

# Joshua Vranas

*Songwriter & Storyteller*

## Education

MFA, New York University, Graduate Musical Theatre Writing, Class of 2021

- Composer/Lyricist/Librettist

BFA, Savannah College of Art and Design, Production Design, Class of 2019 (Cum Laude)

- Concentration in Costume Design

## Professional Honors

Awards:

Top-5 Nominee, Marvin Hamlisch International Music Awards (Emerging Musical Theater Division) – 2021\*

\*For Original Music and Lyrics

Frederick Loewe Award, ASCAP – 2019

Horace W. Goldsmith Fellowship – 2020

Virginia Theater Association 2020 New Musical Theater Showcase – 2020\*

\*For *Emma and the West*

Residences/Fellowships:

35th Parallel Productions Writers Retreat – 2022

## Selected Musical Theater Works

*Between* (Music, Lyrics, Book)

Lab: Ripley Grier Studios, dir. Genevieve Wilson (NY) – Feb 2026

Reading: Ripley Grier Studios (NY) – Dec 2025

*My Pet Dragon* (Music & Book; Lyrics & Book by Maggie Moe)

Produced by Blue Topaz Productions

Concert: Evan Bernardin Productions/Joe's Pub, dir. Joe Barros (NY) – July 2024

Presentations: GSV Mission Summit (TX), Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (MN),

Acceptance Recovery Center (GA) – 2022-2023

Workshop: 35th Parallel Productions (SC) – August 2022

Industry Readings: 35th Parallel Productions (NY) - March 2022;

NYU Tisch - May 2021

*Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six* (Music; Lyrics & Book by Clare Fuyuko Bierman)

Commissioned by Youth Theatre Northwest

World Premiere: Youth Theatre Northwest, dir. Erin Murray (WA) – Nov 2022

Workshop: Youth Theatre Northwest, dir. Erin Murray (WA) – Apr 2022

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*Emma and the West* (Music; Lyrics & Book by Clare Fuyuko Bierman)\*

Productions: Long Beach City College (CA) – Apr 2022;

Youth Theatre Northwest (WA) – Jan 2021

Cast Recording (Virtual) – Jul 2020 \*Selected for VTA New Musical Showcase

## **Music Releases**

Albums and EPs:

*softer now* - 2023

*Lost Time* - 2022

*A Fly in Molasses* – Songs from the Play - 2021

*Emma and the West* – Original Cast Recording - 2020

Selected Singles:

*if this doesn't work out* - 2023

*darling* - 2023

*eying* - 2023

*Greenwich 1957* (Lyrics by Clare Fuyuko Bierman) - 2021

*How Dare You?* (Lyrics by Maggie Moe) - 2021

*I'll Be Here* (Lyrics by Clare Fuyuko Bierman, Feat. Bela Konstancja) - 2020

*Who We Are* (Lyrics by Joe Badore, Feat. Leah Vranas & Elyse Douglas) - 2020

Streaming Milestone:

Founder of the *Goodness Garden Community*, a healing music initiative with over 6 millions streams and 40,000+ monthly listeners since its launch in 2023

## **In Development**

*Space Invaders* (Music, Lyrics, Book)

A satirical and heartfelt musical comedy set in 1947 Roswell, exploring grief, conformity, and chosen family through the story of a suburban couple who discover a mysterious alien girl. Fully drafted with a streamlined 75-page industry version and 17-song demo complete.

*Patchwork, The New OZ Musical* (Music, Lyrics, Book)

A 90-minute family fantasy based on *The Patchwork Girl of Oz*, reimagined as a story about chosen family and inner magic. Currently being developed as a concept album.

## **Teaching**

Songwriting Teaching Artist, Garden Theatre (FL), – Spring 2022

Guest Composer, MFA Playwriting Program, Columbia University (NY) – Fall 2021

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**Notable Concerts and Performances**

*My Pet Dragon in Concert*, Evan Bernadin Productions/Joe's Pub (NY) – July 2024

*Broadway's Future Songbook*, Lincoln Center (NY) – Spring 2021

*Village Song*, Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre (NY) – Winter 2021

*The Dumb American Amateur Hour*, Starr Bar (NY) – Spring 2022

*Sounds of Arts Festival*, MUSE (Virtual) – Fall 2020

*Stanford University Arts Gala*, The Cutting Room (NY) – Fall 2019

*Finally Got It Right*, Mondanaro Theater (GA) – Spring 2019

**Affiliations**

Dramatists Guild Member, since 2021

ASCAP, since 2022

New Play Exchange, since 2021

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