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# Within Worlds DMA Recital III

Ilana Waniuk - violin

Friday, May 26th, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. Experimental Theater University of California San Diego





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birdcage (2023)\*

Sequenza VIII (1976)

in(tone) (2012) with Myra Hinrichs -violin

within worlds *Fixed/live audio with improvised visuals* 

This Way Forever (2023)\* in^set - with David Aguila and Teresa Díaz de Cossio Alex Mah (b.1990)

Luciano Berio (1925-2003)

Catherine Lamb (b. 1982)

Improvisation

Joseph Bourdeau (b.1992)

\*world premiere





## birdcage (2023)

*birdcage* is an introspective multi-media and performance work that reflects on family, migration, and memory through written text (scores and poetry), lanterns, voice, and music. Created in collaboration with violinist, photographer Ilana Waniuk, *birdcage* was created with generous support from the Canada Council for the Arts and the SOCAN Foundation.

The scores, poems, and lanterns are also part of a publication and are designed to be assembled into a simple lantern that holds the scores and poems and invites the viewer to engage with the content in a non-linear way. Published by <u>Moniker Press</u>.

#### -Alex Mah

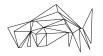
Alex Mah is an interdisciplinary artist, composer-musician and performer in dance. He lives and practices on the unceded ancestral territories of the x<sup>w</sup>mə $\theta$ k<sup>w</sup>əýəm (Musqueam) Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. His electroacoustic music investigates time and timbre and his written music explores embodied concepts such as chance choice and relationality in performance. He has performed in Canada, the U.S. and Germany and holds a BFA from Simon Fraser University (Canada) and an MRes from Bath Spa University (U.K.).

### This Way Forever (2023)

Composed for in^set (David Aguila, Teresa Díaz de Cossio, Ilana Waniuk) in 2023, *This Way Forever* is a piece which relies heavily on the performers' personalities and personal experiences to generate musical and theatrical material. The performers provide text and musical samples, which are added to a pre-composed framework. This process creates a dense and constantly shifting mix of voices and perspectives, in which players are often asked to speak about themselves or each other, while performing various actions, both mundane and abstract. By presenting a variety of actions the piece shines a light on various aspects of the performers' practices, and the juxtaposition between their individual approaches is a central focus of the work.

#### -Joseph Bourdeau

Joseph Bourdeau is a composer, educator and performer currently living in San Diego, California. Influenced by diverse artistic interests, Joseph's work blends music, humor and theater, while often manipulating familiar sounds and situations in the pursuit of surreal new experiences. Active in a number of capacities Joseph has worked in mediums ranging from notated concert music, to free improvisation, as well as various kinds of electroacoustic, popular, and theatrical music. Joseph holds bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Composition from the University of South Florida, and a master's in composition from UC San Diego, where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D in music.





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