

JOHN GEIST, Composer

Current Work

Jonah/Sita, an immersive installation performance art play-work in six parts (five hours), 2012—present and continuing.

Awards

Some awards John Geist has received include the Nonesuch Commission Award, the California Arts Council Artist-in-Residence, the Dramalog Award for Best Musical Direction on West Coast, the Bay Area Critics Circle Award for Best Theater Composition, and the Dean Goodman Choice Award for Best Theater Composition.

Artistic Director

John was Artistic Director for the Magdalena Group from 1988 to 1994 and for Chaucer Theatre from 1996 to 2012.

Producer-Director Projects

Projects on which John has served as Producer-Director include Magdalena: one-woman musical plus chorus; The Music of Erich Zann, concert and radio broadcast work, book by H. P. Lovecraft, actor Dale Elliott (Kronos Quartet); and the entire Canterbury Tales staged (Chaucer Theatre).

Commissions

John has received commissions from the Kronos Quartet, the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, the Berkeley Chamber Orchestra, the Oakland Chamber Orchestra, the Berkeley Repertory Theater, the California Shakespeare Festival, the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company, Chanticleer, Lilliput, the San Francisco Community Chorus, the Clerestory Players, Head Royce School, San Francisco Girls Chorus, and countless other institutions and individuals.

Venues

Some venues where Geist music has been performed include the Lincoln Center, The Barbican (London), Darmstadt Contemporary Music Festival (Germany), Paramount Theater (Oakland), Palace of the Legion of Honor (San Francisco), Gulbenkian Theatre (University of Kent, Canterbury, UK), Theatre Royal (Winchester, UK), Dinkelspiel Auditorium (Stanford University), Saint Mary's College (Moraga, California), Sonoma State University (Rohnert Park, California), and the Norris Center for the Performing Arts (Rolling Hills Estates, California).

Education

University of California Riverside, AB Music Composition
University of Nevada Reno, MM, Music Composition