

# Chris Neiner | Composer, Educator, Performer

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Degrees

- 2021     **M.M. in Music Composition**  
Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH
- Thesis: *Morceau pour Sill* (30') – bassoon solo, mixed septet
  - Donald Erb Prize in Composition 2020
  - Darius Milhaud Award 2020
  - Carolyn and Jack Lampl Jr. Scholarship 2019
  - Graduate Assistant: Composition Department 2018–20
- 2017     **B.M. in Music Composition *magna cum laude***  
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN
- Concentration: Horn Performance
  - Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award 2017
  - Premiere Young Artist Scholarship 2013–17
  - Vice-President: Student Composers Association 2016–17

### Festival & Fellowship Programs

- 2025     Gabriela Ortiz Composing Studio, OAcademy Music Conservatory; Washington, D.C.
- 2024     EarShot Readings, American Composers Orchestra; New York, NY
- 2023     Suncoast Composer Fellowship Program; Sarasota, FL
- 2022     Impulse New Music Festival; Los Angeles, CA
- 2018     Mostly Modern Festival; Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2016     RED NOTE New Music Festival; Normal, IL
- 2015     Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Sewanee, TN
- 2015     New Music on the Point; Leicester, VT
- 2014     Oregon Bach Composers Symposium; Eugene, OR

### Teachers

#### Principle Teachers

- 2018–20   Keith Fitch
- 2016–18   P.Q. Phan
- 2016–17   Sven-David Sandström
- 2015–16   Aaron Travers
- 2015–16   Jeffrey Hass
- 2014–15   Claude Baker
- 2013–14   Don Freund

#### Masterclasses

- 2017   Sydney Hodkinson
- 2016   Dai Fujikura
- 2016   Nina C. Young
- 2015   Samuel Adler
- 2015   Marcos Balter
- 2014   David Rakowski
- 2014   Chen Yi

#### Additional Private Study

- 2014–15   Libby Larsen
- 2014–15   Mary Ellen Childs
- 2011–13   Edie Hill

## RESIDENCY & UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2024 Guest Artist Residency, Otterbein University Department of Music; Westerville, OH
- 2023 Guest Presenter, Kent State University Composition Department Seminar; Kent, OH
- 2023 Guest Presenter, Cleveland State University Composition Department Seminar; Cleveland, OH
- 2019 Composer-in-Residence, Music in the Circle; Cleveland, OH

## ACCOLADES & RECOGNITION

- 2024 Winner, Commissioned Composer Award, Ohio Music Teachers Association; Cincinnati, OH
- 2024 Semifinalist, Summermusik Commission Competition; Cincinnati, OH
- 2023 Finalist, Festival of New American Music Call for Scores; Sacramento, CA
- 2022 Honorable Mention, ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards; New York City, NY
- 2022 Finalist, Left Coast Chamber Ensemble Composition Contest; San Francisco, CA
- 2020 Finalist, Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra Call for Scores; Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 Finalist, ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards; New York City, NY
- 2019 Winner, Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project Call for Scores; Cleveland, OH
- 2019 Winner, Boston New Music Initiative Call for Scores; Boston, MA
- 2018 Honorable Mention, Flute New Music Consortium, Weatherford, OK
- 2018 Honorable Mention, American Modern Ensemble; New York City, NY
- 2015 Winner, Red Hedge Hog Trio Call for Scores; Boston, MA

## COMMISSIONS

- 2024 *Love Songs*, mezzo-soprano, cello & piano, Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH
- 2024 *Tuneful Celebration*, concert band, Burnsville High School; Burnsville, MN
- 2024 *4 X 4*, piano solo, Ohio Music Teachers Association; Cincinnati, OH
- 2024 *Nocturne*, piano solo, Cleveland Composers Guild; Cleveland, OH
- 2023 *Tales of Euclid Beach Park*, clarinet, violin, cello & piano, Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH
- 2023 *Time Machine Hyperboles*, mixed sextet, NO EXIT New Music Ensemble; Cleveland, OH
- 2023 *Evening Song*, soprano & piano, Cleveland Composers Guild; Cleveland, OH
- 2022 *Red Riding Pictures Proudly Presents*, mixed sextet, Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH
- 2022 *Aurora Fanfare & Dance*, clarinet quartet, Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH
- 2021 *Rocky River Counterpoint*, concert band, Lutheran High School West; Rocky River, OH
- 2020 *Spiral Suite*, piano solo, Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH
- 2019 *Serenade for the Ghosts*, clarinet & string quartet, Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH
- 2017 *Playtime*, violin, horn & piano, Neiner Trio Consortium; Bloomington, IN
- 2017 *Songs*, soprano & piano quintet, Vietnamese American Society for Creative Arts; Orange, CA
- 2016 *To Rose*, horn & piano, Kevin Miescke, Eastern Illinois University; Charleston, IL
- 2014 *The Hinz Waltz 2*, wind ensemble, Cochran Chamber Commissioning Project; Edina, MN
- 2013 *Costa Rican Monkey Games*, youth orchestra, Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies; Edina, MN

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2023–24 Composition Mentor, Contemporary Youth Orchestra; Cleveland, OH
- 2021–24 Piano Teacher, Neiner Piano Studio; Cleveland Heights, OH
- 2020–24 Composition Faculty, Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH
- 2019–20 Composition and Theory Outreach Mentor, Cleveland School of the Arts; Cleveland, OH

## **SELECTED PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

- 2023–24 Accompanist, Orange City School District Choir Department; Orange, OH
- 2023–24 Pianist, Sunday Studio Series, Murray Hill Galleries; Cleveland, OH
- 2022 Pianist, Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts, Church of the Covenant; Cleveland, OH
- 2021 Pianist, Access Theater Project, *The Last Five Years*; Mayfield, OH
- 2016–17 Hornist, Indiana University New Music Ensemble; Bloomington, IN
- 2015 Hornist, Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Sewanee, TN

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

### **Concert Production**

- 2023–24 Associate Director, Sunday Studio Series, Murray Hill Galleries; Cleveland, OH
- 2021 Co-Chair, Ariel's Light, Acacia Reservation; Lyndhurst, OH
- 2019 Co-Chair, Leora's Reverie, Acacia Reservation; Lyndhurst, OH
- 2019 Associate Director, Music in the Circle; Cleveland, OH
- 2018 Production Assistant, Vietnamese American Society for Creative Arts & Music; Orange, CA
- 2016 New Music for Horns, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN

### **Music Administration**

- 2022–24 Operations Coordinator & Piano Specialist, Solich Piano & Music Company; Woodmere, OH
- 2021–22 Senior Administrative Coordinator, Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH
- 2020–21 Office Associate, Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH
- 2018–20 Graduate Assistant, Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH
- 2018–19 Office Assistant, CIM Center for Innovative Musicianship; Cleveland OH

### **Editing & Miscellaneous**

- 2024 Orchestrator, Cleveland Pops Orchestra; Beachwood, OH
- 2019–24 Lead Sheet Editor, OPUS 216; Cleveland, OH
- 2021–22 Orchestra Librarian, Jim Brickman & The Brickhouse Network; Cleveland, OH
- 2018–19 Editor, Anthony Plog; Freiburg, Germany
- 2017–19 Arranger & Editor, Reimagining Opera for Kids; Bloomington, IN
- 2016–18 Editor, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Composition Department; Bloomington, IN
- 2016–17 Editor, Keith McCutchen, Kentucky State University; Frankfort, KY

## SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

2015      **10 x 10: Ten Miniature Trios** – album by Red Hedgehog Trio, includes *Toy Chest*

## SELECTED PRESS

7/17/19    Kulma, David. "Music in the Circle Series debuts at Mixon & Gartner (July 11 & 14)." (Review of *Infinite Spinning*) Cleveland Classical. <https://clevelandclassical.com/music-in-the-circle-series-debuts-at-mixon-gartner-july-11-14/>

"Living in the post-John Adams universe and incorporating the zazzy colors of the current new music dialect, Neiner's spiraling, perpetual motion piece offers pleasant shocks and melting cadences. "

## CATALOGUE OF WORKS & PERFORMANCE HISTORY

### Chamber

- 2023      ***Tales of Euclid Beach Park*** (25') – clarinet, violin, cello & piano  
- Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH. 9/28/24  
- Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH. 12/3/23  
- Stars in the Classics; Cleveland, OH. 9/30/23
- 2023      ***Time Machine Hyperboles*** (8') – flute, bass clarinet, violin, viola, cello & percussion  
- NO EXIT New Music Ensemble, Cain Park; Cleveland Heights, OH. 6/20/23  
- NO EXIT New Music Ensemble, Kent State University; Kent, OH. 4/15/23  
- NO EXIT New Music Ensemble, Heights Arts; Cleveland Heights, OH. 4/14/23  
- NO EXIT New Music Ensemble, SPACES Gallery; Cleveland, OH. 4/7/23
- 2023      ***Spiral Suite*** (6') – mixed sextet (arr. 2021 – *Spiral Suite*, piano solo)  
- Otterbein University; Westerville, OH. 2/21/24
- 2022      ***Red Riding Pictures Proudly Presents*** (8') – oboe, clarinet, violin, cello, double bass & piano  
- Stars in the Classics; Pepper Pike, OH. 9/2/22  
- Stars in the Classics; Pepper Pike, OH. 9/1/22
- 2022      ***Afterlove*** (5') – clarinet, violin, cello & piano  
- Cleveland Composers Guild; Cleveland, OH. 1/21/24  
- Brightwork Ensemble; Los Angeles, CA (virtual). 9/4/22
- 2022      ***Aurora Fanfare & Dance*** (5') – clarinet quartet  
- Otterbein University; Westerville, OH. 2/21/24  
- Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 6/5/22
- 2019      ***Elegy*** (10') – violin, cello & piano  
- Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH. 4/28/19

- 2019     ***Serenade for the Ghosts*** (6') – clarinet & string quartet (arr. clarinet or flute, violin & piano)
- Stars in the Classics; Shaker Heights, OH. 10/27/24
  - Stars in the Classics; Beachwood, OH. 10/27/23
  - Stars in the Classics; Cleveland Heights, OH. 10/27/23
  - Stars in the Classics; Shaker Heights, OH. 10/31/22
  - Stars in the Classics; Shaker Heights, OH. 10/30/22
  - Stars in the Classics; Shaker Heights, OH. 10/30/21
  - Stars in the Classics; Cleveland Heights, OH. 10/29/21
  - Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH. 11/24/19
  - Stars in the Classics; Cleveland Heights, OH. 10/25/19
- 2018     ***Play Time*** (14') – horn, violin & piano (arr. flute, horn & piano; arr. trombone, violin & piano)
- Invicta Trio, Westminster Oaks; Tallahassee, FL. 3/9/20
  - Faculty Artist Series, Ball State University; Muncie, IN. 10/28/19
  - Indiana State University; Terre Haute, IN. 2/21/19
  - Shenyang Conservatory of Music; Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. 7/12/18
- 2018     ***Infinite Spinning*** (7') – Pierrot ensemble
- EnsembleNEWSRQ, Suncoast Composer Fellowship Program; Sarasota, FL. 9/5/23
  - Boston New Music Initiative, Longy School of Music; Cambridge, MA. 11/9/19
  - Music in the Circle, Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH. 7/11/19
  - Cleveland Institute of Music; Cleveland, OH. 11/18/18
  - American Modern Ensemble, Skidmore College; Saratoga Springs, NY. 6/8/18
- 2016     ***Music with Oliver*** (5') – clarinet & piano (arr. alto saxophone & piano; arr. trombone & piano)
- Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 2/7/21
  - Grace Lutheran Church; Tallahassee, FL. 11/3/19
  - Leora's Reverie, Acacia Reservation; Lyndhurst, OH. 9/17/19
  - Florida State University; Tallahassee, FL. 4/30/19
  - University of Florida; Gainesville, FL. 4/2/19
  - Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN. 11/10/18
  - Butler School of Music; Austin, TX. 4/8/18
  - St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; Edina, MN. 5/14/17
  - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/8/17
  - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 9/24/16
  - Church of Christ in China; Wan Chai District, Hong Kong. 5/4/16
  - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 10/31/15
  - Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Sewanee, TN. 7/15/15
  - Buskirk-Chumley Theater; Bloomington, IN. 4/15/15
  - Buskirk-Chumley Theater; Bloomington, IN. 4/14/15

- 2016 *To Rose* (11') – horn & piano  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 5/2/17  
 - Kevin Miescke Faculty Recital, Eastern Illinois University; Charleston, IL. 3/30/17
- 2015 *Groove Passing* (7') – alto saxophone, viola, double bass & piano  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 10/27/15  
 - New Music on the Point; Leicester, VT. 6/14/15
- 2015 *Toy Chest* (2') – horn, violin & piano (arr. flute, clarinet & piano)  
 - Indiana State University; Terre Haute, IN. 10/30/17  
 - Music from Salem; Cambridge, NY. 7/9/17  
 - Red Hedgehog Trio; Somerville, MA. 5/28/16  
 - Bowling Green State University; Bowling Green, OH. 4/24/16  
 - Red Hedgehog Trio; Saranac, NY. 6/28/15  
 - Red Hedgehog Trio, Whitney Center for the Arts; Pittsfield, MA. 2/21/15
- 2015 *Ripple Cycles* (8') – string quartet  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 2/29/16
- 2013 *Liquidus* (8') – five horns  
 - New Music for Horns, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/15/16  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 2/4/14
- 2012 *Brevity is the Soul of Wit* (6') – brass quintet  
 - Indiana State University Faculty Brass Quintet; Terre Haute, IN. 11/7/22  
 - Indiana State University Contemporary Music Festival; Terre Haute, IN. 10/28/22  
 - Terre Haute Symphony Brass Quintet, Westminster Village; Terre Haute, IN. 4/24/22  
 - Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Sewanee, TN. 7/3/15  
 - Copper Street Brass Quintet, Schubert Club; St. Paul, MN. 4/19/12
- 2013 *Petite Suite* (6') – oboe, clarinet, bassoon (arr. 2022 – *Petite Suite*, piano solo)  
 - North Coast Winds, Kent State University at Stark; Jackson Township, OH. 10/15/23  
 - Cleveland Wind Trio, Holden Arboretum; Kirtland, OH. 7/12/23  
 - University of Oklahoma, New Century Ensemble; Norman, OK. 2/16/23
- 2012 *Burlesquing Movement* (3') – saxophone ensemble (arr. violin & piano)  
 - KSU Saxophone Day, Kent State University; Kent, OH. 11/19/23  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 5/15/21  
 - Edina High School; Edina, MN. 3/1/13
- Piano**
- 2024 *4 X 4* (14') – piano solo  
 - Ohio Music Teachers Association; Akron, OH. 10/4/24

- 2024     **Nocturne** (6') – piano solo  
 - Cleveland Composers Guild, The Music Settlement; Cleveland, OH. 5/19/24
- 2021     **Spiral Suite** (6') – intermediate piano solo  
 - Otterbein University; Westerville, OH. 2/21/24  
 - Akron Music Institute Piano Studio Recital; Pepper Pike, OH. 12/10/23  
 - Studio of Alexandre Marr; Pepper Pike, OH. 5/12/23  
 - Classical Revolution; Cleveland OH. 2/15/23  
 - Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts, Church of the Covenant; Cleveland, OH. 10/18/22  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 4/30/22  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 2/11/22  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 8/28/21  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 5/15/21
- 2020     **Two Pieces** (16') – piano solo  
 - Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts, Church of the Covenant; Cleveland, OH. 10/18/22  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 5/28/21  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora OH (virtual). 5/24/20
- 2013     **Petite Suite** (6') – piano solo  
 - Otterbein University; Westerville, OH. 2/21/24  
 - Classical Revolution; Cleveland, OH. 2/15/23  
 - Tuesday Noon Organ Plus Concerts, Church of the Covenant; Cleveland, OH. 10/18/22  
 - Ariel's Light, Acacia Reservation; Lyndhurst, OH. 10/19/21  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 5/14/21  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 10/2/22  
 - Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH. 9/27/22  
 - Council Gardens; Cleveland Heights, OH. 9/5/19  
 - Music in the Circle; Chagrin Falls, OH. 7/3/19  
 - Classical Revolution; Cleveland, OH. 6/18/19  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 9/24/16  
 - University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN. 7/20/13
- Solo**
- 2021     **Mikrocellos** (13') – cello solo  
 - Ariel's Light, Acacia Reservation; Lyndhurst, OH. 10/19/21
- 2017     **Shades of Green** (7') – trombone solo  
 - University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Platteville, WI. 4/6/23  
 - Florida State University; Tallahassee, FL. 1/22/23  
 - Lift Music Fund; Athens, GA (virtual). 3/28/21  
 - Florida State University; Tallahassee, FL. 3/23/18

2017 *Mes Amis* (8') – oboe solo  
- Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/8/17

2014 *Rhapsodie* (11') – flute solo  
- Greater Cleveland Flute Society; Shaker Heights, OH. 4/28/24  
- Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 3/25/14

### **Solo & Ensemble**

2020 *Morceau pour Sill* (30') – bassoon solo, clarinet, horn, trumpet, violin, viola, cello & double bass  
- Aurora School of Music; Aurora, OH (virtual). 11/8/20

2017 *Loneliness and Imaginations* (27') – guitar solo & chamber orchestra  
- Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/8/17

### **Orchestra**

2019 *Many Universes* (14') – chamber orchestra  
- *reading*: Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, Prairie State College; Chicago Heights, IL. 4/16/24  
- Cleveland Chamber Symphony, Baldwin Wallace University; Berea, OH. 4/3/19

2016 *Strut* (4') – symphony orchestra  
- *reading*: Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/14/16

2013 *Costa Rican Monkey Games* (5') – youth orchestra  
- Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, Hopkins High School; Minnetonka, MN. 3/10/13

2011 *Jest* (6') – chamber orchestra  
- Minnesota Sinfonia, Lake Harriet Bandshell; Minneapolis, MN. 6/22/12

### **Concert Band & Wind Ensemble**

2024 *Tuneful Celebration* (5') – concert band  
- Burnsville High School; Burnsville, MN. 10/10/24

2021 *Rocky River Counterpoint* (4') – concert band  
- South Suburban Conference Band Festival; Shakopee, MN. 3/14/24  
- Burnsville High School; Burnsville, MN. 1/5/24  
- Lutheran High School West; Rocky River, OH. 5/7/22  
- Lutheran High School West; Rocky River, OH. 3/3/22

2014 *The Hinz Waltz 2* (4') – wind ensemble  
- Otterbein University; Westerville, OH. 2/21/24  
- Edina High School; Edina, MN. 12/13/21  
- Cochran Chamber Commissioning Project; Edina, MN. 6/6/14



- 2012 *The Hinz Waltz* (4') – concert band  
 - Minnesota Symphonic Winds; Edina, MN. 6/10/14  
 - Burnsville High School; Burnsville, MN. 5/16/13  
 - Edina High School; Edina, MN. 12/13/12  
 - Edina High School; Edina, MN. 12/10/12

### Voice

- 2023 *Evening Song* (3') – soprano & piano  
 - Studio of Ok-Sim Kim, The Music Settlement; Cleveland, OH. 7/29/23  
 - Cleveland Composers Guild, The Music Settlement; Cleveland, OH. 5/14/23
- 2017 *All You Need* (3') – baritone voice, trumpet, trombone & bass clarinet  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/8/17  
 - Loadbang ensemble, Red Note Music Festival; Normal, IL. 3/29/17
- 2016 *Lacquer Prints* (13') – tenor voice & piano (arr. tenor voice & mixed octet)  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 10/25/16
- 2013 *To See a World* (3') – mezzo-soprano voice, cello & piano  
 - Cleveland Composers Guild; Rocky River, OH. 1/29/23  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 11/1/15  
 - University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN. 7/20/13
- 2012 *The Swing* (2') – soprano voice, oboe, clarinet & piano  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 11/1/15  
 - University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN. 7/28/12

### Choral

- 2016 *Aliens* (7') – six-part choir  
 - *reading*: Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 12/10/16
- 2013 *Untitled Meditation* (3') – SATB choir  
 - *reading*: VocalEssence, University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN. 7/18/13

### Electronic & Electroacoustic

- 2017 *Requiem* (7') – trombone & fixed media (stereo)  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 4/29/17
- 2015 *Gasp Grids* (6') – clarinet, cello & fixed media (quad)  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 12/6/15
- 2014 *Artificial Rainstorm* (6') – fixed-media (quad)  
 - Indiana University Jacobs School of Music; Bloomington, IN. 12/2/14