

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

Virginia Theater Association 2020 New Musical Theater Showcase – 2020*

*For *Emma and the West*

Horace W. Goldsmith Fellowship – 2020

Frederick Loewe Award, ASCAP – 2019

Residences/Fellowships:

35th Parallel Productions Writers Retreat – 2022

Selected Musical Theater Works

My Pet Dragon (Music and Book; Lyrics and Book by Maggie Moe) [Produced by Blue Topaz Productions]

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

Keynote Presentation: GSV Mission Summit (TX) – Spring 2023

Podcast Interview: Hazelden Betty Ford Clinic (MN) – Spring 2023

'Making Of' Presentation: 35th Parallel Productions (TX) – Fall 2022

Presentation: Acceptance Recovery Center (GA) – Fall 2022

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

Industry Reading: 35th Parallel Productions (NY) – Spring 2022

Reading: New York University (NY) - Spring 2021

Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six (Music; Lyrics and Book by Clare Fuyuko Bierman)
[Commissioned for the 2022-2023 season of Youth Theatre Northwest]

Production: Youth Theatre Northwest (WA) – Fall 2022

Workshop: Youth Theatre Northwest (WA) – Spring 2022

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

Production: Long Beach City College (CA) – Spring 2022

Production: Youth Theatre Northwest (WA) – Winter 2021

Production: Original Cast Recording Audio Drama Release (Virtual) – Summer 2020

*Selected for Virginia Theater Association 2020 New Musical Theater Showcase

Released Music

softer now - album, 2023

if this doesn't work out - single, 2023

darling - single, 2023

eying - single, 2023

Lost Time - album, 2022

A Fly in Molasses, Songs from the Play - EP, 2021

Greenwich 1957 (Lyrics by Clare Fuyuko Bierman) - single, 2021

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

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

Emma and the West Cast Recording (Words by Clare Fuyuko Bierman) - album, 2020

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

*Joshua is the creator of the **Goodness Garden Community**, which produces high-quality healing sounds. On all streaming services, the Goodness Garden has over 4 million streams, over 40,000 monthly listeners since its launch in July 2023, and has been heard in every country where Spotify is available (that's 184 territories!).

In Development

Space Invaders (Music, Lyrics, Book)

A musical about societal expectations, the nature of love, and unexpected family through the lens of the 1947 Roswell Incident.

Pink Peaks (Music, Lyrics, Book)

An exploratory musical about a young, gay teen in Christian conversion therapy who makes a mental connection with a gay, German prisoner of the nazis in 1943. Together, they discover the similarities of their situation and the hope of reclaiming the pink triangle symbol of oppression.

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

Based on the 1913 book, *The Patchwork Girl of OZ*, by L. Frank Baum, this musical updates this tale of adventure to be about finding your chosen family and your voice in the progress.

Teaching

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

Guest Composer for MFA Playwriting Class, 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
Ed on the Edge Podcast Intro, GSV (TX) – Spring 2023
Pioneers and Arrows Podcast Intro, GSV (TX) – Spring 2023
MY PET DRAGON Presentation, GSV Mission Summit (TX) – Spring 2023
The Dumb American Amateur Hour, Starr Bar (NY) – Spring 2022
Queer Main Characters, Instagram Account (Virtual) – Summer 2021
Broadway's Future Songbook, Lincoln Center (NY) – Spring 2021
Village Song, Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre (NY) – Winter 2021
Sounds of Arts Festival, MUSE (Virtual) – Fall 2020
Stanford University Arts Gala, The Cutting Room (NY) – Fall 2019
Getting Famous, The Kraine Theater (NY) – Fall 2019
Finally Got It Right, Mondanaro Theater (GA) – Spring 2019

Affiliations

ASCAP, since 2022
 New Play Exchange, since 2021
 Dramatists Guild Member, since 2021

Selected Press/Reviews

“*My Pet Dragon* captured me from the very start. It never flagged. It skillfully combined creativity and credibility as we witness a young person’s descent into a seductive, awful grip of an all-too-human affliction and the difficult battle to get back control of her life. It is riveting, searing, poignant-and inspiring.” – **Steve Forbes**, Chairman of Forbes Media

“[Joshua Vranas] cannot write a bad song.” – **Michael John LaChiusa**, 5-time Tony Award nominated songwriter and librettist (*Marie Christine*)

“Mad, catchy tunes...[he is] the real deal personally and professionally and has, already, a rock solid sense of craft and an ability to take any story and make it sing.” – **Mindi Dickstein**, lyricist and librettist (*Little Women*)

“*My Pet Dragon* is one of the most promising musicals to ever come from the Graduate Musical Theater Writing Program” – **Sarah Schlesinger**, librettist and lyricist

“[Joshua Vranas] is a master of melody” – **Mel Marvin**, composer (*How The Grinch Stole Christmas*)

“A glorious piece (*My Pet Dragon*), important and affirming, theatrical and magical and real.” – **Donna DiNovelli**, librettist and screenwriter

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