

Ari Barack Fisher

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EDUCATION

Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN - Master's Degree - Music

Composition 2014-2016

Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN - Bachelor's Degree - Music

Composition 2010-2014

Composition Instructors and Mentors:

Claude Baker

Sven-David Sandström

Aaron Travers

Don Freund

Mischa Zupko

Narcis Bonet

Michel Merlet

Philip Lasser

David Conte

Rick Marvin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academy Coordinator and Orchestra Manager - The Academy at The Music Institute of Chicago,

Evanston, Illinois

2024-Present

Substitute Teacher for Music Related Classes - New Trier Township High School

2023-Present

Educator in Music Theory, Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Wind Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, Choral Ensembles, Special Education Choir.

Pit band mentor for *Lagniappe Potpourri*, an NTHS student directed, written, and performed musical skit extravaganza.

Guest Lecturer at The Academy at The Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois. November, 2024
Topic - Music for Concert, Motion Picture, and Video Games

Guest Lecturer at VGM Con (video game music) with ATLYS String Quartet - Crowne Plaza
Minneapolis West April 2024
Topic - Writing for live musicians, creating compelling arrangements, music licensing, and remote recording.

Guest Masterclass at High School with ATLYS String Quartet, Minneapolis Southwest High School
Topic - Ensemble musicianship and music-making. April 2024

Private Composition Teacher 2023

Guest Masterclass in Orchestration at Fort Lewis College, Colorado. October 2023
Topic - Orchestration.

Private Lessons at Fort Lewis College, Colorado October 2023

Camp Director - Sonad Peace Project Chamber Music Camp at Marlborough, New Hampshire
August 2018

PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Sonnenberg Suite for String Orchestra - Composer / Arranger 2024
Ten-movement string orchestra piece, expanded from the original version for string quartet, commissioned by the Artemis Chamber Orchestra.

Bread and Fred - Composer 2023
Two original orchestral tracks for a video game produced by Apogee Entertainment recently sold to ATARI in 2024

- White Elephant* - Composer 2023
Full score commissioned by award-winning independent film director Riley Dismore. Presented at the Annual Hoosier Film Festival, 22 Film Festival, and HorrorHound Film Festival.
- Ode to Renewal* - Composer 2022-2023
Symphonic composition commissioned by the Naples Community Orchestra and conducted by Alvin Ho. Premiered 1/20/2023
- SEVEN LIONS x ATLYS* - Arranger / Additional Music 2022
Arranged string quartet parts and composed melodies for Seven Lions' album titled '*Beyond the Veil*.' (The album has over 5,000,000 streams on YouTube Music).
- Fair Winds and Following Seas (feat. ATLYS)* - Arranger / Producer 2020-2022
Virtuosic orchestral arrangements of Nintendo's famous score to *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* featuring ATLYS.
- SEVEN LIONS x ATLYS* - Arranger 2021
Arranged EDM songs for string quartet commissioned by ATLYS string quartet and Jeff Montalvo for performances at Red Rocks Amphitheater, Morrison, Colorado 7/28/21 and The Gorge, Quincy, Washington 9/11/21. Arrangements featured on Ophelia Records album *OPUS*.
- Suite for ARMY* - Composer / Arranger 2020-2021
Fifteen-minute mash-up overture highlighting songs by the K-pop sensation BTS. The score was displayed at The 3rd BTS Global Interdisciplinary Conference SPECIAL EXHIBITION at Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Jongno District, Seoul, South Korea in July 2022.
- String Quartet no. 2 "The Sonnenberg Suite"* - Composer 2021
Ten movement string quartet commissioned by Thomas Mees and ATLYS string quartet.

<p><i>The Griffin/Gauguin/Misc.</i> - Arranger / Orchestrator / Additional Music</p> <p>Orchestrating, arranging, and composing additional music for musicals and concert pieces by Jane McNealy.</p>	<p>2019-2021</p>
<p><i>Hyrule Field from The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i> - Arranger</p> <p>Virtuosic string quintet arrangement recorded by ATLYS for the first release and launch of ZREO: Second Quest.</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p><i>La Gloria</i> - Composer</p> <p>Full score for an HBO-sponsored short film by Indie filmmaker Mary Evangelista. The film was screened at the 37th Miami Film Festival (HBO Ibero-American Short Film Award Finalist), Palm Springs International Film Festival 2020 (Nominee Best LGBTQ+ short), (Winner Special Jury Award). Nominated for Grand Jury Prize, Nashville Film Festival 2020. Other screenings include Outfest Fusion Film Festival 2020 Manchester Film Festival 2020, Palm Springs International Short Fest 2020, Project Involve Showcase 2020, Vail Film Festival 2020, Maryland Film Festival 2020, Outfest United By Pride 2020, Bentonville Film Festival 2020, and Outfest Los Angeles Film Festival 2020.</p>	<p>2019</p>
<p><i>Rebel Girls</i> - Composer</p> <p>Full score for an independent film by Riley Dismore. (Best writer award at 2020 Hoosier Film Festival).</p>	<p>2019</p>
<p><i>“Hiku”</i> - Composer</p> <p>Full score for an independent film by Joe Harrell.</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p><i>Psalm 27 for Hazzan, Choir, and Orchestra</i> - Composer</p> <p>Master’s Thesis.</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p><i>Evangeline</i> - Composer</p> <p>Full score for a video game for PC/Mac by Raconteur Games.</p>	<p>2017</p>

<i>Springtime in My Hometown</i> - Composer	2016, 2017
String orchestra composition based on Korean folk songs commissioned for a South Korean tour by the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Chamber Orchestra.	
- String Quartet arrangement for the opening ceremony of Indiana University's Institute for Korean Studies Department.	
- Virtuoso piano arrangement commissioned by Norman Krieger, acclaimed pianist.	
<i>National Commercial for Indiana University</i> - Composer	2016
Directed by Angelo Pizzo. Commissioned orchestral work in the style of Danny Elfman's 1989 score to <i>Batman</i> . Recorded by Indiana University Symphony Orchestra.	
<i>Grace on the Green Line</i> - Composer	2015
Full score for an independent film by Michael Peterson for Persistent Vision Media.	
<i>The Return of "Draw" Egan (1916)</i> - Composer	2015
Full score for a feature-length silent film commissioned by the Indiana University Cinema. Winner of the Inaugural Jon Vickers' Film Scoring Award.	
<i>National Commercial for Indiana University</i> - Composer	2014
Directed by Angelo Pizzo. Commissioned orchestral work in the style of Puccini recorded by Indiana University Symphony Orchestra with soloist Ailyn Perez.	
<i>David Copperfield (1922)</i> - Composer	2011
Full score for the feature-length silent film commissioned by the Indiana University Cinema.	

HONORS & AWARDS

Artemis Chamber Orchestra - Composer in Residence	2024-present
ATLYS - In House Composer	2018-present

Entire Catalogue of Music Publishing in Process with Songburd Music Publishing	2024 - present
VGM CON Game Music Remix Awards - Arranger	2023
<i>The Great Sea</i> from <i>Fair Winds and Following Seas</i> (feat. ATLYS) [FWaFS] winner of the Listener's Choice Award and Best Symphonic Arrangement Award.	
VGM Con Game Music Remix Awards - Arranger	2024
<i>Dragon Roost Island</i> from <i>FWaFS</i> (feat. ATLYS) winner of the Listener's Choice Award.	
Pordenone Silent Film Festival (Le Giornate del Cinema Muto)	2019
Guest composer for a live performance of the award-winning orchestral score to <i>The Return of Draw Egan</i> , revised 2019 for newly found footage and reinstated scenes.	
OSLO Freedom Forum - Arranger	2019
Arranged for Opening music presentation ATLYS <i>True Colors</i> .	
Indiana University's Hutton Honors College Grant. - Composer	2016
Recording of orchestral film score for silent film, <i>David Copperfield</i> .	
Jon Vickers Film Scoring Award - Composer	2015
Full orchestral score for William S. Hart's 1916 film, <i>The Return of Draw Egan</i> .	
Music Faculty Fellowship - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music	2014-2016
Nadia Boulanger Institute, Paris, France - Florence Gould Foundation - Iovenko Composition Scholarship	2012-2013
European American Musical Alliance Certificate Program for study with Michel Merlet, David Conte, Philip Lasser, and Narcis Bonet in the disciplines of composition, orchestration, keyboard harmony, score reading, and counterpoint.	

Nadia Boulanger Institute, Paris, France - Composer	2013
Winning selection, <i>String Quartet no. 1</i> performed by Nadia Boulanger Institute String Quartet in Residence.	
Music Festival in Honor of Confucius - Virginia Behrendt Scholarship - Violin	2013
Winning piano trio chamber group for the Chinese Fine Arts Society.	
Indiana University's Cinema Competition - Composer	2011
Competition winner for full orchestral score for A. W. Sandberg's 1922 film <i>David Copperfield</i> .	
Dean's Scholarship, and Bernard Heiden Scholarship - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music	2010-2014

NOTABLE ENSEMBLES, PERFORMERS, AND VENUES

Seven Lions (Jeff Montalvo)
Members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Naples Community Orchestra
Hawaii Youth Symphony
Hawaii Music Educators Association Honors Orchestra
Indiana University Chamber Orchestra
ATLYS
Artemis Chamber Orchestra
Budapest Scoring Orchestra
New Trier Symphony Orchestra
Woori Orchestra

Conductors

Cliff Colnot
Alvin Ho
Caleb Young
Nicholas Hersh

Pianists

Orli Shaham
Clare Longendyke
Norman Kreiger
Ilya Friedberg

Vocalists

Ailyn Perez
Laurie Rubin
Olivia Yokers
Anna Hashizume

Conductors continued

Joseph Stepec
Peter Rosheger
Henry Cheng
Diana Economou
Jayeon Ju

Pianists continued

Nicholas Ho
Rosa Li

Venues

Teatro Verdi (Pordenone Silent
Film Festival)
Red Rocks Amphitheater
The Gorge Amphitheater
Ravinia Music Festival
The Seoul Arts Center
Chicago Cultural Center

Violinists

Jorja Fleezanis
Richard Silvers
Elan Sapir
William Ronning
Jinty McTavish
Sabrina Tabby

Cello

Warren Hagerty (Verona
Quartet)
Isaac Boyyer
Genevieve Tabby (ATLYS)

SELECT DISCOGRAPHY

Albums

The Sonnenberg Suite

Concerning Clock Town. 2025 Release by ZREO Studios

Fair Winds and Following Seas (featuring ATLYS). Released by ZREO Studios

American Tapestries - Romance for Cello and Piano performed and recorded by Warren Hagerty and Orli Shaham for 2025 Pacific Symphony album featuring Viet Cuong, Jessie Montgomery, and Reena Esmail.

OPUS (Seven Lions x ATLYS). Released by Ophelia Records

Evangeline OST

Singles

Diamonds

Lucky

True Colors

A Song for Mama

Hyrule Field featuring ATLYS. Released by ZREO Studios

Landslide (Soon to be Released)

Shir Shel Yoninah - A Song for Jamie (Soon to be Released)

VIOLIN STUDIES

David Taylor (Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Associate Concertmaster)

Michelle Wynton (Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra) - Music Institute of Chicago

Yoni Gertner (Israel Philharmonic Orchestra) - Indiana University

Jonathan Ong (Verona Quartet) - Indiana University

Michelle Lee (Tesla Quartet) - Indiana University

Dechopol Kowintaweewat (Zora String Quartet) - Indiana University

Lee Sheehan - Indiana University

PIANO STUDIES

Gulrukh Shakirova

Susan Aarons

Barbara Rubenstein

COMPOSITIONS

Symphony in D minor (WIP)

String Quartet no. 3 (Commission - WIP Thomas Mees)

Irish Suite for String Quartet (Commission - WIP Neil McTavish)

Piano Trio (WIP)

Romance for Cello and Piano (Commission - Warren Hagerty) 2024

“Depb Beppi Dugoo Beep” Rag for Piano (Commission Nicholas Ho) 2024

Shir Shel Yoninah - A Song for Jamie (for String Quartet) 2023

Vivace con Brio for String Quartet (Commission - New Trier High School) 2023

Romance for Violin and Piano (Commission - Richard Silvers) 2023

String Quartet no. 2 “The Sonnenberg Suite” (Commission - Thomas Mees and ATLYS)	2021
Three Jewish Dances (Commission - Artemis Chamber Orchestra)	2021
Ode to Renewal (Commission - Naples Community Orchestra)	2022
Sonata Eclectica for Violin and Piano (Commission - Richard Silvers)	2019
Psalm 27 for Hazzan, Choir, and Orchestra	2018
Springtime in My Hometown (Commission - Jorja Fleezanis)	2016
Suite from The Return of Draw Egan (Award Winning Commission - Indiana University Cinema)	2016
As Joseph Was a Walking (Commission)	2015
SATB, Organ, Violin	
Piano Sextet for Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Horn, Bassoon, and Piano	2015
String Quartet no. 1	2010-2014
Five Preludes for Piano in Memory of Mimi Liu	2014
Vocalise for Voice and Piano	2013
Other versions individually commissioned for solo instruments: violin, viola, cello, contrabass, clarinet, flute, bassoon, French horn, and bass trombone.	
Prelude in Bb for Piano (Commission - Rosa Li)	2013
Quintet for Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass and Piano	2011
March of the Bananas for Piano (135k Streams on Instagram)	2011
Duo for Flute and Clarinet (Commission - Felice Doynov)	2011
Compilation for Solo Violin	2010
Nigun to the Victims of the Holocaust (Commission - Beth Hillel Congregation)	2009

Arrangements

The Sonnenberg Suite for String Orchestra - Commissioned by Artemis Chamber Orchestra 2024

Singles commissioned by ATLYS

Diamonds - by Sia Furler, Benjamin Levin, Mikkel Eriksen, and Tor Eik Hermansen

Lucky - by Jason Mraz, Colbie Calliat, and Timothy Fagan

Landslide - by Stephanie Lynn Nicks

True Colors - by Tom Kelly and Billy Steinberg

Ashokan Farewell - Commissioned by New Trier High School Symphony Orchestra 2024

Keola Beamer Concert - Commissioned by Hawaii Youth Symphony Orchestra 2024

Mauna Kea

Honolulu City Lights

Po Mahina

Puamana

Uili E

OPUS (Seven Lions x ATLYS) Commissioned by Jeff Montalvo and Ophelia Records 2021

Ocean

What's Done is Done

Rush Over Me

Only Now

Strangers

Dance Improvisation on a Hebrew Folk Song, Op. 37 (Joseph Achron) - Commissioned by Dallas Symphony Orchestra 2020

Midna from Twilight Symphony (as orchestrator and additional arranger) 2023

Hyrule Field from The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time for String Quintet 2021

Fair Winds and Following Seas featuring ATLYS 2020-2022

Title Theme

The Legendary Hero

Outset Island

Grandma

Departure & Pirates

The Great Sea

Windfall Island
Dragon Roost Island
Princess Zelda's Theme
Ganondorf Battle
Farewell Hyrule King
Staff Credits & Epilogue

Suite for ARMY: Fantasy on music by BTS

Symphony Orchestra Version 2021

Version for 2 pianos and percussion 2022

Springtime in My Hometown

Version for solo piano - Commissioned by Norman Kreiger 2017

Version for string quartet - Commissioned by Indiana University 2017

Video Game Music

With Apogee Entertainment

Bread and Fred - Beakville Beginnings 2023

Bread and Fred - Beakville Beginnings (Ambient Version) 2023

With Raconteur Games

Evangeline 2017

Close Order 2015

Film Music

White Elephant 2023

This is a Window 2022

"Hiku" 2020

La Gloria 2019

Rebel Girls 2019

Michael Uslan - Fulfilling the Promise	2016
Grace on the Green Line	2015
The Return of Draw Egan	2015
Ailyn Perez - Fulfilling the Promise	2014
David Copperfield	2011

ORGANIZATIONS

ZREO Studios / ZREO: Second Quest	2021-present
Co-founder and Music Director / Lead Composer (ZREO Studios & ZREO: Second Quest)	
12 Petals (Mentorship Program)	2021-present
Core mentor of composition, arranging, and orchestration at www.weare12petals.com	
American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP)	2012-present
Artemis Chamber Orchestra - Section Violinist and Composer in Residence	2024-present