

THOMAS THOREAU COMPOSER

FULL BIO

At six years of age, Thomas Thoreau had an encounter with a man wearing nothing but a diaper that would forever alter the course of his life. After a small outdoor concert, Garry “Diaper Man” Shider of Parliament Funkadelic stopped to greet fans and prophesized that the small child before him would go on to be “future of music.” The validity of this statement remains to be seen, but resounds deeply with this young composer in his early 20s.

Though it took many years after this encounter for any musical prowess to rear its head, he would eventually find escape in the arts of writing and performing original works. The passion was strong but lacked direction, resulting in many of the obscure talents, skills, and instruments that make up his musical background. After spending most of his career as a “Jack of all trades, master of none,” Thomas Thoreau refined his focus to the pursuit of music composition, eventually earning his Bachelors of Music in the subject in the Spring of 2016 from Loyola University New Orleans.

Today he spends his time maintaining a healthy balance of composing film/game scores, jazz, and concert works. Occasionally, he manages to find time to perform, arrange, orchestrate, and conduct as well. His original symphonic work “*Destino de ida y vuelta*” won the 2016 Loyola University Composer Competition, and was premiered by the Loyola Symphony Orchestra in April of 2016.

SHORT BIO

Thomas Thoreau is a composer caught in a healthy balance of film/game scores, jazz, and concert works. Occasionally, he manages to find time to perform, arrange, orchestrate, and conduct as well. Originally hailing from Kansas City, MO, he relocated to New Orleans to pursue his BM in Music Composition from Loyola University New Orleans. His original symphonic work “Destino de ida y vuelta” won the 2016 Loyola Composer Competition, and was premiered by the Loyola Symphony Orchestra in April of 2016.

BIO SNIPPET

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EDUCATION

Bachelors in Music Composition Loyola University New Orleans

ORIGIN OF NAMES

Thomas is the Greek form of the Aramaic name תאומא (Ta' oma'), meaning "twin".

Thoreau is the French form of the Swedish *Thorald*, taken from the Old Norse *Þóraldr*, meaning "Follower of Thor."