

Cole Reyes (b. 1998) is a composer, educator, and arts administrator whose creative exploration delves into the intersection of individual human experiences and the broader world. His musical output, which draws inspiration from diverse genres such as pop, rock, and folk music, is distinguished by a fusion of lyricism and rhythmic propulsion.

Recent and upcoming performances include those with distinguished ensembles such as the JACK Quartet, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, the United States Marine Band, Contemporaneous, BlackBox Ensemble, the Rhythm Method Quartet, Bergamot Quartet, BlackBox Ensemble, Del Sol Quartet, among others. Recent commissions include those from the National Orchestral Institute and Festival, Bang on a Can Summer Festival, the Victory Players, and ARTZenter.

Upcoming works include a new work for Telos Consort inspired by the Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and an evening-length work for voices and chamber orchestra inspired by the experience of creating a domicile amidst an age of growing concerns about the affordability and sustainability of the current housing model.

As an educator, Reyes has taught at the University of Michigan in the Composition and Music Theory Departments. His pedagogy is driven by the understanding of music within and outside the Western Art Music canon, acknowledging the often exclusionary practices that have led to a diverse canon of various kinds of musical expression.

His primary composition teachers include Julia Wolfe, Michael Gordon, Robert Honstein, Bright Sheng, Roshanne Etezady, Kristin Kuster, Evan Chambers, Christopher Stark, and LJ White. He is co-founder of Telos Consort, a professional chamber ensemble based in New York City dedicated to the performance and curation of new music that features saxophones, strings, and piano. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Michigan.

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