

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]

[UPCOMING] Concert: Evan Bernadin Productions (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

Recent Employment

Social Media Manager at For the Love of Chocolate (current since 2023), Richmond, VA

- redesigned their website

- grew their following on Instagram 30% and their average engagement by 40%

Social Media Manager at Luxury Lawns (2023), Richmond, VA

- redesigned their website

- set up their social media portfolio on Facebook and redirected their Google SEO for a better ranking.

Maître D at Reggiano's of Celebration (2022), Celebration, FL

- managed the other hosts and the restaurant floor

- was the point-person for the entire restaurant after the manager

Maître D at Friedman's in Times Square (2021-2022), New York, NY

- managed the other hosts and the restaurant floor

- was the point-person for the entire restaurant after the manager

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 released on streaming services everywhere. The Goodness Garden has over 4 million streams, over 40,000 monthly listeners since it's launch in July 2023, and has been heard in every country where Spotify is available (that's 184 territories!).

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In Development

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.

Exposed (Music and Screenplay; Lyrics and Screenplay by Maggie Moe)

A musical movie based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairytale *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

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. It states that as humans, we are made up of patches from our emotional cuts and tears, but they make us unique in our own way.

Teaching

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

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

Notable Concerts and Performances

[UPCOMING] *My Pet Dragon in Concert*, Evan Bernadin Productions (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

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