Joshua Vranas

Songwriter & Storyteller

Education

MFA, New York University, Graduate Musical Theatre Writing, Class of 2021 (Cycle 30)
- Composer/Lyricist/Librettist

BFA, Savannah College of Art and Design, Production Design, Class of 2019 (Cum Laude)
- Concentration in Costume Design

Professional Honors

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*

Selected Musical Theater Works

Nearly Neighbors (Music, Lyrics, Book)
Produced by Nikita Chernin, & Ash Alina

Presentation: Open Jar Studios, starring Jenn Colella, dir. Jade King Carroll (NY) — Nov 2026

Music Video: 'Mo(u)rning', starring Jenn Colella, Playbill exclusive — Nov 2026

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

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

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: Self produced - 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:

Mo(u)rning - 2026
Slow It Down - 2026
if this doesn't work out - 2023
darling - 2023
eying - 2023

In Development

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

A pastoral Oz adventure following Ojo, the 'unluckiest boy in the world', who accidentally brings a patchwork girl to life and embarks on a quest to save his frozen guardians, only to discover that true magic and his worth comes not from external spells but from within.

Teaching

Songwriting Teaching Artist, Garden Theatre (FL), — Spring 2022
Guest Composer, MFA Playwriting Program, Columbia University (NY) — Fall 2021

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