

GRAHAM REYNOLDS

Composer | Bandleader | Improviser

Full Bio

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As Artistic Director of the non-profit Golden Hornet, Graham spearheads efforts which draw on both the collaborative spirit of rock bands and the composer-led nature of classical music, with a focus on commissioning new music, fostering young and emerging composers, and presenting adventurous works in non-traditional settings. These endeavors include the *The Sound of Science* alongside Kronos Quartet’s longtime cellist Jeffrey Zeigler, and most recently *MXTX: A Cross-Border Exchange*; a multi-faceted project comprised of a live performance, album, remixes, and open-source audio sample library involving more than 40 artists from Texas and Mexico.

Reynolds leads the jazz-based but far reaching Golden Arm Trio, is a company member with the internationally acclaimed Rude Mechs theater collective, and resident composer with Salvage Vanguard Theater and Forklift Danceworks. His accolades include a Creative Capital Award, an Independent Music Award, two Frederick R. Loewe Music Theatre Awards, ten Austin Critics Table Awards, the John Bustin Award, multiple Austin Chronicle ‘Best Composer’ wins, and a B. Iden Payne Award. *MARFA: A Country & Western Big Band Suite* (Fall 2019) broke into the top 100 on the NACC radio charts along with a track premiere in Billboard. In 2020, Graham signed with London-based record label Fire Records and released his original score for Alfred Hitchcock’s silent classic, *The Lodger*, with a forthcoming album of original material in 2024.

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Links

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Golden Hornet: www.goldenhornet.org

Pancho Villa from a Safe Distance: www.panchovillaopera.com

Prior Press

“The quintessential modern composer”
The London Independent

“Eerily evocative... rich and inventive.”
Variety

“A rare talent”
PopMatters

...a fantastic player that adds a muscular edge to the rich tones he pulls out of his instrument...
capable of stretching all manner of sonic boundaries”
Jazz Times

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“...the score by the composer Graham Reynolds provides an ominous, stark environment that rumbles
with sounds evocative of the natural world, in both its beauty and despair.”
New York Times on Horse: The Solos

If the ghost of Keith Moon crash-landed in the midst of Jools Holland’s orchestra, the results might not
be so very different. The Texas-based Graham Reynolds... goes for broke with his brassy reworkings of
Caravan et al ... [A] welcome change from the usual overreverential Dukish disciples.”
London Sunday Times on DUKE! Three Portraits of Ellington

“Evocative & enigmatic”
The Seattle Times on Pancho Villa from a Safe Distance

“Beautiful and raucous...”
Vogue Magazine on The Marfa Triptych

“Reynolds... brings out the evocative styles with grace, even when a movement requires sections to
repeat several times like a pop song ... [The remix] portion of the disc comes off strongly, as a complete
part rather than just a repackaging of what was just performed.”
Blurt Magazine on The Difference Engine

“Stunning to behold”
PopMatters on DUKE! Three Portraits of Ellington

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“For director Richard Linklater alone, Reynolds has been heartsick and wistful (*Before Midnight*), tense and suspenseful (*A Scanner Darkly*), jaunty and blithe (*Bernie*).”
Texas Monthly

“Graham Reynolds works in extremes; short take moments of sound – whether it be a surf-like instrumental, a country-tinged breather or the sound of stuttering insects crawling through your hair – are all in his tick box.”
Film Music Magazine

“Film soundtracks are most often difficult beasts to love, because they’re generally so episodic that there’s little compositional development or time to build up genuine mood. Reynolds’ soundtrack bucks that tendency terrifically, with an entirely instrumental album that holds your attention from the first few notes, keeps it for the best part of an hour’s duration, and makes you want to come directly back for more.” *Witch Doctor* (New Zealand)

“...the unstoppable soundtrack by Texan composer Graham Reynolds is little short of a masterpiece.”
The Arts Desk

“Best Soundtrack of the Decade”
Cinema Retro Magazine

“Last Flag Flying comes from Reynolds’ heart, yielding his most memorable theme yet”
Film Music Magazine

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