2008  
Victoria Daniel (fl), Stephen Burnard (vla), Clifford Lantaff (hp)
- *In Memory of Timothy Sharpe* (string quartet)  
Memorial service, RNCM, Manchester, 2007

- *Gesture* (octet: 2vn, va, vc, db, cl, bn, hn)  
RNCM Brett Dean Festival, Manchester, 2007  
Clark Rundell (cond)
- *Truly I say unto you* (SATB)  
BBC Singers, 2007, London
- *Four Études* (solo piano)  
Manchester International Festival, Brussels, April 2007  
Peter Donohoe (pno)
- *Fantasia* (quintet: b.cl, pno, 1perc, vn, vc)  
Stokholm, 2006  
Curious Chamber Players

### Prizes

- Royal Philharmonic Society Composition Prize  
(*String Quartet No.6*, 2012)
- BBC Young Composer of the Year (runner up)  
(*The Butterfly*, solo piano, 2000)

### Publications

- *...And the Red Sea...* (B.tbn, pno), Cherry Classics

### Broadcasts

- *The Heavens Declare*, BBC Radio 2, June 2012

