

# corey douglas smith

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## education

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor.

Bachelor of Music Composition with Highest Honors.

2010-2014. GPA: 3.937.

## primary music composition instruction

Studies with Erik Santos, Evan Chambers, Bright Sheng, Kristin Kuster

## collaborations

2017 | *We Are a LightHouse*

assistant director and composer with director Lindsey Barlag-Thornton

Multimedia Performance. (60')

Premiered as a part of Links Hall's SET FREE residency

2016-present | ROUGH HOUSE

Sound design and performance with puppet theatre company, Rough House

work includes:

Cicada Summer (60') - Chopin Theater, September 2017

This isn't good... (7')

2015-present | CURRENT BIOGRAPHY

with Ashley Hollingshead

pieces include:

Just Want to Try You On (45')

Getting to Know You (45')

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE ANYTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED! (8')

2015-2016 | *THIS*

devised with director Lindsey Barlag Thornton and ensemble

Multimedia Performance. (60')

2012 - present | THE SUBURBAN PIANO QUARTET

Co-director. Experimental performance ensemble.

Performances include:

*drone music* (73')

*what's gone to sky* (45')

*There is No Jazz in Idaho* (30') in collaboration with Kirsten Carey

*the space between things* (45')

*some people fly by in a helicopter* (45')

*nineteen days the sun* (90') in collaboration with Diana Sussman

*Plail* (30') in collaboration with Betsy Soukup  
*Requiem in Water* (75')

2015 | *EIGHT EASY STEPS TO BE LESS BLAND*  
Collaboration with Kirsten Carey  
Guerilla Multimedia performance. (30')

2013 | *Persons of Quality*  
Experimental dance-theatre.  
Collaboration with Nola Smith, mover; Willie Filkowski, performer  
*Who is Luther Burbank?*  
Multimedia performance. 45'  
2013. Revised and reperformed January 2014.

## awards / residencies

2017 Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events 2017 Individual Artist Program Grantee  
2017 Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Artist in Residence  
2017 Pivot Arts Arts Incubator Sponsorship - *The New Prairie School*  
2016 Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Artist in Residence  
2016 Mess Hall Featured Artist - *The Coincidentals*  
2015 IndieGoGo Suburban Piano Quartet Campaign  
2014 Grin City Emerging Artists Residency, Grinnell, IA

## solo performance work

*The New Prairie School* solo performance  
Forthcoming January 2018 at Links Hall  
Recipient of 2017 DCASE Individual Artist Grant

*TAKE/COVER!* solo performance (45')  
Premiered at Rurally Good Arts Festival, Summer 2016

*The Birthday of Everyone i Know.* solo performance (indeterminate length)  
Premiered at Y-Portraits, presented by MOZAWA, Summer 2015.

*Seemingly, Softly, Swiftly.* solo performance (10')  
Premiered at Link's Hall's THAW, Spring 2015.

*The Invention of Falling* multimedia performance (30')  
Premiered at Grinnell Arts Center, Summer 2014  
Written as part of the Grin City Emerging Artists Residency

*A a aA abacus* multimedia performance (70')  
Premiered at Duderstadt Video Studio, Fall 2013

*IaMan* multimedia performance (8')

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Spring 2013

*Portrait* for solo performer (5)

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Fall 2012

## music composition

*Almanac* for trumpet and electronics (35')

Premiered at Stamps Auditorium, Spring 2017

Commissioned by Amanda Ross through the University of Michigan EXCEL Lab

*Atlas, as he is seen through a prism* for solo cello (5')

Premiered at Stamps Auditorium, Fall 2012

*Gesture No. 1* for open instrumentation (indeterminate length)

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Fall 2012

*Have you ever admired beautiful, wild horses?* for soprano and piano (7')

Premiered at The University of Vermont Recital Hall, Summer 2012

*Meditation on Ascension* for string quartet (9')

Premiered at The University of Vermont Recital Hall, Summer 2012

*darkwater, radiant* for accordion, two performers, and three trumpets (20')

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Spring 2012

*Meditation Prelude* for organ (16')

Premiered at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor, Spring 2012

*something worth crowing about* for jazz ensemble (indeterminate length)

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Winter 2012

*Streets* for saxophone duet (17')

Premiered at Briton Recital Hall, Winter 2013.

## video work

*First Study for a New Prairie School* Video (66')

*Second Study for a New Prairie School (prairie interventions)* (42')

*Third Study for a New Prairie School (prairie vespers)* (14')

*for the Granada* (5')

*Studies on Navigation* (5')

## performances

Solo performances....

in *Studies for a New Prairie School*

7/16/16 - Slate New Media Gallery, Chicago, IL  
1/28/17- Mess Hall, with The Coincidentals, Archer Beach House, Chicago, IL  
3/27/17 - Pivot Arts Incubator Program, Loyola University, Chicago, IL  
9/21/17 - Slate New Media Gallery, Third Thursdays Performance Art Series, Chicago, IL

in *TAKE/COVER!*

6/4/16 - Rurally Good Arts Festival, Grinnell, IA  
2/26/17 - Burlington Bar, Chicago, IL  
5/10/17 - Slate New Media Gallery, Chicago, IL

in *The Birthday of Everyone i Know*

7/30/15 to 8/1/15 - Y-Portraits, Mozawa. Open Secret Studios. Chicago, IL.

as emcee

2/13/14 to 2/14/14 - Off the Wall Cabaret. Links Hall. Chicago, IL

as DJ

8/2016-8/21/16 - HybridSalon3 with Genesis, Collaboration, Chicago, IL

in *A a aA Abacus*

10/24/13 to 10/25/13 - Duderstadt Center. Ann Arbor, MI

in *The Invention of Falling*

7/10/14 - Grinnell City. Grinnell, IA  
8/25/14- Canterbury House. Ann Arbor, MI  
9/13/14- Follow Spot. Chicago, IL

Collaborations...

with THE SUBURBAN PIANO QUARTET

*the space between things*

3/20/13 - Moore Building Rehearsal Hall. Ann Arbor, MI

*Michigan Fall: A Retrospective*

10/9/13 - Various Locations. Ann Arbor, MI.

*Some people fly by in a helicopter*

10/9/13 - 412 N Thayer. Ann Arbor, MI

*nineteen days the sun*

11/23/13 - Yellow Barn. Ann Arbor, MI

Student Composers Concert

4/7/14 - Britton Recital Hall. Ann Arbor, MI

*what's gone to sky*

4/9/14, 4/11/14 - Moore Building Rehearsal Hall Ann Arbor, MI

*Songs*, with Tanner Porter

4/20/14 - McIntosh Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI

*there is no jazz in idaho*

4/23/14 - 412 N Thayer. Ann Arbor, MI

*Drone Music*

10/15/14 - St Andrew's Episcopal Church. Ann Arbor, MI  
*REQUIEM IN WATER*

10/19/15 - McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum. Chicago, IL  
12/12/15 - BAM Hall, Ann Arbor, MI

with CURRENT BIOGRAPHY

*ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, ANYTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED!!!*

7/26/15-7/27/15 HybridSalon1 with Genesis, The Foxhole Chicago. Chicago, IL

*GETTING TO KNOW YOU*

6/25/16-6/26/16 Defibrillator Gallery. Chicago IL

4/17/16-4/18/16, HybridSalon2 with Genesis, Co-Prosperity Sphere. Chicago, IL

3/10/16 THAW, Salvage One. Chicago, IL

*JUST WANT TO TRY YOU ON*

4/10/17-4/11/17 Defibrillator Gallery. Chicago, IL

with ROUGH HOUSE PUPPET THEATER...

as FOLEY ARTIST in *This isn't good...*

10/31/16 - Nasty Brutish and Short Puppet Cabaret, Links Hall. Chicago, IL

11/5/16 - High Concept Labs Open House. Chicago, IL

as FOLEY ARTIST in *Cicada Summer*

3/27/17 - Pivot Arts Incubator Program, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

as PERFORMER in *THIS*.

9/3/15 -Filament Theater. Chicago, IL

2/5/16-2/8/16 - Links Hall, Chicago, IL, part of IN>TIME 16 Performance Festival

as FOLEY ARTIST in *AN INTERDIMENSIONAL LOVE STORY* (with Myra Su)

1/23/17-1/25/16-Immaculate, Poignant and Medium Length Puppet Cabaret, Links Hall. Chicago,IL

as NARRATOR in Kirsten Carey's *The Ulysses Project*

10/5/13 - Kerrytown Concert House. Ann Arbor, MI

5/10/14 - Contemporary Art Institute Detroit. Detroit, MI

5/11/14 - Dreamland. Buffalo, NY

5/12/14 - Spectrum. New York City, NY

5/13/14 - An Die Musik, Baltimore, MD

5/14/14 - Windup Space, Baltimore, MD

5/15/14 - Garfield Artworks, Pittsburg, PA

3/9/15 - Downtown Arts Center, Lexington, KY

3/10/15 - The Stone Fox, Nashville, TN

3/11/15 - Val's Halla Record Store, Oak Park, IL

as PERFORMER in *Who is Luther Burbank*

4/18/13 to 4/20/13 - Studio One. Ann Arbor, MI

2/15/14 - Links Halls. Chicago, IL.

as FOLEY ARTIST in *The Well of Horniness*

3/14/14 to 3/16/14 - Studio One. Ann Arbor, MI  
5/7/14 - CUNY Grad Center. New York City, NY  
5/9/14 - Dixon Place. New York City, NY

As musician...

The University of Michigan Digital Music Ensemble: Performer, 2013-2014  
The University of Michigan Concert Band: Trumpet, 2010-2013

## exhibitions

Property

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, with Roman/Susan. Chicago, IL. 4/1/17-5/5/17  
*for the granada*

Quorum Year 1 — JKL Collective

Positive Space Studios, Chicago, IL. 8/6/17  
*Studies on Navigation*

2017 Tallgrass Artist Residency Group Exhibition

The Bank, Matfield Green, KS. 9/23/17-11/19/17

*First Study for a New Prairie School* Video (66')

*Second Study for a New Prairie School (prairie interventions)* Video, 42 minutes

*Third Study for a New Prairie School (prairie vespers)* Video, 14 minutes

## ...miscellaneous...

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Artist Symposium

Presentation on work and residency. 9/23/17 Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, Kansas.

Workshop leader, object/text.

Workshop with a focus on devising performance, associations between imagistic and textual elements, and the cannon of performance art. 3/23/14 Living Arts at the University of Michigan.

Rehearsal Choreographer, Willie Filkowski Welcomes You to FLORIDA: THE SUNSHINE STATE.

Multimedia Performance. 4/17/15 Premiered at the Duderstadt Center. Ann Arbor, MI.

New Music on the Point, Summer 2012

Studies with Kathryn Alexander, Laura Schwendinger. Workshop with JACK Quartet.