musician & composer

Jordan Morton

Artist name: ordon Sard

I'm a professional musician blending voice, bowed bass, and electronics. Since 2017 I've used my mother's surname as my artist name. I have many years of experience on stage, working both as accompanist and soloist, as a freelancer and within academic environments. Recently I've collaborated with visual artists, building sound worlds for film, VR, and installation, and combining electronic and acoustic processes beyond my instrumental practice. Regardless of medium or role, I always try to craft the most direct, powerful experience for those who take the time to engage with my music.

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Employment

January 2020 - present

Artistic Researcher Norwegian University of Science and Technology

PhD Candidate, researching concurrent pitch systems of bowed double bass through integrations of technology, voice, and text, for completion and defense Spring 2023

October 2013 - January 2020

Double Bassist Freelance instrumentalist based in New York City Performing and recording artist, touring the USA, Canada and Europe with projects in classical styles, klezmer, free jazz, pop, and folk music

November & December 2018

Artistic Curator in Residence Banff Centre for the Arts and Creativity Coordination and curation of concert events at seasonal artist-in-residence program

August 2016 - June 2018

Teaching & Research Assistant University of California San Diego Assisting undergraduate music courses in sound engineering and pop music

August 2013 - June 2015

Visiting Lecturer of the Double Bass Cornell University

Private lessons and mentorship for undergraduate double bassists

August 2016 - June 2018

Education

Master's degree Music Performance University of California San Diego With a focus on double bass, contemporary music, production, and composition

September 2012 - June 2013

Teaching certificate International Rabbath Institute Paris

Year of private study with double bass virtuoso François Rabbath

August 2008 - May 2012

Bachelor's degree Music Performance Ithaca College

With an emphasis on classical technique and performance practice

August 2011 - December 2011

Study semester in the Netherlands Conservatorium van Amsterdam

With an emphasis on theory, collaborative projects, and jazz

Solo Projects

2020 Polyphonic Processes for Bass and Voice (PhD Project in Artistic Research at NTNU)
2023 'Process Trash' fringe publication (bi-monthly) for creative processes and networks
2022 'Unwhorl' Snail orchestra for Mari Bastashevski's VR world *Pending Xenophora*2021 '4:57 am' Live audio-visual text piece, premiered at Cinemateket, Trondheim
2020 - 21 'The Word of the Year' staged solo music & text piece, recorded at Dokkhuset
2020 'Crisis Radio' sound collage piece aired by KIT during the height of the pandemic
2017 - 18 'Suite Myth', music for solo and chamber iterations, performed 2016 -2020
2014 -18 'Creatures', experimental pop duo with drummer and producer Kai Basanta
2012 - 14 'Cascadilla Creek' collection of songs for solo bass and voice, 2014 studio release

Collaborations

2022 Sound design & composition for Mari Bastashevski's VR exhibit Pending Xenophora
2021 Sound design for Yana Mikhalina's film Sisterless, premiered at Documenta, Kassell
2021 Development and performance for The Things We Need OnlyConnect Festival
2018 Cross-adaptive processing as music intervention, recordings with Øyvind Brandtsegg

Conferences

2022 National Artistic Research Forum, Stavanger, Polyphonic Processes, Bass and Voice
2021 National Artistic Research Forum, Trondheim, premiere of 4:57 am
2020 International Conference Live Interfaces, A 3D Geography of the Double Bass
2015 International Society of Bassists, presenting New works for bowed bass and voice

Awards Grants

2012 – 13 Harriet Hale Wooley Scholarship for residence and study in Paris, France
2015 Carrie Lazarus Fund for Extraordinary Talent, funding the purchase of a bass
2011 Alice Flaum Berman Scholarship, supporting studies at Domaine Forget Retreat

Residencies Teaching

2018 Banff Musicians in Residence (BMiR) curator position and artistic residency
2018 Teacher of Double Bass at KlezKanada Laurentian Retreat, Montreal, Canada
2017 Young Artists in Harmony, teacher and mentor in community outreach, San Diego CA
2016 Carnegie Hall, Weill Music Institute, teacher & mentor in community outreach, NYC
2015 Icelandic Academy for the Arts, guest artist and lecturer, Reykjavik, Iceland
2014 Banff International Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music, Banff, Canada
2014 Composition Residency at Avaloch Farm Music Institute, New Hampshire USA

Bands

2013 - present Ljova and the Kontraband, cross-genre project of Lev Zhurbin

2018 The Honorable Ment'shn, klezmer band of clarinetist Michael Winograd

2017 Being and Becoming, free jazz quartet led by Peter Evans

2016 Pillars, metal-klezmer, with Tyshawn Sorey and Michael Winograd

2015 Matuto, touring Brazilian-bluegrass band led by guitarist Clay Ross

Discography

2022 Sveta Kundish and Patrick Farrell Nem Mayn Vort (Oriente Musik)

2019 Trondheim EMP Poke It With A Stick/Joining the Bots (Cronica Electronica)

2019 Michael Winograd *Kosher Style* (independent release)

2017 Josh Waletzky Passengers (independent release, poetry book and cd set)

2014 Jordan Morton Cascadilla Creek (independent release)

Performances

2022 Mediamatic (Amsterdam) • National Sawdust (NYC) • Trondheim Kunstmusem 2021 NyMusikk Stavanger • Trondheim Fringe Festival • Sonic Stills Festival Trondheim OnlyConnect Festival Trondheim • SoddJazz • Dokkhuset 2020 Trondheim Jazz Fest Trondheim Solo Sessions • ArtActs Festival (Austria) • Aufsturz Jazz Club (Berlin) • Yoko Club (Hamburg) • The Loft (Cologne) 2019 Carnegie Hall (NYC) • Opera de Lyon (France) • Ottawa Jazz Fest (Canada) • Rochester Jazz Fest (NY) • Club Passim (Boston) • Jewish Culture Fest (Poland) • The Roulette (NYC) • Feed Me Weird Things (Iowa) • Omaha Under the Radar (Nebraska) 2018 San Diego Museum of Art (California) Prototype Festival for New Opera (NYC) • High Desert Soundings (California) Angel City Jazz Festival (LA) • The Banff Centre for Jazz and Creativity (Canada) KlezKanada Festival (Montreal) • Zlatne Uste Golden Festival (NYC) • Ottawa Chamber Music Festival (Canada) 2017 BenFeng Arts Evolution Festival (Taiwan) • The Banff Centre (Canada) The Stone (NYC) • Barbés Brooklyn (NYC) • National Public Radio Tiny Desk Concert (Washington DC) • Chutzpah! Festival (Vancouver) • White Mountain Chamber Music Festival (New Hampshire) 2016 La Mama Experimental Theater (NYC) • Vancouver Folk Festival (Canada) • Carnegie Hall Neighborhood Concert Series (NYC) 2015 Saturday Night Live (NYC) • Apollo Theater (NYC) • The Late Show with David Letterman (NYC) Mengi Art Space (Iceland) 2014 WOMEX World Music Showcase (UK) • The Banff Centre for Jazz and Creativity (Canada) • The Jalopy (NYC) • The International Society of Bassists Convention (Colorado) 2013 The Mona Bismarck American Center (Paris) • Le Fondation des États-Unis (Paris) • Sowieso Neukölln (Berlin) • Instant Chevires (Paris)