

John McQuaig | screen composer, pianist

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EDUCATION

- 2022 Master of Music**, Music Theory and Composition: Screen Scoring
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York, NY
- 2019 Master of Music**, Piano Performance
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, New York, NY
- 2019 Advanced Certificate**, Piano Performance and Pedagogy
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture Education and Human Development, New York, NY
- Graduated with distinction
- Steinhardt Graduate Scholarship recipient
- 2016 Bachelor of Music**, Piano Performance
Ithaca College, Ithaca NY
- Ithaca Premier Talent Scholarship recipient
- President's Scholarship recipient

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present Freelance composer for media** - New York, NY
Skills: Writing original music for media - mixing and mastering music/audio - bussing and printing stems - preparing ProTools sessions for recording - creating templates - sampled instrument creation - creating original synthesized sounds/instruments - orchestrating from MIDI - editing/mixing sound to picture - recording audio/music - creating/editing musical scores - performing music - basic video editing - entrepreneurship and self-promotion

RECENT WORK

- 2023 North, Sun** [composer] drama/experimental short film
Dir. Jack Hassett
- 2023 Mai American (teaser)** [composer] documentary film trailer
Dir. Kevin Truong
DocLands Film Festival: DocPitch
- 2023 Bridge Nights and Dog Days** [composer] drama/comedy short film
Dir. Ailís DeTommaso

- 2022 Loudmouth** [score technical assistant, uncredited] - documentary feature
Dir. Josh Alexander
Tribeca Film Festival
- 2022 Blood Sugar** [composer] drama short
Dir. Carlos Cagin
- 2022 For the Love of Frogs** [composer and sound editor] - animated short film
Dir. Rea Silvia Feriozzi
Unreal Fellowship
- 2022 The Spire's Shadow** [composer] - video game
Dev. Joseph Tyler Nelson
- 2022 Comet** [composer] - animated short film
Dir. Annika Koehler
- 2020 Game of Hundos** [composer] - documentary short film
Dir. Shai Ben-Dor
Trail Running Film Festival

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Logic Pro - AVID Pro Tools - Sibelius - Dorico - Wwise - iMovie - Google Suite - Mac/Windows

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Piano instructor** - The Browning School - New York, NY
Teach piano to students in grades K-12 in the after school music program.
- 2017-present Piano instructor** - Self-employed - New York, NY
Teach piano and general music to students of all ages and skill levels in the New York metropolitan area. Curate and create materials for students to learn methodically.
- 2017-2019 Adjunct Instructor, Piano** - NYU Steinhardt - New York, NY
Taught more than 120 students over 2 years and received consistently positive evaluations from students each semester. Taught Keyboard Skills I-IV to undergraduate music majors. Taught private lessons to undergraduate music majors & non-music majors. Kept organized spreadsheets for grades and attendance. Organized students' schedules and corresponded with facilities coordinator to arrange lesson spaces and times.