# Dr. Elliott Miles McKinley—Composer & Educator

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2004 - 2007

Doctor of Philosophy, Music Composition (2007)

Primary teachers: Alex Lubet, Douglas Geers, Noel Zahler, and David Gompper

Dissertation: Raggedy Andy: A concerto-fantasy for marimba and eleven instruments

Preparing Future Faculty Certification: 2006

# University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1992 - 1994

Master of Music, Music Composition (1994)

Primary teachers: George Wilson, Michael Daugherty, and William Bolcom

Thesis: April: A Meditation for Orchestra

#### New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, MA

1987 – 1992

Bachelor of Music, Jazz Studies and Composition (1992)

Primary teachers: John McNeil (performance), George Russell (jazz studies), and Malcolm Peyton (composition)

#### ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI

# Assistant Professor of Music Composition, Theory, and Technology

2014 - current

Basic Musicianship (MUSIC 170)

Music Theory & Composition I (MUSIC 270)

Music Theory & Composition II (MUSIC 370)

Music Theory & Composition III (MUSIC 470)

Aural Skills II, III (MUSIC 371, 471)

Applied Composition Instruction (MUSIC 234, 239)

The Art of Rock and Roll (MUSIC 161)

Evolution of Jazz (MUSIC 121)

Jazz History and Styles (MUSIC 261)

Introduction to Music and Technology (MUSIC 220)

Electronic and Computer Music I (MUSIC 320)

Introduction to Sound Design (COMM 299)

The Rest Is Noise: Listening to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (MUSIC 299)

Great Personalities in Music (MUSIC 212)

The Italian Musical Impulse (MUSIC 299)

#### University of Tennessee School of Music, Knoxville, TN

# Visiting Lecturer of Music Theory and Composition

2013 - 2014

Music Theory I (MUTH 110)

Music Theory III (MUTH 210)

Form and Styles (MUSC 540)

Music Notation and Transcription (MUTC 340/ MUTC 540)

#### Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

#### Visiting Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Composition

2012 - 2013

Advanced Composition (MUS-361)

Senior Thesis in Composition (MUS-473)

Music Theory I (MUS-161)

Music Theory II (MUS-162)

Music Theory III (MUS-260)

Seminar Topics: The Music of Stravinsky, Bartok, and Ives (MUS-295)

Seminar Topics: Bitches Brew-Miles Davis and The Birth of Jazz Fusion (MUS-296)

## Indiana University East, Richmond, IN

# Assistant Professor of Music; Music Program Coordinator

2008 - 2012

Applied Composition (MUS-K300 & K110)

Composition Seminar; Composition Workshop (MUS-K415; K132)

Music Notation Workshop (MUS-K140)

Instrumentation Workshop (MUS-K240)

Orchestration and Arranging (MUS-K312)

Music Theory I (MUS-T113)

Music Theory II (MUS-TI14)

Music Theory III (MUS-T213)

Music Theory IV (MUS-T214)

Introduction to MIDI and Computer Music (MUS-K361)

Electronic and Computer Music I (MUS-K430)

Music, Sound, and Computers (MUS-Z310)

Special Topics: Sound Art Design (FINA-U401)

History of Music I (MUS-M403)

History of Music II (MUS-M404)

Introduction to Contemporary Music (MUS-M430)

Music for the Listener (MUS-M174)

Special Topics: Blues and Funk: James Brown, Jimi Hendrix, Miles Davis and Beyond (MUS-Z103)

History of Jazz (MUS-Z393)

## University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

# Graduate Teaching Assistant; Instructor

2004 - 2007

Fundamentals of Music

Sophomore Ear Training & Keyboard Harmony

Rock I: Origins to 1970

Rock II: 1970 to the Present

#### St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Visiting Instructor

2006

Composition II: Sophomore Seminar

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

## **Graduate Teaching Fellow**

Composition for Non-Majors

1993 – 1994

#### STUDY ABROAD: TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

## Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI

MUSIC 212/299: Great Personalities in Music / The Italian Musical Impulse

2016

Cultural immersion with a music focus: Alba Music Festival and Venice

# Alba International Music Festival, Alba, Italy

**Program Director:** International Composition Masterclass and Workshops

2016, 2017

Faculty: International Composition Masterclass and Workshops

# Indiana University East, Richmond, IN

MUS-K415: Composition Masterclass & MUS-I415 Performance Masterclass

2012

Composition masterclass as part of the 2012 Alba International Music Festival in Alba, Italy.

## MUS-Z310: Capitals of Europe: Venice

Intensive excursion for both music majors and non-majors to Venice, Italy.

# MUS-Z310: Music Capitals of Europe: Venice and Vienna

2010

2012

An intensive excursion for music majors and non-majors to Venice, Italy, and Vienna, Austria. In addition, students traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, to attend a recording session with the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra.

# MUS-Z310: Alba International Composition Masterclass

2010

Taught a composition masterclass as part of the 2010 Alba International Music Festival in Alba, Italy.

#### ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

#### Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI

#### Composition, Theory, and Music Technology Curriculum Development and Coordination

2014 - current

Duties: Management of the Roger Williams University Electronic and Computer Music Lab, and music theory/composition/technology curriculum development, scheduling, and staffing.

#### Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

# Director, SonoKlect Contemporary Music Series

2012 - 2013

Duties: Managed the series, budget, and artist relations

#### Indiana University East, Richmond, IN

# **Music Program Coordinator**

2008 - 2012

Duties: Ran daily operations of the music program including faculty and staff management, course scheduling, curriculum planning, program assessment, student recruitment and retention, purchasing, and budget management. Designed and developed degree offerings using NASM standards including a music minor and a music major in the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities degree. Developed a music technology cognate in the Bachelor of Science in Informatics degree.

#### SELECT GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

#### Roger Williams University: Foundation Grants 2015, 2016, 2017 Recording grants for Of Memories of Love: Summer 1978 Six Movements for Brass Quintet Four Grooves; String Quartet No. 8 Indiana State University MusicNow Composition Competition 2012 Four Grooves for percussion, two-pianos, and saxophone quartet (Terre Haute, IN) Meet the Composer: Creative Connections Grant 2012 SOLI Chamber Ensemble: Three Portraits (San Antonio, TX) **Indiana University East: Faculty Research Support Grants** 2011, 2009 Recording support for *Three Symphonic Moods* with Slovak Radio Symphony Recording support for String Quartet No. 6 InverHills College: Composer-in-residence 2010-2012 Guest lecturer in composition and theory; composition of several works for faculty and students Indiana University: New Frontiers for the Arts and Humanities Grant 2009 To assist the creation of *Four Grooves* American Composers Forum: subito Grants 2009, 2008 Funding to support the recording of Three Movements for Violin and Marimba Funding for European travel, Alba International Festival of Music Minnesota Orchestra Composers Institute 2007 World-premiere of Four Moments: A "Pocket" Symphony for orchestra (Minneapolis, MN) Ernest Bloch Composers Symposium: Composition Fellow 2006 Residency, commission, and world-premiere of On the And Of... (Newport, OR) Mid-American Center for New Music: Composition Fellow 2002

Performance of String Quartet No. 4 (Bowling Green, OH)  Meet the Composer: Composer Assistant Grants Commission and travel for A Symphony for Four Players (San Antonio, TX) Commission and travel for Summer Portraits (Pittsburgh, PA)  Virginia Center for the Creative Arts: Residency Fellowship A one-month residency, July 1995	1994, 1996 1995
ASCAP Student Composition Award  Summer Portraits for percussion solo and chamber ensemble  BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) Student Composer Award  Sonata for Clarinet and Piano	1994 1991
SELECT CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL PRESENTATIONS	
2016 North American Saxophone Allegiance Conference Presentation of <i>Aria</i> for fixed media and saxophone quartet, Estrella Consort (Texas Tech University, Lu	2016 abbock, TX)
2014 College Music Society Joint Mid-Atlantic & Southeast Conference Performance of <i>Three Portraits</i> (University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN)	2014
2013 College Music Society Mid-Atlantic Conference Performance of A Letter to Say I Love You and Goodbye (Longwood University, VA)	2013
2013 Cape Fear New Music Festival Performance of July Watercolor from Three Portraits (Fayetteville, NC)	2013
2012 Indiana State University Contemporary Music Festival Performance of Four Grooves (Terre Haute, IN)	2012
2012 Alba International Music Festival Performance of Sonata for Violin and Piano (Alba, Italy)	2012
2010 University of Minnesota SPARK Festival Performance with earWorm electroacoustic improvisation ensemble (Minneapolis, MN)	2010
2009 XIX Michiana Improvisation Festival Performance with earWorm electroacoustic improvisation ensemble (IU South Bend)	2009
2009 College Music Society Southern Regional Conference Performance with earWorm electroacoustic improvisation ensemble (University of Oklahoma)	2009
2008, 2009 International Society for Improvised Music (ISIM) National Conferences Performance with <i>earWorm</i> electroacoustic improvisation ensemble (University of Denver), 2008 Performance with <i>earWorm</i> electroacoustic improvisation ensemble (University of California, Santa Cru	2008, 2009 1z), 2009
2008 Alba International Music Festival: Composer-in-residence World-premiere performance of <i>Concerto Grosso</i> (Alba, Italy)	2008
2007 University of Minnesota SPARK Festival Electronic installation work: My Variable Life. Regis Arts Center (Minneapolis, MN)	2007
2006 Ernest Bloch Composers Symposium World-premiere performance of On the And Of (Newport, OR)	2006
2002 Mid-American Center New Music Festival	2002

# RECENT AND SELECT COMMISSIONS

Hub New Music, Boston, MA A new work for the ensemble for the 2018-19 season,	2017
Janaček Trio, Prague, Czech Republic A new piano trio. Premiere in Prague in June 2018	2017
Transient Canvas, Boston, MA A new work for the duo plus electronics for the 2018-19 season.	2016
Portland String Quartet, Portland ME A new work for string quartet, bass clarinet, and marimba for the 2019-20 season.	2016
Indiana State University, Faculty String Quartet – New Music Festival String Quartet No. 8 – for the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ISU Contemporary Music Festival	2015
Estrella Consort, Phoenix, AZ  Aria	2015
Mirari Brass Quintet, Madison, WI Six Movements for Brass Quintet	2014
<b>Dr. Andrew Bishop</b> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI #Zero	2014
Essex Chamber Players, Andover, MA Of Memories and Love: Summer 1978	2013
Washington and Lee Chamber Singers, Lexington, VA Two Text Settings	2012
SOLI Chamber Ensemble, San Antonio, TX Three Portraits	2011
Whatcom Symphony Orchestra, Bellingham, WA Three Symphonic Moods	2010
Martinů String Quartet, Prague, Czech Republic String Quartet No. 5, String Quartet No. 6, String Qurtet No. 7	2005, 2009, 2013
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC Suite for Violin and Marimba for violinist Heidi Aklaseaq Senungetuk and marimbist Steven Alvarez.	2008
Duquesne University New Music Ensemble, Pittsburgh, PA Three Autumn Sketches	2008
Alba International Music Festival, Alba, Italy Concerto Grosso	2007
Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN Four Moments: A Pocket Symphony	2007

## Bay Music Association, Newport, OR

On The And Of... for clarinet, violin, violoncello, piano and percussion

# Czech Philharmonic Chamber Music Society, Prague, Czech Republic Prague Pictures

1996

2006

# Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble, Pittsburgh, PA

1994

Summer Portraits

#### NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

# William Thomas McKinley Memorial Foundation for American Music, Boston, MA

President 2016 – present

A non-profit organization to preserve the legacy of American composer William Thomas McKinley (1938 – 2015). The primary mission is to maintain an archive in conjunction with the Boston Public Library of his music and writings, and to support his music through publication, promotion, performances, and recordings. Furthermore, the foundation's mission extends to educational outreach and scholarships in support of emerging American composers.

#### Tatra Foundation for New Music, Boston, MA

Founder, President

The Tatra Foundation was a private, non-profit organization with a mission to support recordings of new and underrepresented music by American composers.

#### West Street Productions, Watertown, MA

## Owner and Manager; Recording Producer and Executive Producer; Music Engraver

1990 - 2008

Produced nearly two hundred recordings in Europe and the United States of chamber and orchestral music with the Seattle Symphony, New York Chamber Symphony, London Symphony, Liverpool Philharmonic, Warsaw Philharmonic and other orchestras. Worked with Naxos, the Miken Archive, MMC, and other labels. Also worked as a freelance music engraver using Finale and Sibelius.

# Sibelius Software Ltd, San Francisco, CA

# Beta Tester, Clinician, and Regional Ambassador

1998 – 2007

Testing pre-release versions of Sibelius Software's *Sibelius* music notation program for Macintosh and Windows including extensive review of *Sibelius*' user interface as well as resolving issues involving notation and engraving of a wide variety of musical styles.

## ProStudio Music, Minneapolis, MN

Owner and Manager

ProStudio Music was an online retail business specializing in pro-audio software and hardware. Responsibilities included daily management functions such as customer support, order fulfillment, bookkeeping, advertising, web design and product and store development.

# WORKS LIST (as of July 15, 2017)

# CHAMBER MUSIC

Trio for violin, violoncello, and piano [In Progress] Premiere: June 2018—Prague, Czech Republic Commission: Janaček Trio	2017
Soliloquy for solo vibraphone [9'] Premiere: April 20, 2017—Minneapolis, MN Commission: Andrew Martin and Inver Hills Community College	2017
Lament for bass clarinet and marimba [10'] Premiere: May 10, 2017—Bristol, RI Commission: Transient Canvas	2016
String Quartet No. 8 [24'] Premiere: April 24, 2017—Terre Haute, IN Commission: Indiana State University Contemporary Music Festival and Faculty String Quartet	2016
Aria for saxophone quartet and fixed-media [12'] Premiere (partial): March 9, 2016—Lubbock, TX; Complete premiere: November, 2017 Commission: Estrella Consort	2016
Six Movements for Brass Quintet [26'] Premiere: Spring 2017 (TBD) Commission: Mirari Brass Quintet	2015
#Zero for multi-reed soloist, percussion, and electronics [25'] Premiere: Spring 2017 (TBD)—Ann Arbor, MI Commission: Andrew Bishop, University of Michigan	2015
Of Memories And Of Love: Summer 1978 for flute, clarinet, violoncello, piano, and soprano [30'] Premiere (partial): June 22, 2014—Andover, MA; Complete premiere: April 17, 2016. Commission: Essex Chamber Music Players with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman.	2014
String Quartet No. 7 [40'] Premiere: May 28, 2014—Prague, Czech Republic Commission: Martinu String Quartet	2013
Three Portraits for clarinet, violin, violoncello, and piano [24'] Premiere: October 8, 2012—San Antonio, TX Commission: SOLI Chamber Ensemble	2012
50+ Times Three for flute, violoncello, and piano [7'] Premiere: March 25, 2012—Andover, MA Commission: Essex Chamber Music Players	2012
Sonata for Violin and Piano [29'] Premiere: April 2, 2011—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN Commission: Erik Rohde	2011
A Letter To Say I Love You And Goodbye for violin and piano [10'] Premiere: October 25, 2011—Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA	2010

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Study for steel-pan and guitar [4'] Andrew Martin, steel-pan; Anthony Titus, guitar Premiere: October 27, 2010 — Minneapolis, MN Commission: InverHills College	2010
Chaconne for string quartet [II'] Unperformed	2010
String Quartet No. 6 [26']  Martinů String Quartet  Premiere: February 13, 2010 – Prague, Czech Republic  Commission: Martinu String Quartet	2010
Three Autumn Sketches for flute, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, violin, viola, violoncello, and piano [13'] Duquesne University New Music Ensemble Premiere: December 4, 2008 – Pittsburgh, PA Commission: David Stock; Duquesne University	2008
Suite for violin and marimba [14'] Andrew Martin, marimba; Ginna Watson, violin Premiere: November 13, 2009 – Richmond, IN	2008
On The And Of for clarinet, violin, violoncello, piano and percussion [II'] Bloch Festival Chamber Players Premiere: July 5, 2006 – Newport, OR Commission: Bay Music Association	2006
<ul> <li>Speak (No) Evil for chamber ensemble and electronics [9']         (electronics, Joshua Clausen)</li> <li>Student Ensemble of the University of Minnesota; Pete C.W. Smucker, conductor         Premiere: April II, 2006 – Minneapolis, MN as part of the ACF SoundCheck series at the Southern Theater</li> </ul>	2006
<ul> <li>I Hope You Brought Your Wah-Wah for amplified double bass and percussion [4']</li> <li>Joe Vogel, bass; Scott Anderson, percussion</li> <li>Premiere: January 20, 2006 – Minneapolis, MN &amp; San Francisco, CA via internet broadcast</li> </ul>	2006
String Quartet No. 5 [18']  Martinů String Quartet  Premiere: December 5, 2005 – Prague, Czech Republic  Commission: Martinu String Quartet	2005
A Few (Very) Late Hours for viola and electric piano [5'] Staci Jensen, viola; Tasha Baron, electric piano Premiere: May 14, 2005 – Minneapolis, MN	2005
Three Biscuits for viola, mandolin, electric piano, and piano [4'] American Composers Forum Tuesday Salon Series Premiere: August 16, 2005 – St Paul, MN	2004
String Quartet No. 4 [23']  Martinů String Quartet  Premiere: November 18, 2001 – Prague, Czech Republic  Commission: Martinu String Quartet	2001

String Quartet No. 3 [24'] Stamic String Quartet Premiere: October 12, 2000 – Prague, Czech Republic	2000
Commission: Stamic String Quartet	
JoKo for nine instruments [6'] Unperformed	1997
Prague Pictures for eleven instruments [21'] Czech Nonet; Vit Micka, conductor Premiere: November 11, 1996 – Prague, Czech Republic Commission: Czech Philharmonic Chamber Music Society	1996
A Symphony For Four Players for clarinet, violin, violoncello and piano [23'] SOLI Chamber Music Ensemble Premiere: May 9 & May 11, 1996 – San Antonio, TX Commission: SOLI Chamber Music Ensemble, Meet the Composer	1996
Fleeting Moments for clarinet and violoncello [9']  Derek Bermel, clarinet; Derek Snyder, violoncello  Premiere: March 14, 1994 – Ann Arbor, MI  Commission: Derek Bermel	1994
Summer Portraits for percussion solo and chamber ensemble [24']  The Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble; David Stock, conductor; George Willis, percussion February 7, 1994 – Pittsburgh, PA  Other performances: April 12, 1994; May 2, 1994; September 19, 1994; February 12, 1999  Commission: Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble, Meet the Composer	1993
String Quartet No. 2 [23'] Artzt Quartet April 12, 1993 – Ann Arbor, MI	1993
Four Songs for soprano and mixed chamber ensemble [12']  Monday Night Composers Series; Derek Bermel, conductor; Jenny Head, mezzo-soprano October 22, 1993 - Ann Arbor, MI Commission: Katherine Pierce	1992
Quartet for Woodwinds [10'] The Juilliard Graduate Woodwind Quartet Premiere: April 19, 1992 – New York, NY Commission: Robin Gelman	1992
Maria's Fantasy for bassoon and chamber ensemble [12']  NEC New Music Ensemble; Peter Chung, conductor; Maria Isaak, bassoon solo  Premiere: February 2, 1992 – Boston, MA  Commission: Maria Isaak	1992
Quintet for Flute and Strings [21'] Zaia Quintet; Rebecca Zaia, flute solo Premiere: February 13, 1992 – Boston, MA	1991
Sonata for Viola and Piano [22']  Peter Chung, viola; Sandra Horst, piano  Premiere: April 2, 1991 – Boston, MA	1991

Puppets for flute and bassoon [4']  Maria Isaak, bassoon Rebecca Zaia, flute  Premiere: November 10, 1990 – Boston, MA	1990
Sonata for Clarinet and Piano [20'] Stephanie Key, clarinet; Sandra Horst, piano Premiere: December 5, 1990 – Boston, MA Commission: Stephanie Key	1990
Largo for clarinet and piano [4'] Stephanie Key, clarinet; Sandra Horst, piano Premiere: February 4, 1991 – Boston, MA	1990
String Quartet No. 1 [15'] NEC Graduate String Quartet Premiere: February 13, 1992 – Boston, MA	1989
ORCHESTRAL MUSIC & CONCERTI	
Four Grooves for percussion, saxophone quartet, and two pianos [27'] Andrew Martin, soloist. Premiere: October 26, 2012—Terre Haute, IN Commission: Andrew Martin and Inver Hills College	2012
Three Symphonic Moods [20'] Whatcom Symphony Orchestra; Roger Briggs, conductor Premiere: November 14, 2010—Bellingham, WA Commission: Whatcom Symphony Orchestra – Contemporary American Music Series	2010
Concerto Grosso [24'] Alba Music Festival Orchestra; Jeffrey Silberschlag, conductor Premiere: May 26, 2008 – Alba, Italy Commission: Alba International Music Festival	2008
Four Moments: A Pocket Symphony [12']  Minnesota Orchestra; Osmo Vanska, conductor  Premiere: October 26, 2007 – Minneapolis, MN	2007
<ul> <li>Raggedy Andy: A Concerto Fantasy for marimba and Eleven Instruments [18']</li> <li>Duquesne New Music Ensemble, Pittsburgh, PA &amp; University of Minnesota New Music Ensemble Premiere: February 15, 2007 – Pittsburgh, PA</li> <li>Commission: Andrew Martin, University of Minnesota</li> </ul>	2006
Chamber Sinfonietta: In the Darkness of Winter for chamber orchestra [14'] Duquesne New Music Ensemble; David Stock, conductor Premiere: April 22, 2005 - Pittsburgh, PA Commission: David Stock and Duquesne University	2005
Symphony for Strings [22'] Serie di Concerto di Milano; Jeff Silberschlag, conductor Premiere: June 4, 2002 - Milan, Italy Commission: Jeffrey Silberschlag	2002

A Woman of Desire: A Film Cue for orchestra [3'] Unperformed	1999
Fragment for violin and orchestra [5'] Unperformed	1994
April: a meditation for orchestra [9'] Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra; Vladimir Valek, conductor Premiere: November 25, 1994 - Prague, Czech Republic	1994
An Overture for a Film [3'] Warsaw Philharmonic; Jerzy Swoboda, conductor Premiere: September 9, 1994 - Warsaw, Poland	1994
Fantasy for clarinet and orchestra [II'] MIT Symphony Orchestra; Derek Bermel, conductor; David Alt, clarinet solo Premiere: April 26, 1993 - Cambridge, MA Commission: Derek Bermel	1993
SOLO WORKS	
Little Interludes, Preludes, and Fuckers: A set of amusements for piano solo [In Progress]  Jonathan Chapman Cook, piano  Premiere: TBD – Lexington, VA	[2015]
Longus-Brevis for guitar solo [3']  Matthew Dorn, guitar  Premiere: March 30, 2007 – Minneapolis, MN	2007
Solo-Tude for viola solo [3'] Jake Tews, viola Premiere: December 3, 2006 – Minneapolis, MN	2005
Ad-Pocket Hocket for percussion solo [2'] Unperformed	2005
A Wedding Overture for organ solo [4'] Carson Cooman, organ solo Premiere: April 15, 1999 – Rochester, NY Commission: Jon Henley	1997
Six Pieces for violin solo [10'] Heidi Aklaseaq Senungetuk, violin Premiere: June 18, 2007 – Bunnell Street Gallery, Homer, AK	1995
Etude for clarinet solo [4']  Derek Bermel, clarinet solo  Premiere:February 14, 1994 – Ann Arbor, MI	1992
Nocturne for bassoon solo [3'] Maria Isaak, bassoon solo Premiere: November 11, 1991 – Boston, MA	1991

# CHORAL, ELECTRONIC, MIXED MEDIA, AND FILM

Two Text Settings – for SATB chorus 2014-2015 Season – Lexington, VA Commission: Washington and Lee Chamber Singers	2013
My Variable Life an installation for fixed-media electronics [variable] Installation at the 2007 Spark Festival, Regis Art Center, University of Minnesota Premiere: February 20-26, 2007 – Minneapolis, MN	2007
Speak (No) Evil for chamber ensemble and electronics [9'] (see full details under Chamber Music)	2006
Jammin' with Marc for accordion and electronics [4'] Marc Jensen, accordion; Elliott Miles McKinley, laptop-Max/MSP Premiere: April 29 2005 - Minneapolis, MN	2005
Art! for electronics with video [in collaboration with Anders Amala] Screening at the University of Minnesota Regis Art Center Premiere: March 18, 2005 - Minneapolis, MN	2005
Banjo Fun for pre-recorded banjo and electronics [3'] Peter C.W. Smucker, banjo Premiere: November 14, 2004 - Minneapolis, MN	2004
You Have an Incoming Call for pre-recorded cell phone and electronics [5'] University of Minnesota Electronic Music Studio Premiere: October 29, 2004 - Minneapolis, MN	2004
Woman of Desire: A Film Cue for orchestra [3'] Unperformed	1999
<ul> <li>Inspiration! a short film by Gerald Adler [incidental music – also "Overture for a Film"]</li> <li>Screening at the Michigan Theater</li> <li>Premiere: April 28, 1994 – Ann Arbor, MI</li> <li>Commission: Gerald Adler</li> </ul>	1994

# **COMMERCIAL RECORDINGS**

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "Three Portraits, String Quartet No. 7." <u>Infinite Landscapes</u>. Navona NV6040, 2016. *The SOLI Chamber Music Ensemble, The Martinu String Quartet*.

earWorm improvisation ensemble. A Road To Everywhere. Vermiphone 105, 2016. earWorm

earWorm improvisation ensemble. <u>Cow-Tipping Amusement Park.</u> earWorm 001, 2016. earWorm

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "Three Portraits." <u>Portraits</u>. New Dynamic Records ND 112, 2014. *The SOLI Chamber Music Ensemble*.

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "String Quartet No. 4, String Quartet No. 5, String Quartet No. 6" <u>Elliott Miles McKinley: String Quartets.</u> Navona NV5855, 2011. *The Martinu String Quartet.* 

earWorm improvisation quartet. <u>The Angels of Area 51.</u> Vermiphone 104, 2011. earWorm

earWorm improvisation quartet. You're Not Larry! Vermiphone 103, 2011. earWorm

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "Raggedy Andy." <u>Andrew Martin: New Music for Marimba.</u> Spitfire 1002, 2010. *Andrew Martin, marimba; Czech Academy Chamber Music Players.* 

earWorm improvisation quartet. Artificial Teeth and Limbs. Vermiphone 102, 2010. earWorm

earWorm improvisation quartet. earWorm. Vermiphone 101, 2009. earWorm

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "April – a meditation for orchestra." <u>MMC New Century, Volume 20</u>. MMC 2151, 2006. *The Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra; Vladimir Valek, conductor* 

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "Summer Portraits." <u>MMC Chamber Music, Volume IV</u>. MMC 2061, 1998. *The Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble; David Stock, conductor; George Willis, percussion solo* 

#### SELECT CONCERT AND RECORDING REVIEWS

The more I hear of Rhode Island based composer Elliott Miles McKinley the more I like his work. There is a genuine and unforced unique quality to it, born of the inherent cross-pollination of jazz and the broad classical modern basket... This is good stuff! The opening work here, Three Portraits... is a very strong and attractive piece that portrays the feel of midsummer through the eyes and ears of the composer in a very interesting way; one that seems to constantly skirt about between moods of the mysterious and the playful. McKinley's six-movement String Quartet No. 7 [is an]... exciting and unusual work features a wide variety of ideas, including a fugue in "Scherzo and Fugue" and a propulsive jazzy section in "Riding into the Sky."

-Daniel Coombs, Audiophile Audition (July 2016)

... Typically American... the frequent use of extended chords, introspective melodies, structural breaks; ... the ability to use very different styles, from the twelve-tone shades, by the syncopated rhythms and irregular to the shaker loops of John Adams-iana memory,... McKinley excels in giving each work a defined identity, and to breathe, so to speak, the evolution of harmonic, melodic and rhythmic time... exalted in his infectious immediacy... from the urban sound, the traces of the young American composer at the helm of an ensemble of electro-acoustic improvisation, another of the many talents of this versatile composer.

-Philip Focosi, Kalhodik (July 2016) [translated from Italian]

Well grounded in the string quartet tradition, the influences of Beethoven, Bartok, Shostakovich, and others [are] being conveyed by a subtle and distinctive voice... This music begs for repeated hearings.

-Ken Smith, Gramophone (November 2011)

The use of jazz harmonies and swung rhythms in classical compositions is not new, and in the cases where it has been employed by others merely for color or atmosphere it usually seems unconvincing. Not so with McKinley: his incorporation of jazz elements is thorough, and it provides evidence that he hasn't superficially borrowed from the genre, but has internalized it, developed it, and made it a constant part of his expression. Of course, McKinley can't escape the sway of the great quartet composers, and there are passages in his works that seem like nods to Beethoven, Bartók, or Shostakovich, though they have been treated with enough subtlety that they aren't obvious or out of place. But the strength of McKinley's music lies in his lively rhythms and elastic melodies, and these impressive works show a composer mastering his medium with consummate craft and a fertile, almost improvisational, imagination.

-Blair Sanderson, Allmusic Guide (April 2007)

There's a real smorgasbord of musical styles in the string quartets of Elliott Miles McKinley... The fifth quartet, an uninterrupted flow of music that is conceived in three large sections which further subdivide into twelve parts, is jam-packed with everything from ritornellos and a chorale to some ragtime, a tango, and a movement with the attractive title of "With a Touch of Swagger." But as could be expected from a collusion of Carter and Miles, rhythms are invariable skewed into something extraordinary.

-Frank J. Oteri, NewMusicBox (April 2007)

... qently pulsating... Elliott Miles McKinley's April (A Meditation)... chords shift into one another in a mesmeric tread of the utmost beauty.

-Colin Clarke, Fanfare (May/June 2007)

#### SELECT ACADEMIC PAPER SUBMISSIONS

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "The Progressive and the Misunderstood: Miles Davis in the 1970s." The Musical Quarterly. (2007) [submitted]

McKinley, Elliott Miles. "A Few Thoughts on the First Generation American Minimalists and their Non-Minimalist Peers." American Music. (2006) [submitted]

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- International Society for Improvised Music
- Society for Composers Inc.
- College Music Society
- American Composers Forum
- Center for the Promotion of Contemporary Composers
- American Composers Alliance
- Broadcast Music, Inc.
- American Music Center & New Music USA

#### MASTERCLASSES ATTENDED

• Christopher Theofanidis (2012), Pierre Boulez (2010), Steve Reich (2009), Andrew Imbre (2007), Morton Subotnick (2006), Fred Lerdahl (2006), Elliott Carter (2006), Elliott Schwarz (2005), Alvin Lucier (2006), George Tsontakis (2006), Gerald Eckert (2005), Stephen Paulis (2005), Wayne Peterson (2006), Phillippe Manoury (2004), Paul Miller "DJ Spooky" (2005), Gunther Schuller (2005), Judith Shatin (2004), Libby Larsen (2006), Pauline Oliveros (2006), Joran Rudi (2004), Richard Stoltzman (1992), Paul Lansky (2002), Shulamit Ran (2002), Dan Welcher (2002), Glenn Dicterow (2000), Bernard Rands (1999), Donald Erb (1999), Fredrick Kaufman (1999), Orlando Garcia (1999), Samuel Adler (1997), Leslie Bassett, (1997) John Scofield (1991), Gerard Schwarz (1997), Georgy Ligeti (1991), Arditti String Quartet (1992), Ross Lee Finney (1993), David Stock (1989), John Cage (1991), Lukas Foss (1987), John Harbison (1988), Branford Marsalis (1988), Cecil Taylor (1999), Chick Corea (1998), Dave Holland (1989), Kenny Barron (1988), Donald Martino (1987), Miroslav Vitous (1985), Rudolf Serkin (1981), Andre Previn (1982).

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