Collection Summary
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Summary: The Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection is a curated collection that amasses artistic works and accompanying primary source materials documenting the performing arts creative response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. The collection includes scores, scripts, audio and video files, promotional materials, design materials, correspondence, safety protocols, and oral histories.

Acquisition Information
Each collection item was donated by its creating individual or organization. The first collection materials arrived in March 2021.

Accruals
Accruals are expected.

Processing History
Music Division staff process materials in the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection as they arrive. This finding aid will be updated as new works are acquired and incorporated into the collection. Melissa Wertheimer composed the Related Material section. Janet McKinney coded the finding aid in 2021.

Related Material
Through the Dina Koston and Roger Shapiro Fund for New Music, the Library of Congress Concert Office established The Boccaccio Project to commission ten pairs of composers and performers to write and perform brief solo works to be premiered online over the course of ten weekdays in June 2020. Scores for the ten commissions are individually cataloged in ML30.29a Case and videos of the virtual world premieres are in the Library's digital collections.

The Library of Congress Coronavirus Web Archive is an inter-disciplinary digital collection of archived web-based content related to the pandemic curated by a team of subject specialists across the Library. The Coronavirus Web Archive contains the following projects represented in the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection: the ARCO Collaborative Alone Together Project, Broadcast from Home by Lisa Bielawa, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Fanfare Project, Gratias Tibi by José Luis Domínguez, "Life in Quarantine" by Ben Gibbard, the Creative Repertoire Initiative, Full Pink Moon: Opera Povera in Quarantine, and Play at Home.

The Silkroad Artist Response Project is part of the Performing Arts Web Archive. The LC Commissioned Composers Web Archive and American Music Creators Web Archive include archived websites of several composers represented in the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection.
Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Music Division prior to visiting in order to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

Certain restrictions on using or copying materials may apply.

Digital Files

Digital files were received as part of the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection and have been assigned digital ID numbers formulated as PACR_MUS_YYYY_###. The first of these is PACR_MUS_2021_044 and the last is PACR_MUS_2024_002. Use the digital ID numbers to request access copies of the files. Access to this digital content may be available onsite only in the Performing Arts Reading Room and requires advance request. Consult reference staff in the Performing Arts Reading Room for more information.

Technical Requirements

The digital files in this collection represent a wide array of formats, including .doc, .heic, .indd, .idlml, .jpg, .mov, .mp3, .mp4, .pdf, .png, .tiff, .wav, .xlsx as well as .pages files created with Apple software. The .pages files may not be accessible on computers with Windows operating systems.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

Soon after the pandemic began in 2020, the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library asked the Library’s leadership about any efforts underway to document surrounding and related events. The Library’s leadership consulted the curatorial divisions. In response, a Music Division documentation strategy working group was convened in May 2020. The working group defined the collection scope, the criteria for acquisition, and a rubric to assist with selection and prioritization. The proposed project was approved by the Music Division Acquisition Committee on August 27, 2020. All Music Division staff were asked to nominate works for consideration by the working group for acquisition. The working group then reviewed each nomination to guarantee its alignment with the collection scope. Each approved nomination was assigned a Music Division specialist to shepherd the acquisition. Members of the working group include Janet McKinney (chair), Stephanie Akau, Vincent Novara, Morgen Stevens-Garmon, and Melissa Wertheimer.

Scope and Content Note

Despite the occurrence of a global pandemic, the performing arts community has continued to explore innovative ways of conceiving art and sharing it with audiences. These creative works are fueled by a wide range of emotional, professional, and spiritual motivations. The Music Division has undertaken a strategy to capture our nation’s cultural heritage during this time by establishing the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection. The collection consists of artistic works and accompanying primary source materials that document the performing arts creative response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
The creating individuals and organizations are nationally prominent and recognized for their achievements in the performing arts and are either American citizens or artists active in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic. The works are original and were created after March 1, 2020. They are either about, reference, or were created in response to the coronavirus, social distancing, or life in quarantine. In some instances, the works were commissioned by an individual, ensemble, consortium, or other organization specifically to support creative artists during the pandemic. The works represent three genres of the performing arts: Music, Theater, and Dance. The Theater series encompasses plays, musical theater, and opera. Whenever possible, an oral history or written account is included to provide further context. Such instances are noted.

Organization of the Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection

The collection is arranged in three series:

- Music, 2020-2022
- Theater, 2020-2021
- Dance, 2020

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

**People**
Bernstein, Peter (Guitarist)
Bielawa, Lisa.
Boyer, Peter, 1970-
Buehler, Markus J.
Cerrone, Christopher.
Dessner, Bryce.
Domínguez, José Luis, 1971-
Douglas, Dave.
Dusman, Linda, 1956-
Esmail, Reena, 1983-
Folds, Ben, 1966-
Gibbard, Ben.
Giroux, Julie, 1961-
Gunderson, Lauren.
Howland, Jason.
Potter, Chris, 1971-
Reyes, Xiomara.
Shaw, Jaleel.
Simon, Carlos, Jr., 1986-
Stevens, Ray, 1939-
Ticheli, Frank, 1958-
Tysen, Nathan.

**Organizations**
ARCO Collaborative.
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.
Washington Ballet (Washington, D.C.)

**Subjects**
COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020---Drama.
Entertainers--United States--Correspondence.
Entertainers--United States--Interviews.
Performing arts--Social aspects--United States.

Form/Genre
Art music.
Business correspondence.
Designs (Artistic concepts)
Drama.
Files (Digital files)
Musicals.
Operas.
Oral histories.
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Promotional materials.
Records (Documents)
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## Description of Series

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Violinist Jennifer Koh launched *Alone Together*, an online commissioning project, to support freelance composers during the financial hardship of the coronavirus pandemic. Twenty composers, most of whom had salaried positions or other forms of institutional support, agreed to donate a new, 30-second micro-work for solo violin, while also recommending a fellow freelance composer to write their own 30-second solo violin work on paid commission from the artist-driven nonprofit ARCO Collaborative. Koh premiered these donated and commissioned works from April 4 through June 13, 2020 on YouTube. Each recommending composer is listed below, followed by the commissioned composer.

Scores for solo violin; headshots; bios

Agócs, Kati and Vincent Calianno
  Agócs, Kati. *Thirst and Quenching*
  Calianno, Vincent. *Ashlinner*

Bhatia, Rafiq and Hanna Benn
  Benn, Hanna. *Exhalation*
  Bhatia, Rafiq. *Descent*

Castillo, Patrick and Sugar Vendil
  Castillo, Patrick. *Mina Cecilia's Constitutional*
  Vendil, Sugar. *Simple Tasks II (Six-Day Deadline)*

Chang, Ian with Darian Donovan Thomas. *Art | Nat*

Chueng, Anthony and Tomás Gueglio Saccone
  Chueng, Anthony. *Springs Eternal*
  Gueglio Saccone, Tomás. *Nocturno Lamarque*

Du Yun and Shayna Dunkelman
  Dunkelman, Shayna. *Afterglow*
  Du Yun. *Windowsills*

Gibson, Sarah, Thomas Kotcheff (piano duo Hocket ) and Tonia Ko
  Gibson, Sarah. *You are Still Here*
  Ko, Tonia. *The Fragile Season*
  Kotcheff, Thomas. *vacuum packed*

Hearne, Ted and Nina Shekhar
  Hearne, Ted. *Distance Canon*
  Shekhar, Nina. *Warm in My Veins*

Iyer, Vijay and Morgan Guerin
  Guerin, Morgan. *Together, but Alone (In Quarantine)*
  Iyer, Vijay. *For Violin Alone*

León, Tania and Angelica Négron
León, Tania. *Anima*
Négron, Angelica. *Cooper and Emma*
Lewis, George and Lester St. Louis
Lewis, George. *Un petit brouillard cérébral*
St. Louis, Lester. *Ultraviolet, efflorescent*
Lu, Wan and Joungbum Lee
Lee, Joungbum. *Hovering Green*
Lu, Wan. *Hover and Recede*
Ludwig, David and Elizabeth Younan
Ludwig, David. *All the Rage*
Younan, Elizabeth. *...your heart dreams of spring*
Mazzoli, Missy and Cassie Wieland
Mazzoli, Missy. *Hail, Horrors, Hail*
Wieland, Cassie. *Shiner*
Naqvi, Qasim and Caroline Davis
Davis, Caroline. *heart rituals*
Naqvi, Qasim. *HAL*
Norman, Andrew and Katherine Balch
Balch, Katherine. *Cleaning*
Norman, Andrew. *Turns of Phrase*
Reid, Ellen and Rajna Swaminathan
Reid, Ellen. *Mood Brick Red*
Swaminathan, Rajna. *Kindling*
Shyu, Jen and inti figgis-vizueta
figgis-vizueta, inti. *Quiet City*
Shyu, Jen. *The River in My Mind*
Swaminathan, Anjna and Layale Chaker
Chaker, Layale. *Bond of the Beloved*
Swaminathan, Anjna. *A Beloved Within*
Young, Nina C. and Adeliia Faizullina
Faizullina, Adeliia. *Urman*
Young, Nina C. *There had been signs, surely*
Balch, Katherine

**DF**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_057
Text by Alexandra Kleeman. Written for Nina Guo and Ensemble Modern as part of the 10th International Composition Seminar, and premiered February 18, 2022 at Cresc... Festival in Frankfurt, Germany. Balch described the work as "a serenade to the lost or wasted time of this pandemic spell."
Score for percussion, piano, soprano, and four amplified dictaphones; sketches

**DF**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_129
Peter Bernstein recorded the album *What Comes Next* at the height of the lockdown in June 2020. Two tracks from the album, "What Comes Next" and "Empty Streets," were composed in direct response to the quarantine.
Oral history; incomplete early video of "Empty Streets"
Bielawa, Lisa

BOX 1

Composer Lisa Bielawa opened the Broadcast from Home project to people from around the world to share personal testimonies about their lives during the pandemic. Using parts of these testimonies as text, she composed instrumental tracks and created fifteen unique musical chapters about the global experience during the early days of COVID-19. The chapters were released on Bielawa's website along with word animation videos of the text.

Printed score draft with annotations; sketches; notes

DF

Broadcast from Home, 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_073
Anonymized testimonies; raw audio; text animations; mix and master files; video

DF

Broadcast from Home, 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_094
ProTools session data files and screenshots; newsletters

DF

Broadcast from Home, 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_112
Interviews; vocal phrase recordings; livestreams; project logos; word animations

DF

Broadcast from Home, 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2022_028
Oral history

Boyer, Peter

see also Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra: The Fanfare Project

DF

Fanfare for Tomorrow, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_093
Originally written for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Fanfare Project, Boyer expanded his work for the United States Marine Band to perform at the 2021 inauguration of President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. An orchestral version was premiered in summer of 2021.

Scores for band and orchestra

DF

Fanfare for Tomorrow, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_078
Oral history; score for horn solo

Buehler, Markus J.

DF

Viral Counterpoint of the Coronavirus Spike Protein (2019-nCoV), 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2022_032
Viral Counterpoint of the Coronavirus Spike Protein (2019-nCoV) is a musical representation of the amino acid sequence and structure of the spike protein of the pathogen of COVID-19, 2019-nCoV (protein data bank identifier 6VSB) realized by Markus J. Buehler, an engineer and scientist at the Massachussets Institute of Technology. The work was first shared online in April 2020.

Scores; audio

DF

Viral Counterpoint of the Coronavirus Spike Protein (2019-nCoV), 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2022_010
Oral history

Cerrone, Christopher

DF

A Body, Moving, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_087
Cerrone wrote the concerto A Body, Moving to be a celebration of the movement of air throughout the room in contrast with a time when COVID-19 has made people acutely
aware of air's flow and ability to spread illness. This work was commissioned by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and premiered April 2021.

Score for orchestra; audio

**Don't Look Down, 2020**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_087

Cerrone described *Don’t Look Down* as an accidental musical diary of living through the pandemic. The first movement recalls the relentless energy prior to the pandemic; the second movement stops the energy and provides an uncertain and static soundscape; the third movement chronicles a construction project and a nostalgia for what would normally drive a person crazy. This piece was commissioned by Elizabeth and Justus Schlichting for Conor Hanick and Sandbox Percussion.

Score for prepared piano and percussion quartet; audio

**Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra: The Fanfare Project, 2020-2021**

During an earlier era of global disruption, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra launched its first Fanfare Project, commissioning and premiering 18 fanfares in support of the Allied troops in World War II. Building on that legacy, the CSO commissioned new music from a diverse range of composers to inspire and uplift in the face of the challenges of the pandemic and an uncertain future.

**Abels, Michael**

Salute in Solo

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_051

Score for solo viola; sketches

**Adams, Samuel**

No Solo

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_044

Scores for solo bass; audio; video; correspondence

**Bjarnason, Daníel**

Same Yet Different

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_101

Program note

**Boyer, Peter**

*see also* Boyer, Peter

Fanfare for Tomorrow

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_075

Score for solo cello

**Dessner, Bryce**

Pour les soignants

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_059

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_075

Score for solo cello

**Mumford, Jeffrey**
Let Us Breathe

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_059

Score for solo cello

Rivera, Carlos Rafael

A Fanfare for Stories Lost

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_102

Score for flugelhorn

Shaw, Caroline

One Day at a Time

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_059

Score for violin and voice

Sorey, Tyshawn

For Peter Evans (Apologies for the Brevity)

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_059

Score for solo trumpet

Coleman, Valerie

Fanfare for Uncommon Times, 2021


Score for brass and percussion ensemble

Fanfare for Uncommon Times, 2021

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_054

Contract; correspondence

Seven O'Clock Shout, 2020

Commissioned by the Philadelphia Orchestra and premiered virtually July 6, 2020. *Seven O'Clock Shout* was inspired by frontline workers and the nightly salute to offer them thanks in New York City.

Score for orchestra

Seven O'Clock Shout, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_054

Contract

Seven O'Clock Shout, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_026

Video of premiere

Gratias Tibi, 2020

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra commissioned composer-conductor José Luis Domínguez to write *Gratias Tibi* for physically distanced orchestra and choir. This composition was intended to express gratitude to frontline workers who responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was premiered by the NJSO and Montclair State University Singers on YouTube in June 2020.

Scores for orchestra and choir

Gratias Tibi, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_138

Oral history

Gratias Tibi, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_025

Video of performance

Douglas, Dave
"When We Are Together Again" is a jazz work composed by American trumpeter and composer Dave Douglas with lyrics by Fay Victor and Camila Meza on the 2020 album *Overcome* from the Greenleaf Music label. The song was composed and recorded remotely during coronavirus quarantine by vocalist Fay Victor, vocalist and guitarist Camila Meza, bassist Jorge Roeder, and drummer Rudy Royston.

Lead sheet; sketches; audio

**BOX 2**

**Corona Bagatelles, 2021**

Premiered by the Duo des Alpes as part of the Cello Autumn Festival in Unna, Germany on August 13, 2021. The five-movement composition is a musical cryptogram of the amino acids that comprise the SARS-coV-2 spike protein.

Score for cello and piano; sketches; notes

**DF**

**Corona Bagatelles, 2021**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_030

Score; parts; audio; correspondence; research; programs; clipping

**DF**

**Corona Bagatelles, 2021**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_100

Written history

Esmail, Reena and Amy Fogerson

**DF**

**Quarantine Madrigals, 2020**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_139

Written by composer Reena Esmail and lyricist Amy Fogerson, *Quarantine Madrigals* is a set of short, two-minute madrigals inspired by isolation of choral singers during the pandemic. The work is designed to be sung by a single vocalist of any voice type recording the parts over themselves. It was commissioned by the choral ensemble Conspirare and exists in two versions: one vocalist or choir. One-hundred percent of the revenue from score purchases through May 2021 were donated to the CDC's Crush Covid Campaign.

Audio and video demos

**DF**

**Quarantine Madrigals, 2020**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_017

Scores for choir; sketches; notes; donation receipt; file directory

Folds, Ben

**DF**

**Madsrollers Theme, 2020**

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_086

Ben Folds traveled to Sydney, Australia, at the beginning of March 2020 to play a series of shows with orchestras across the country. Due to the pandemic and restricted travel, he made the decision to stay in Australia for the foreseeable future. Folds procured an apartment, sourced equipment throughout the city, and started broadcasting a series of livestream performances under the title *Apartment Requests*. Folds wrote a theme song to formalize the livestreams; the files included are the various iterations of the "Madsrollers Theme."

Audio; oral history

Gibbard, Ben

**BOX 1**

**Life in Quarantine, 2020**

Gibbard, also known as the frontman for Death Cab for Cutie, first premiered the song online through Seattle newspaper *The Stranger* before releasing the official version, which he recorded at home. Proceeds from the song benefitted relief organizations in the Seattle area.
Holograph lyric sheet
Life in Quarantine, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_105

Oral history
Giroux, Julie
see also Frank Ticheli

**DF**

Miscellaneous works, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2021_055

As a member of the Creative Repertoire Initiative (CRI) founded by Frank Ticheli, Giroux wrote seven adaptable works for concert band.

Scores for adaptable band

**Contents:**
- The Bonsai Tree
- I'll Be Home A'fore Ye
- Nihonbashi
- One Life Beautiful
- Opa
- Our Cast Aways
- Time to Dance

London, Frank, Hajnal Pivnick, and Dorian Wallace

**DF**

For Our Courageous Workers, 2020

This city-wide symphonic fanfare premiered April 29, 2020 in New York City was conceived by London, Havnick, and Wallace to honor front-line workers. Musicians of every level and all people of New York City were invited to take part in the performance.

Score; flyer; text file with video link; press

Potter, Chris

**BOX 1**

There Is a Tide, 2020

*There Is a Tide* is an instrumental response to the societal challenges and emotional upheaval brought about by the pandemic. It is a commentary on the importance of community, leadership, and support for the vulnerable in troubled times, as well as a strong statement about our conflicted relationship with our environment and the difficulty of coping with fear and uncertainty. Chris Potter composed and recorded the album in six weeks from the confines of his home studio and performed all the instrumental parts himself (piano, keyboards, electric and acoustic guitars, bass guitar, drums, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, alto flute, percussion, samples and saxophones).

Holograph bass lines

**DF**

There Is a Tide, 2020

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2022_071

Sibelius and Pro Tools files for all tracks; photographs from recording sessions; drawings of waves

Shaw, Jaleel

**DF**

Echoes, 2021

**DIGITAL ID:** PACR_MUS_2023_017

Jazz saxophonist and bandleader Jaleel Shaw released his album *Echoes* in August 2021. The tracks on *Echoes* represent his reflections on world events, especially the pandemic and violence against Black Americans, as well as historic events, such as the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre. In the oral history, Shaw speaks about the creation of the album and in depth about the pandemic tracks “Silence” and “Isolation.”

Oral history; auto text transcription
When governors issued stay-at-home orders in response to the pandemic in 2020, the Silkroad Ensemble, with support from the Barr Foundation and its board, commissioned 13 of its musicians to compose and perform seven original works in response and provide an outlet for creativity during lockdown. Six of the seven composition collaborations agreed to be part of the collection. During the pandemic Silkroad also offered a Home Sessions mini-series. Three of the original compositions written in response to the pandemic for this mini-series are represented.

Scores; audio; video; program notes

**Artist Response Projects:**
- Shawn Conley (bass) and Kinan Azmeh (clarinet), "Traveling Still"
- Hadi Eldebek (derbakke, trumpet, buzuz, vocals), "1 Car, 3 Musicians, 5 Boroughs"
- Haruka Fujii (percussion) and Karen Ouzounian (cello), "Some Games Played Over Thousands of Miles"
- Maeve Gilchrist (celtic harp) and Kevork Mourad (visual art), "How the Knot Binds"
- Edward Perez (bass) and Kaoru Watanabe (Japanese flutes, percussion), "Fragments"
- Shane Shanahan (percussion) and Wu Tong (bawu, sheng, vocals), "Sirens"

**Home Sessions:**
- Kojiro Umezaki (shakuhachi) for Joseph Gramley (percussion), "Closer Together"
- Kaoru Watanabe (Japanese flutes, percussion), "Merge"
- Kevork Mourad (visual art) and Anais Tekerian (vocals), "Reuniting"

**Another Rising, 2020**
Set to a poem by Sokunthary Svay, *Another Rising* was commissioned by the American Composers Orchestra (ACO) for the series Connecting ACO Community, the ACO's commissioning response to the pandemic. This work was premiered virtually in June 2020 by countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo and the Brooklyn Youth Chorus.

Printed score for chorus and countertenor solo

**Loop, 2020**
Commissioned by the New York Philharmonic, *Loop* reflects Simon's feelings about the mandated stay-at-home order during the COVID-19 pandemic; day to day life as a continuous quarantine loop.

Printed score for string trio

**Stir Crazy, 2020**
*Stir Crazy* was commissioned by the Gabriela Lena Frank Creative Academy of Music and premiered virtually in July 2020 by Stacey Pelinka and Joseph Edelberg.

Printed score for flute and violin

**The Quarantine Song, 2020**

**Performing Arts COVID-19 Response Collection**
"The Quarantine Song" was released in May 2020 as a lighthearted tune reminding people to be careful and follow all CDC guidelines regarding the pandemic.

Audio; lyric sheet; copyright registration

Ticheli, Frank, 2020

see also Julie Giroux

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_054

In response to the impact the pandemic had on school music programs, Ticheli co-founded the Creative Repertoire Initiative (CRI), a collective of eleven composers and one conductor committed to the creation and promotion of adaptable music. This material includes an article Ticheli wrote for WASBE World explaining the genesis of the CRI; a flex ensemble score for In C Dorian, a new work composed during the pandemic; and a newly adapted version of Vesuvius for flex ensemble.

Scores for flex ensemble; writings

Wineglass, John Christopher

Alone, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_072

Alone for solo violin, live EFX, and electronica was commissioned by the Monterey Symphony for concertmaster Christina Mok and dedicated to the many victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. The work is comprised of two starkly contrasted movements, "Frenzied Lives" and "Realms of Rest."

Scores for solo violin, live EFX, and electronica; audio; correspondence

Alone Together, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2022_016

Alone Together for percussion, harp, and strings was co-commissioned by the San Jose Chamber Orchestra, Fresno Philharmonic, Pacific Symphony, and Monterey Symphony. The work addresses the social issues of not being able to perform together and systemic racial disparities; it is also meant to symbolize the four performing arts organizations coming together to move forward as one.

Score for percussion, harp, and strings; audio

Decameron Opera Coalition

Tales from a Safe Distance, 2020

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_065

The Decameron Opera Coalition was founded by Peter Hilliard and Matt Boresi in response to theaters shutting down at the beginning of the pandemic. It consisted of Resonance Works (Pittsburgh), UrbanArias (Washington, DC), Lyric Opera of the North (Duluth), Bare Opera (NYC), Opera in the Heights (Houston), Chicago Fringe Opera, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, Fargo-Moorhead Opera, and An Opera Theatre (Minneapolis). The coalition is named for Boccaccio's novel The Decameron, which also inspired their first project, a modern operatic adaptation titled Tales from a Safe Distance. The work premiered in four episodes in October 2020.

Audio; video; images; scripts

Episode I: Both Gladsome and Grieved

• The Happy Hour (Introduction): by Peter Hilliard and Matt Boresi; commissioned by the Decameron Opera Coalition

• Everything Comes to a Head: by Rachel J. Peters, Margi Preus, and Jean Sramek; commissioned by Lyric Opera of the North
The Late Walk: by Jasmine Barnes and Nikolaus Hochstein Cox; commissioned by Bare Opera

Episode II: Prompted by Appetite
- Dinner 4 3: by Michael Ching and Deborah Brevoort; commissioned by Fargo-Moorhead Opera
- The Roost: by Marc Migó and John de los Santos; commissioned by UrbanArias
- The Happy Hour (Interstitals): by Peter Hilliard and Matt Boresi

Episode III: So Noble a Heart
- Orsa Ibernata: by Elizabeth Blood and Danny Brylow; commissioned by Milwaukee Opera Theatre
- Seven Spells: by Donia Jarrar; commissioned by Opera in the Heights
- The Sky Where You Are: by Maria Thompson Corley and Jenny O’Connell in collaboration with Brenisen Wheeler, Women’s Advocates; commissioned by An Opera Theatre
- The Happy Hour (Interstitals): by Peter Hilliard and Matt Boresi

Episode IV: The Bolts of Fortune
- Sourdough: Rise Up: by Gilda Lyons; commissioned by Resonance Works
- Corsair: by K.F. Jacques; commissioned by Chicago Fringe Opera
- The Happy Hour (Finale): by Peter Hilliard and Matt Boresi

Gunderson, Lauren

DF

The Catastrophist, 2021

DIGITAL ID: PACR_MUS_2021_064

Virologist Nathan Wolfe (Gunderson’s spouse), known for his work tracking Ebola and swine flu, proposed pandemic insurance years before the the COVID-19 pandemic. This work tracks his story and was conceived to be presented digitally. Gunderson composed this time-jumping tale based on the life and work of Wolfe, which looks at scientific exploration and the realities of mortality. This work had its world premiere in January 2021.

Script

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A Killer Party: Murder Mystery Musical, 2020

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Jason Howland, composer; Nathan Tysen, lyricist; Kait Kerrigan, bookwriter; Kevin Duda, producer

A Killer Party: Murder Mystery Musical is a digital musical remotely written, performed, and recorded in 2020 during the COVID-19 quarantine restrictions. It was originally released in nine episodes and brought together more than 50 Broadway collaborators at a time when all live theaters were closed.

Scores; scripts; audio; video; correspondence; costume designs; production photographs; publicity materials; international production materials

Opera Povera

Founded by Sean Griffin, avant-garde opera company Opera Povera performed Pauline Oliveros's open-form work The Lunar Opera: Deep Listening For_Tunes (2000) in April 2020. The performance was livestreamed during the first full moon after stay-at-home orders were issued in the United States. Administered through the Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund, Full Pink Moon: Opera Povera in Quarantine was a global fundraiser supporting musicians financially affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. It featured more than 250 international performers, including many notable artists.

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Full Pink Moon: Opera Povera in Quarantine, 2020

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Dramaturgy files, character lists, images, personnel lists, planning documents, publicity, schedules
The musical *Breathe* follows five couples grappling with the impact of COVID-19 on their lives. The five suites each correspond to a different symptom of the virus. The libretto was written by Jodi Picoult and Timothy Allen McDonald, except where noted.

- I. Fever (Songwriters: Rob Rokicki, Rebecca Murillo)
- II. Aches (Songwriters: Daniel J. Mertzlufft, Kate Leonard)
- III. Swelling and Irritation (Songwriters: Doug Besterman, Sharon Vaughn)
- IV. Fatigue (Libretto: Douglas Lyons; story by Picoult, McDonald; Songwriters: Douglas Lyons, Ethan D. Pakchar)
- V. Shortness of Breath (Songwriters: Zina Goldrich, Marcy Heisler)
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*Note*: This work appeared on the Play at Home website as a Google form; participants would answer questions in the form and would receive an email with a script where their answers had filled in the blanks. The material available consists of screenshots of the Google form.  
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Correspondence
Rudnick's monologue was the first play presented on a Broadway stage after theaters were shut down because of the pandemic. Written for New York PopsUp and performed by Nathan Lane, the play premiered April 3, 2021 at the St. James Theater for a socially-distanced audience of healthcare and theater workers.

This Is Who I Am tells the story of a father and son reuniting and recreating a family recipe in their respective kitchens over a video call.

Alice in the Pandemic: A Digital Opera was created specifically as a live performance to be experienced online during COVID social isolation. White Snake Productions (Boston, MA), produced the opera, which aired October 27-30, 2020. The team utilized new technologies that enabled the cast to sing from different locations while the sound was synced in real-time. Virtual avatars took the place of the singers onscreen. Alice in the Pandemic was composed by Jorge Sosa with libretto by Cerise Jacobs. Tianhui Ng directed the music, while the production was directed by Elena Araoz. Digital collection items include 60 GB of files from composer Jorge Sosa, as well as a short documentary directed by Sarah Rogers about how the opera was made, including explanations from the creators about technology they utilized. Some sound files were created in Logic and ProTools and may not open without proprietary software.

Five computer printout scores with annotations

Jorge Sosa's scores; drafts; audio session; rough mixes; video files

Documentary

In late August 2020, The Washington Ballet slowly and safely began to welcome dancers back to the studios to begin work on its new initiative, Create In Place, to reflect the times. Dancers were divided into four isolated "pods" of ten, each with an in-house choreographer lead. Xiomara Reyes, Head of the Professional Training Division,
choreographed Chronos. This ballet is about time and how it can be perceived differently depending on the situations that people experience and the frustration of putting life on hold, but with the hope of renewal.

Video; images; correspondence; safety protocols