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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

Mather Quartet

- *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

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