

John Gzowski

Composer Sound Designer

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Education

U.Shrinivas, South Indian Carnatic Classical Music/ Chennai, India
Ali Akbar Khan, North Indian Classical Music/ San Raphael, California
James Tenney, Composition and Tuning
York University, Music
Lorne Lofsky, Jazz Guitar
Ann Southam, Electronic Music
Eli Kassner Guitar Academy, Classical Guitar

Concert Works

The Machine Stops/ chamber opera/Citadel + Compagnie
Todi Tarana/Autorickshaw
Brasserie/ Canadian Brass
CatCh/ Madawask String Quartet
Koron/ Array Music
Just/Unjust/ Critical Band/ 43 Just Intonation
Which/ Evergreen Club Gamelan Ensemble/ 19 tone equal
Journal/Hemispheres/ 11 limit just and 24 tone equal
Over/Tone/ Critical Band/ Music Gallery/ 43 tone Just
145/ Critical Band/ 43 tone Just
5 Short Things/ Critical Band/ 31 tone Equal Temperament
Invention/ Critical Band/ Music Gallery/ 31 tone ET
Cracking Knuckles/ Critical Band/ Music Gallery/ 31 tone ET
Some Small Steps for Whomever/ Critical Band/ Music Gallery/ 31 ET
Four Variations/ Cat's Cradle and Tape/ 31 ET
Tangle/ Hemisphere's/ Music Gallery/ 19 ET
On the 19th/ mecca/ Top o' the Senator/ 19 ET

Theatre - selected 2001 - present / as sound designer or composer

The Front Page/ Stratford Festival
Room/ Theatre Grand
Rope/ Shaw Festival
Synaptic Rodeo/ LiveLAB
Audio Boots/ Fringe Festival
Jesus Hopped the A Train/Soulpepper
Orpheé +/- Against the Grain Opera - Sound designer
The Hound of Baskervilles/Shaw Festival
The Baroness and the Pig/Shaw Festival
A Delicate Balance/Soulpepper
La Bete/Soulpepper
Innocence Lost/Soulpepper
Dracula/Shaw - composer/sound designer/LCS/ contractor/arranger
Wilde Tales/Shaw - composer/sound designer
Dancing at Lughnasa/ Shaw
A Woman of No Importance/ Shaw
Black Girl in Search of Her God/ Shaw
Disgrace/Mirvish

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Das Ding/ Canstage and Theatre Smash
Twelfth Night/NAC, Theatre Calgary
The Divine/ Shaw
Woman of No Importance/Shaw
Disgraced/Mirvish
Das Ding/Canstage and Thousand Island Playhouse
Once in a Blue Moon/WCT, Arts Club and Thousand Island Playhouse
Yellow Wallpaper/collective
You Never Can Tell/Shaw
Tom at the Farm/Buddies in Bad Times Theatre
Durango/FuGen and Theatre Smash
Helen Lawrence/Arts Club and Canstage
Alice Through the Looking Glass/ Stratford, NAC
The Sea/ Shaw Festival
A God in Need of Help/ Tarragon
To Kill a Mockingbird/YPT
Sacrifice Zone/Theatre Gargantua
The Flood/Canstage
Idiots Delight/Soulpepper
Major Barbara/Shaw Festival
Yorkville, the Musical/ Blythe
Prairie Nurse/Blythe
Saltwater Moon/Thousand Island Playhouse
The Flood Thereafter/Canstage
Tainted/Kat Lanteigne
Other Peoples Children/ Tarragon Theatre
The Little One/ Tarragon Theatre
4.48 Psychosis/ Necessary Angel
Speed the Plow/Soulpepper
The Crucible/ Soulpepper
His Girl Friday/Soulpepper
Home/ Soulpepper
Misalliance/Shaw Festival
Cruel And Tender/ Canstage
And the King Dances/ Humber
Mrs Warren's Profession/ MTC
Long Day's Journey into Night/Soulpepper
Exit the King/ Soulpepper
The Price/ Soulpepper
The Vibrator Play/ Tarragon Theatre
The Ugly One/Theatre Smash
Decalogue/ Tarragon Theatre
Children's Republic/ Tarragon Theatre
1001 Nights/ Luminato
The Conversations/ Figlio Productions
Brothel #9/ Factory Theatre
War of the Worlds/ Art of Time
More Fine Girls/ Tarragon Theatre
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof/ Shaw Festival
Oh My Irma/Theatre Passe Muraille
Ideal Husband/Shaw Festival
Age of Arousal/Shaw Festival
Cloud 9/Mirvish Productions
A Boy Called Newfoundland/Theatre Smash

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Corpse Bride/Theatre Panik
Doc/Soulpepper
Its a Wonderful Life/Canstage/MTC - Dora award
Brief Encounters/Shaw Festival
Turn of the Screw/DVxT
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf/ Soulpepper
Madness of the Square/Cahoots Theatre
Glengarry Glen Ross/Soulpepper
The Blonde, The Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead/MTC
Its a Wonderful Life/Canstage - live foley
Rachel Corrie/Theatre Panik
Night Mother/Soulpepper
Little Foxes/Shaw Festival
The Fall/Tarragon
Clean House/ CanStage
Touch the Sky/ LKYPT
The Pillowman/ CanStage
The Time of Your Life/ Soulpepper
Leaving Home/ Soulpepper
John and Beatrice/ Tarragon
Chimera/ Tarragon Theatre
What Lies Beneath Us/ CanStage and Crows Theatre
American Buffalo/ Soulpepper
Hana's Suitcase/LKYPT
Mathilde/ Nightwood
The Monument/ Obsidian Theatre
Magic Fire/ Shaw Festival
Goodness/ Tarragon and Volcano Theatre
St. Christopher/ DVxT Theatre
Fool For Love/ Soulpepper
Lynndie England/ Volcano Theatre/ Traverse, Scotland
Territories/ Theatre Panik/ Theatre Passe Muraille
Hedda Gabler/ Volcano Theatre
Blue Planet/ Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People
Arabian Night/ Volcano Theatre/ Music
Transformation/ Volcano Theatre
The Ride Down Mount Morgan/ Birdland Theatre
Private Jokes, Puplic Places/ Tarragon Theatre/ Sound Design
Hamlet/ Soulpepper/Composer, Sound Design
Capture Me/ Tarragon Theatre/ Composer
Happy Days/ Soulpepper/ Sound Design
No Man's Land/ Soulpepper/ Sound Design
Two Words For Snow/ Volcano Theatre
Weather/Volcano, Traverse Edinborough/ Composer
Indian Ink/ Canadian Stage/ Sound Design
Adam Baum and the Jew Movie/ Canadian Stage/ Sound Design
Well/ Tarragon Theatre/ Live Music, Composer
Belle/ Factory Theatre/ Sound Design
The Dollhouse/ DVXT/ Composer
Down Dangerous Passes Road/ Factory Theatre/ Composer
Life After God/ Fringe Festival Tour/ Composer
As You Like It/Resurgence Theatre
I Claudia/ Tarragon Theatre/ Sound Design
Mortality Project/ Volcano Prod./ Composer

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Smudge/ Nightwood Theatre/ Composer
The Dogpatch/ Guardian Spring/ Composer
Motel Helene/ Tarragon theatre/ Sound Design
Glace Bay Miner's Museum/ Factory Theatre/ Composer
How Could You, Mrs. Dick/ Theatre Aquarius/ Composer
Corker/ Blythe Festival/ Composer
The Possibilities/ Montreal Young Company/ Composer
Measure for Measure/ Montreal Young Company/ Composer
Life is a Dream/ Skylight Theatre/ Composer
The Anger in Ernest and Ernestine/
Chile Con Carne/ Tarragon Theatre
Emphysema/ Tarragon theatre
A Short History of the Night/ Factory Theatre
Uncle Vanya/ Brian Richmond Prod./Composer
Kilt/Tarragon/Composer
Coyote Ugly/ DVXT/ Musician-Composer
Life is a Dream/ Skylight Theatre/ Composer
Quartet/ Froth Theatre/ Musician-Composer
Widow Judith/ Necessary Angels/ Composer
Where is Kabuki/ Factory Theatre/ Musician-Co-composer
The Beavers/ Native Arts Performing Centre/ performer
Rigollete/ Theatre Passe Muraille/ Musician
The Tooth of Crime/ Mercury Theatre/ Musician

Dance - selected as composer

there she was/ Jane Alison McKinney
squ'â Vimy/ Citadel + Compagnie/ composer - full length work
Armband/ Hanna Kiel - full length score/composer - full length work
Jacqueries/ Jacob Niedzwiecki - composer - full length work
Brain/Julia Aplin - Nuit Blanche
Bike/ Julia Aplin - Nuit Blanche
A Soldier's Tale - Michael Greyeyes
Mighty Fine Line/ Julia Aplin
I Love You More/Andrea Nann
Mercurial/Andrea Nann
Shimmer/Red Sky
Seven Ways/ Platform 33/ Louise Bedard
L'avenir/ Platform 33/ Damian Munez
Ick/ Dancemakers/ Julia Aplin
Ink/ Andrea Nann
Tziganes/ Dancemakers/ Serge Bennathon
Alice and Cato/ Andrea Nann
Ruby Bastard/ Company Blonde/ Michael Sean Marye
Daisy/ Julia Aplin
Ammoni/ Kate Alton
Invisible Life of Joseph Finch/ Dancemakers/ Serge Bennathon
Inner City Sirens, Part 2/ Waterworks/ Julia Aplin
Inner City Sirens, part 1/ Waterworks/ Julia Aplin
Absquatulations/ (Blythe)/ Kate Alton
Libra/ (Toronto)/ Julia Aplin
Shrik/ Ffida (Toronto)/ Julia Aplin
Movements 5 to 9/ Swan Song (Waterloo)/ Julia Aplin

Tending to Darkness/ Ottawa International Dance Festival/ Pedestrian Waltz
Trio/ Betty Oliphant Theatre/ Jean-Louis Morin
Fall/ Betty Oliphant Theatre/ Jean-Louis Morin
Tending to Darkness/ Pedestrian Waltz
Five Characters in Pieces/ Windsor/ Gina Lori Riley Dance Enterprises

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Film/TV - as composer

Mad Ship/ Mad Ship Productions - Netflix
Second Sight/ Alison McAlpine
Life and Times of Robert Lantos/ Peter Gentile/ CBC
An da Shealladh/ Alison McAlpine/ BBC
Tell Me Everything/ Brian Johnston / Bravo
Life and Times of Paul Gross/ Peter Gentile/ CBC
Shadow Pleasures/ Veronica Tennant/ Bravo, CBC
Subway Elvis/ Mick Gzowski/ CBC
Pony/ Ed Gass-Donnelly/ Bravo
A Body of Art/ Morgan Gabareau, Bravo
Fidelio/ Alex Pugsley, CBC
Looking In the Back of the Head/ Jennifer Baichwal, TVO
A Garden's Family/ Genevieve Appleton, Vision TV
On Her Baldness/ Wendy Rowlands, NFB

Live Performances - selected

Patricia O'Callaghan/Ottawa Chamber Festival, Festival of Sound
Electric Messiah/Sound Streams
Vinko Globokar/ New Music Concerts
Buenos Aires Klezmer Fest/Lenka Lichtenberg
The Stone - NYC/ MC Maguire
Tokyo Performers Art Market/ Tasa
Lisbon Jazz Festival/ Portugal/Paul Cram Orchestra
BC summer tour/ Maza Meze
Performances in Germany, Italy, Prague, Poland and Austria with Canada Council sponsored
Sonic Weave tour
Vancouver, Halifax Festivals/Tasa, Paul Cram Orchestra
Critical Band plays Partch.../Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver/ Leader
Paul Cram Orchestra/ Halifax, Victoriaville, Ottawa, Toronto/ guitar
Critical Band/ performing Partch/ New York, Los Angeles
Victoriaville/ Paul Cram Orchestra
Winnipeg, Inner BC tour/ Maza Meze
Down Here on Earth/ Autumn Leaf Productions/ guitar, band leader
Zurich 1916/ Banff Centre for the Arts/ Banjo, lap steel, mandolin
Vancouver, Calgary, Winnepeg Folk Festivals/ Maza Meze
Critical Band with Johnny Reinhard/ Sound Symposium/ leader
Arcana/ Toronto/ works by Slovak composers
Critical Band/ Toronto/ Improvising Microtonal Group
Hemisphere's/ holding guitar chair
Evergreen Gamelon Club/ at Harbourfront
New Music Concerts/ Toronto/ works by Tenney, Cage and Kasemets
Indian Music Festival/ Irshad Khan and Jane Bunnett
Canadian Electronic Ensemble/ Toronto/ Cat's Cradle Solo
Ottawa DuMaurier Jazz Festival/ N.O.M.A.

Mariposa Folk Festival/ Altin Yildiz Orkestar
Montreal International Jazz Festival/ N.O.M.A.
Border Crossings (Toronto)/ John Zorn
Time Out (Vancouver)/ N.O.M.A.
Victoriaville/ N.O.M.A.
W.O.M.A.D./ Siyakha

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Instruments

Adapted Guitar/ based on Partch's instrument
43 tone just intonation electric guitar (Monophony)
Chromolodeon/ Accordion based version of Partch's instrument
Electric 2x4/ long string just intonation instrument
Gzowskavarious/ minimalist electric cello
Electric Shears/ loud shears
Medium Tempered Accordion/ in 19 tone equal temperament
Beat Suit I and II/ trigger suits for dancer Michael Menegon
Soprano guitar/ plays minor seventh higher
Cat's Cradle/ 50 stringed microtonal electro-acoustic instrument
19 Tone Guitar/ in 19 tone equal temperament

Installation/sound sculpture

Chamberflux/ sound sculpture/ Art Gallery of Ontario
-sound sculpture using chaotic electromagnetic string feedback
Urban Underground/ installation/ Nuit Blanche
-kinnect driven video/sound installation
Where are you now?/Installation/ Nuit Blanche
-interactive audio installation using 50 telephone handsets
Phoning in the Answer/installation/ NAISA
-political interactive audio installation using telephone handsets

Discography (* = producer)

Alchemy/Tasa
The Fray/Lenka Lichtenberg
Shruti Project/ Ganesh Anandon, John Gzowski
Live in Lisbon/ Paul Cram Orchestra
Naked Beauty/ Patricia O'Callaghan
So the Journey Goes/Autorickshaw
Urban Turban/ Tasa *
Gziganes/ John Gzowski *
Secrets Moon Magic/ Maza Meze/ CBC
Soma/ Tasa
Hypnotika/ Maza Meze/ CBC
Soma/ Tasa/ Independant
Camping Out/ Paul Cram Orchestra/Victo
Bhakti/ Tasa/ independant
Brand New Threads/ Maza Meze/ independant *
Chaser/ Hemispheres
Unleavened/ Maza Meze/ independant *
Destroying Angel/ Never Never/ Quantum Records
Fancy Pants Hoodlum/ Merrill Nisker/ independant

Hemispheres/ Hemispheres
Canoe Ride to Lost Chord Lake/ RSM Records
Bombazine/ Meryn Cadell/ Sire Records
Lake Michigan Soda/ Bobby Wiseman/ A & M Records
Climbing the Waltz/ N.O.M.A./ Contextural Music
Angel Food For Thought/ Meryn Cadell/ Intrepid Records

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Awards

18 Dora Award Nominations with 6 awards won, see below
Dora Award for Sound Design Independent (Sacrifice Zone)
Dora Award for Sound Design General Theatre (Its a Wonderul Life)
Winner of the Freddie Stone Award
Juno Nomination with Maza Meze/ World Music
Golden Sheaf Film Award/music for Shadow Pleasures
Dora Award for Sound Design Independent Theatre (Dollhouse)
Nomination for Conception Sonore (Montreal Young Company)
Dora Award for Sound Design Independant Theatre (Coyote Ugly)
Dora Award for Sound Design General Theatre (Quartet, with Julia Aplin)
Dora Award for Sound Design Independant Theatre (Widow Judith)