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Composer      Sound Designer      Producer  
Musician      Instrument builder      Co-Artistic Director The Music Gallery 2006-2007

## 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

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  
Odd Scale/ Space Trio/ East Coast tour/ 19 ET

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

A Woman of No Importance/ Shaw  
Black Girl in Search of Her God/ Shaw  
Disgrace/Mirvish  
Das Ding/ Canstage and Theatre Smash  
Twelfth Night/NAC  
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

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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  
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

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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, Public 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 Edinburgh/ 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  
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

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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  
Rigolito/ Theatre Passe Muraille/ Musician  
The Tooth of Crime/ Mercury Theatre/ Musician

**Dance - selected as composer**

Armband/ Hannah Kiel  
Brain/Julia Aplin - Nuit Blanche  
Bike/ Julia Aplin - Nuit Blanche  
A Soldier's Tale - Michael Greyeyes  
Jacqueries/ Jacob Niedzwiecki  
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

**Film/TV - as composer**

Mad Ship/ Mad Ship Productions - feature  
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**

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, Winnipeg 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

### **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

## 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)