

Benjamin Sigerson KOR: 이진학

Composer, Pianist

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Benjamin Sigerson (b. 2001) is a composer and jazz pianist from Vancouver, B.C. A recipient of a Bachelor's in Music Composition from McGill University in Montréal, Sigerson has won awards for his compositions in both classical and jazz idioms, and has been featured on several albums and concerts. His pieces have been performed internationally in concert stages, jazz clubs, and recording studios across Canada. As a songwriter, Sigerson has written over 150 pieces in jazz, folk, and pop music idioms. As a composer, he has written for orchestras to solo Erhu to hundred-member choirs. In addition to his work in writing and performing, Sigerson works on projects in musicology, and serves as the music director at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Richmond BC. His music has been recorded on several albums, including a recent recording funded by the Canada Council for the Arts for a five-keyboard ensemble. Being a Korean-Canadian artist based in BC, his music is inspired by nature, heritage, and moving around boundaries.

EDUCATION

2019 - 2023	BMus. Composition, McGill University Student of: Brian Cherney, Christine Jensen
2017 - 2023	Private instruction in Composition Student of: Rodney Sharman, Katerina Gimon, Joel Tranquilla
2016 - 2022	Private Instruction in Jazz Piano Student of: Sharon Minemoto (2016-2018), André White (2019-2020), Min Jung Suh Rager (2020-2021)
2021 - 2023	Private Instruction in Double Bass Student of Adrian Vedady (2022), Darren Radtke (2022), Ira Coleman (2023)

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Korean (Heritage, intermediate), French (Basic), Swedish (Beginner)

EMPLOYMENT

Creative

2024 Composer in Residence, Halifax Camerata Singers, Halifax NS
2023 - 2024 Composer in Residence, Coastal Sound Music Academy, Coquitlam BC
2023 - Present Composer in Residence, Intertidal Choral Ensemble, Vancouver BC
2023 - Present Music Director, St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond BC
2020 - 2023 Relief pianist, St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond BC
2016 - 2018 Pianist, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Coquitlam BC

Teaching

2018 - present Private Instructor, Vancouver BC & Montreal QC
Subjects: Piano, Jazz, Composition, Theory
2021 - 2022 Piano & Voice Teacher, West Island Music Academy, Montreal QC
2019 Teaching Assistant, VSO School of Music, Vancouver BC
2017 - 2018 Choral Mentor & Accompanist, Coastal Sound Boychoir, Coquitlam BC

AWARDS

2023 C/4 Composition Competition Finalist, Chor Leoni Men's Choir, Vancouver BC
2023 Fraser MacPherson Jazz Fund Scholarship, University Category
2022 Debbie Fleming Prize, Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Toronto ON
2022 Honourable Mention, Stephen Chapman Award
2021 SOCAN Awards
3rd Prize in Choral Category, Young Composer Award winner
2021 Helmut Blume Scholarship
2021 Bennie Schwartz Prize
2020 - 2022 BC Arts Council Scholarship
2019 Barbara Pentland Award, Canadian Music Centre BC
2019 Vancouver Chamber Choir Composition Competition, 2nd place
2018 Fraser MacPherson Jazz Fund Scholarship, High School Category
2018 TD High School Jazz Intensive Composition Competition

GRANTS

2023 Canada Council for the Arts Explore and Create Grant

COMMISSIONS

2023 Chor Leoni, C/4 Competition
2022 Alex Huygebeart, for piece "The Aimless Wanderer" for bass flute and

Voice
2022 Honoka Shoji, for piece “Artemis, of the Moon”, for solo harp
2021 Voces Borealis, for piece “O Sapientia” SATB
2020 Honoka Shoji, for piece “Sketches from a Hanging Valley” for solo harp

DISCOGRAPHY

Release in 2024 *The Forest for the Trees*, Benjamin Sigerson
Composer & pianist: “The Forest for the Trees”, “Million-Acre Matchbox”, “Bleeding Ice”, “Rocky Mountain Black Lung”, “April Showers”, “Gentle Snowfall”, “Sunsetters”, “Such Loveliness”, “Where to Go”, “A Sky More Blue”, “Evergreens”, “Ocean Walk”.

Release in 2024 *Quarter-Life*, Lucas Dubovik & Joshua Stanberry
Arranger for string quintet: “An Argument Between a Cloud and its Shadow”, “Her Favourite Shade of Blue”, “Wild Lilac”, “Fragile Heart”, “Current”, “The Still Hours of the Day”.

2023 *Winter Magic*, Voces Borealis
Composer of piece “O Sapientia”

2023 *Snowdust*, Chris Sigerson & Benjamin Sigerson
Lead composer & producer. Pianist, bassist, accordionist.
Composer of tracks: “Season of Memories”, “Freezer Burn”, “Fits Like a Glove”, “My Snowdust Love”, “This Time of Year”.

2023 *Send Me Your Love*, Drea Xu
Pianist

2022 *Dogs of Orion*, Benjamin Sigerson, Honoka Shoji, Raphael Agustin
Composer & pianist. Composer of tracks: “Dogs of Orion”, “Midnight Hunter”, “How Long it Takes to Say Goodnight”.

2022 *Quiet Path*, Chris Sigerson
Composer of tracks: “The One for Me”, “Pretty Early”.

2021 *Distant Summits*, Chris Sigerson
Composer and pianist on tracks: “The Softest of Eyes”, “Midnight Memories”.

2020 *Rainy Season*, Plum Rain

Pianist and producer

FILMOGRAPHY

- 2023 *Tia-Buo (Don't Understand)*, Weiwei Wu
Composer and recording artist, complete soundtrack
Shown in: Ottawa, Canada; Athens, Greece; UK; Wels, Austria.
- 2022 *Mort*, Weiwei Wu
Composer and recording artist, complete soundtrack
Shown in: Vancouver, Canada; Montreal, Canada; Wels, Austria.
- 2022 *Silenzio Rumoroso*, Nicholas Sigerson
Composer, writer, recording artist
Shown in: Vancouver, Canada.
- 2021 *Miles Away*, S. C. Wilson
Composer and recording artist, main theme and incidental music

VIDEO GAME SOUNDTRACKS

- 2024 (upcoming) *Threads of You: Beyond the Bay*
Produced by Lavendeer Studios
Composer and recording artist, complete soundtrack

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- In-progress *Interviews with Vancouver Jazz Pianists*, Benjamin Sigerson
- 2023 *The B.S. Book, Jazz Compositions 2019 - March 2023*, Benjamin Sigerson
Composer & engraver of 106 pieces
- 2022 *Quiet Path: A Book of Sigerson Compositions*, Chris Sigerson
Composer of pieces: "The One for Me", "Pretty Early", "The Softest of Eyes", "A Song for My Father".
Lyricist on pieces: "Headin' Out", "Little Boys", "Little Ladybeetle", "Not Yet", "The One for Me", "Pretty Early", "Reflections in a Pond", "The Softest of Eyes".
- 2022 *First Door on the Left*, j. h. Lee

MUSIC PUBLICATIONS

- Artemis: of the Moon*. Zeeland: Harp Column Music
blue is a colour - thank you green. Vancouver: Cypress Choral Music.
Of Dreams. Vancouver: Cypress Choral Music

Of Rest. Vancouver: Cypress Choral Music
Sketches from a Hanging Valley. Zeeland: Harp Column Music

AFFILIATIONS

Vancouver Pro Musica Member
SOCAN Member
Choral Canada Member
International Society of Jazz Composers and Arrangers
Vancouver Improvised Arts Organization Member

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

2022 RBC Bridges Program, Soundstreams, Toronto ON
Resident Ensemble, TorQ Percussion Quartet. Guest composer: Donnacha Dennehy
2021, 2022 Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra, Vancouver BC

LIST OF WORKS (in order from most recent)

Choking Hazard (2024)
for SATB
Where Flies the Lark (2024)
for SATB Youth Choir & Piano, commissioned by Coastal Sound Music Academy
God Save the King - *arrangement* (2024)
for SSAATTBB
Microscopia (2024)
for Solo Piano
This is That (But Isn't This?) (2023)
for Saxophone quartet
That Which Moves Me Though I'm Still (2023)
for SATB
Chrysanthemum (2023)
for Solo Violin
Sea of Snow (2023)
for SA Youth Choir & piano, commissioned by Coastal Sound Music Academy
Fences I (2023)
for voice and percussion
Candlelight Hymn (2023)
for SATB
Aire Avec Petit Bleu (2022)
for solo piano

Highway 5, Roadside (2022)
for chamber ensemble: clarinet, trumpet, cello, two marimbas, two vibraphones,
accordion, piano, & tuba

Beyond the Boundary (2022)
for percussion quartet, performed by TorQ Quartet

Crosswalk (2022)
for chamber ensemble, two alto saxophones, two clarinets

Fanfare for Tiny (2022)
for Toy Piano

Flower Dew (2022)
for solo Erhu, performed by Tan Lung

Waltz of the Rainbowfish (2022)
for chamber jazz ensemble, performed by the Hard Rubber Orchestra

Of Rest (2022)
Winner of Toronto Mendelssohn Choir composition competition. Performed by TMC.

Grass Blowing (2022)
for solo B-flat clarinet

My Dear, Forever (2022)
for brass ensemble. Performed by BGS Ensemble

What Gentle Stardust, Now Falling (2022)
SSAATTBB. Performed by Intertidal Choral Ensemble

Of Dreams (2022)
SATB. Performed by Vancouver Youth Choir Voices

A Drawing of the Earth in a Single Leaf (2022)
for trio: zheng, sheng, clarinet. Performed by Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra

Only (2021)
SSAA

Statocumulus (2021)
SSAATTBB, Written for and performed by Voces Boreales (Montreal). Winner of
SOCAN Award (2021).

The Frozen Towers (2021)
for Organ & Trombone Duo. Performed by Jeremy Berkman & Angelique Po

A Forest of Things that Could've Been (2021)
for Tar, Guitar, Harp, & Zheng (ensemble "88 Strings"). Performed by Ali Razmi, John
Oliver, Joy Yeh, & Tai-Lin Hsieh

The Miracle of Happenstance (2021)
for Chamber Jazz ensemble. Written for and performed by Hard Rubber Orchestra.

학 - Crane (2021)
for solo percussion. Written for Vancouver Pro Musica, Performed by Katie Rife.

The Aimless Wanderer (2021)

for voice and bass flute, performed by Alex Huyghebeart
 O Sapientia (2021)
 Commissioned piece by Voces Boreales, dir. Andy Gray. SATB with divisi. Recorded on album “Winter Magic” (2023)
 Secrets of my Soul (2020)
 SATB. Performed by Trinity Western University choir
 Artemis of the Moon (2020)
 for Solo Harp. Commissioned and performed by Honoka Shoji
 The Clouds that Pass over this Quiet Earth (2020)
 SATB. Rehearsed by Canadian Chamber Choir; performed by Schulich Rep Choir
 The Whispering Spirits (2019)
 SATB. Written for and performed by Vancouver Chamber Choir (dir. John Washburn)
 Sketches from a Hanging Valley (2019)
 Suite for Solo Harp. Published on Harp Column Online.
 Blue is a Colour / Thank you Green (2019)
 SATB. Written for and performed by the Vancouver Youth Choir (dir. Carrie Tennant);
 Published on Cypress Choral Music

SONGS IN JAZZ, FOLK, & POP IDIOMS (in alphabetical order)

A	Candlelight Hymn	F
About You All The Time	Capricorn	Far and Away
Afterword	Champagne Riddler’s Blues	Fits Like a Glove
All Booked Up	Chester Drawers	Flight Patterns
All I’ve Got	Chickadee	Flowstone
All of Everything	Cloudless Sky	Flow North
All This Will Pass	Could You Be?	For Evermore
April Flowers	Creekside	The Forest for the Trees
As Always	The Crow Flies at Night	Freezer Burn
B	Currer Bell’s Waltz	G
Backflow	D	Gentle Snowfall
The Balcony Railing	Discount Mangoes	Glass Birds
Bonemeal	Do You Still Love Me?	Gnarled Arbutus
Burn from Both Ends	Dogs of Orion	Goodbye
Be Here	Don’t Try to Tell Me	Groundwater
Be My Neighbour	Dripstone	H
Bed of Feathers	E	Heartwood
Be! Bo! Bap!	Elderberries	How Long it Takes to Say
Bleeding Ice	Evergreens	Goodnight
C	Every Song That I Sing	I

I Can't Be Everything!
I Don't Want to Know
I Hope
I Would Remember
I've Forgotten You

J

J-Pod
Jade Dew
Juicebox
Jyodo

K

The King

L

La Belle
Ladybug Waltz
Las Mariquitas
Little Lullaby
The Lark has Flown
Little Fishy Love Song

The Littlest Hat

Long Division

M

Magda
Midnight Hunter
Mid-Twenties
Miles and Miles Away
The Miracle of
Happenstance
Miss Merlot
Moonlight Memories
Moonrise Walker
Mossie's Mosey
Mushroom Safety
My Dear Forever
My Melancholy Bossa
My Snowdust Love

N

Never to See You
No More My Love
Note to Self

Now, September
Nowhere to Hide
Nothing's Changed

O

O. O. P. S.
Ocean Walk
Of Lavender Afternoons
Old Morning Glories
Olga's Watercolours

Once Again

The One for Me

P

Pico de Gallo
Place Beyond Time
Prince of Arthur
Pretty Early
Purple by Moonlight

Q

R

Rats!
Reckless Hopefuls
Restlessness
Road Signs
Rocky Mountain Blacklung

S

Say Goodnight
Schemer of Schemes
Since There's You
Set me Down
A Sigh to Topple Mountains
Silver-White Winters
Since Vince
Since You Called my Name
Six Million
A Sky More Blue
The Softest of Eyes
Speaking Through Your

Eyes

Spring Chicken

Stalactite

Static Transit
Still, I Think of You
Stroll Along

Such Loveliness

Suitcase to Mars

Sunflowers

Sunset Over Hecla

Sunsetters

Sweet Bastards

T

Tile Maker

This Prayer

This Time of Year

This Quiet Place

Thousand Miles Below

Tiny's Waltz

Tumbleweeds, Too

Turnip

Turtlesell Tabletops

Twelve-Toed Tune

U

V

Vacancy

W

W-A-L-K

Waltz of the Rainbowfish

Wander My Mind

What Will Become of Us?

When Morning is Broken

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Where to Go

Waymaker

While You're Away

Wind Waltzing

With You Now

Winter Wind

Would You Be Mine?

Wulver

X

Y

LIST OF KNOWN PERFORMANCES

Mar. 17th, 2024	Saxophilia Saxophone Quartet. Orpheum Annex, Vancouver BC. Piece "This is That (But Isn't This?)".
Mar. 10th, 2024	Intertidal Choral
Dec. 10th, 2023	Coastal Sound Children's Choir. Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam BC. Piece "Sea of Snow". Premiere of commission.
Dec. 3rd, 2023	Intertidal Choral Ensemble. Knox United Church, Vancouver BC. Pieces "What Gentle Stardust, Now Falling", "Candlelight Hymn", "Abide With Me".
Nov. 26th, 2023	Chris Sigerson Quartet. Fairview Baptist Church, Vancouver BC. Pieces "Gentle Snowfall", "My Snowdust Love", "Season of Memories".
Nov. 11th & 12th, 2023	Halifax Camerata Singers. St. George's Round Church, Halifax NS. Piece "Beyond the Blue Forever".
July 26th, 2023	Steve Maddock Trio. Tangent Cafe, Vancouver BC. Pieces "The Softest of Eyes", "Where to Go", "Sky More Blue".
May 12th, 2023	Concreamus. Toronto, ON. Piece "blue is a colour/thank you green".
Dec. 11th, 2022	Kevin Dean & Friends. Le Basement, Montreal QC. Pieces "Be With Me", "Chester Drawers".
Nov. 27th, 2022	Lan Tung, Erhu. CMC, Vancouver BC. Piece "Flower Dew".
Oct. 22nd, 2022	TorQ Percussion Quartet. Universal Studios, Toronto ON. Piece "Beyond the Boundary". Premiere.
Aug. 6th, 2022	Intertidal Choral Ensemble. St. John's Shaughnessy United Church, Vancouver BC. Pieces "
June 28th, 2022	Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto ON. Piece "Of Rest". Premiere.
June 18th, 2022	Honoka Shoji (Harp), Raphael Agustin (Bass), Owen Chow (Trumpet). St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond BC. Album "Dogs of Orion" premiere. Pieces "Place of Rest", "How Long it Takes to Say Goodnight", "Dogs of Orion".

- June 3rd, 2022 Hard Rubber Orchestra. Capilano University, Vancouver BC. Piece “Waltz of the Rainbowfish”. Reading session.
- May 20th, 2022 Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra. St. Andrew’s United Church, North Vancouver BC. Pieces “A Drawing of the Earth in a Single Leaf” (for Zheng, Sheng, and Clarinet), and “That Moves Constantly in Colours and Brushstrokes” (for Ney, Dizi, Viola, and Cello).
- May 7th, 2022 Vancouver Youth Choir Voices. Christchurch Cathedral, Vancouver BC. Piece “Of Dreams”
- Nov. 21st, 2021 Katie Rife, Percussion. Vancouver Pro Musica. Piece “학 - Crane”. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZxGEmnsTRE>
- July 17th, 2021 Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra, 88 Strings. Deep Cove Shaw Theatre, North Vancouver, BC. Piece “A Forest of Things that Could’ve Been”.
- Mar. 28th, 2021 Jeremy Berkman (Trombone) and Angelique Po (Organ). St. Philip's Anglican Church, Vancouver BC. Piece “The Frozen Towers”.

LIST OF KNOWN RADIO BROADCASTS

- Jan 30th, 2023 CBC Radio, show “About Time”. Piece “O Sapientia”.
- Jan 7th, 2023 CBC Radio, show “Choral Concert”. Piece “O Sapientia”.
- Dec 23rd, 2023 CBC Radio, show “North by Northwest”. Piece “Season of Memories”