

# John Secunde

## Additional information

### **Short (122 words)**

John Secunde (b. 1995) is an American composer and performer hailing from Limerick, Maine. Drawing inspiration from poems, numbers, sights, and sounds, he writes music that combines finely-crafted transparency with playful seriousness. John's music has been commissioned and performed by Novus New Music Inc., the Horszowski Trio, violist David Rose, the Fredonia Concert Band, and saxophonist Jeff Humphrey, among others. John holds a B.M. in Music Composition at the State University of New York at Fredonia and is currently pursuing a MM in Composition at the Longy School of Music.

John is active as a performer, playing saxophone and keyboards of various sizes. He cofounded the chamber band Drive(J:), and has performed with the 207 Wind Orchestra and Longy's Ensemble Uncaged.

### **In a sentence**

Composer and performer John Secunde composes and performs music that he likes to compose and perform.

### **What's with the thousand string harp?**

American music is very important to me, and one of the first distinctly American composers was William Billings. My favorite hymn of his is *Creation* which contains the stanza: "Our life contains a thousand springs/and dies if one be gone/Strange that a harp of thousand strings/should keep in tune so long."

### **Descriptions**

"Tall with kind eyes" - Ciera Cope

"Beautiful, well-crafted stone" - Jared Yackiw, on my music

### **Historical person with whom I'd like to have dinner**

Abraham Lincoln. I'd rather go bowling tho.

### **Dream Getaway Locale**

Greenland, or rural northern Canada.

## **Important things in a piece of music (in no particular order)**

1. Unique title.
2. Interesting navigation of form.
3. Some sort of unifying logic.
4. If applicable, tasteful digeredoo.

## **Ideal Combination of instruments**

Two oboes, bass drum.

## **Cat or dog person**

Dog, but I grew up with cats, so I appreciate them.

## **Wheat Pennies?**

Pennies minted between 1909 and 1958. Also a fan of buffalo nickels. Pretty much any old, or unique, or foreign coin.

## **Favorite beer**

I don't really have one since I'm constantly trying new beers, but I'll drink and enjoy pretty much any beer. At the time of writing this, I'm starting to get into European beers.