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# JCA COMPOSERS ORCHESTRA

*Amanda S., director*

**Thursday, October 2, 2025**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall**

## PROGRAM

### ***With Minimal Time*** (2023)

Connor Wooley

Connor Wooley, Joel Montgomery, Harrison Hulbert, *trumpets*  
Benjamin Taubert, *percussion*

### ***First Piece*** (1961)

George Brecht

Harrison Hulbert, *speaker*; Dr. Frank Felice, *theremin*

### ***Shadowy Lightscapes*** (2025)

Benjamin Taubert

Connor Wooley, *conductor*; Anna Lybeck, *flute*; Jack Nesser, *alto flute*  
Christian Miller, *baritone saxophone*; Benjamin Taubert, *percussion*  
Joel Montgomery, *piano*

### ***Sound Shopping*** (2021)

Dai Fujikura

Connor Wooley, *conductor*; Jack Nesser, *piccolo*; Christian Miller, *alto saxophone*  
Harrison Hulbert, *euphonium*; Andrew Agraviador, *horn*; Joel Montgomery, *piano*  
Helen Tackett, *violin*; Ben Baskin, *violin*; Anna Lybeck, *sound*

### ***Longship Event*** (1962)

George Brecht

Andrew Agraviador, Ben Baskin, Helen Haskett, Ian Hickey, Joel Montgomery  
Matthew Rhoad, Benjamin Taubert, Connor Wooley, Logan Zamora

### ***Maps*** (2024)

Jack Nesser

Anna Lybeck, *flute*; Christian Miller, *alto saxophone*

### ***Creepy Crawlies*** (2025)

Matthew Rhoad

Joshua Cuevas, *flute*; Ben Baskin, *viola*; Matthew Rhoad, *cajón*

***Flute Solo*** (1962)

George Brecht

Joshua Cuevas, *flute*

***A Precarious Descent*** (2025)

Joel Montgomery

Joel Montgomery, *conductor*; Anna Lybeck, *flute*

Christian Miller, *alto saxophone*; Benjamin Taubert, *vibraphone*

***Calamity Canon*** (2025)

Luke Garrigus

The JCA Creatures' Orchestra; Benjamin Taubert, *Mad Scientist*

**PERSONNEL**

Graduate Assistants – Benjamin Taubert and Connor Wooley

Joshua Cuevas – \$, flutes; Anna Lybeck – flutes; Jack Nesser – \$, flutes

Christian Miller – \$, saxophones

Andrew Agraviador – horn; Ian Hickey – horn; Harrison Hulbert – trumpet, euphonium

Joel Montgomery – trumpet; Connor Wooley – \$, trumpet; Logan Zamora – \$, trumpet

Matthew Rhoad – \$, percussion; Benjamin Taubert – \$, percussion

Ben Baskin – \$, violin, viola; Helen Tackett – violin

\$ – Butler University Music Composition Major

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

### AMANDA S. ELLERY

Amanda S. Ellery is an opera administrator at the Indianapolis Opera and an adjunct professor at Butler University. She also teaches music in her private studio. She is a composer-in-residence and artistic director with Sound Ecologies in Indianapolis. Her works have been performed in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, California, and New York, as well as in online forums. She has also been an adjunct professor at Ball State University and Anderson University.

Amanda S. received her Master of Music degree in Composition in 2024 from Butler University, where she studied with Dr. Michael Schelle and Dr. Frank Felice, and was a Graduate Assistant in the Composition Department. She received her Master of Music Education degree from Anderson University in 2021, where she studied composition with Dr. Caroline KyungA Ahn. Additionally, Amanda was a 2021 fellow at the US-China Music Institute's Chinese Styles Composition Workshop with composition professor Xinyan Li. She also holds a Bachelor of Music Theory and Composition degree from Butler University (1995) and is a licensed music educator for grades K-12.

Amanda also performs as a flutist, focusing on bringing new music to life, including playing in the Sound Ecologies Orchestra. She has taken lessons from Alistair Howlett, Karen Moratz, Becky Arrensen, and Loretta Contino. She has also been mentored by Robby Robinson, music director for Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, in popular music. Outside of music, Amanda has written two children's books published by Simon and Schuster, and was an assistant at Disney Television Animation where she worked in the production and writing departments. She believes that her background in writing assists her in generating strong individual voice and personality in each of her pieces.

Amanda has two children. Her son, Johnny Ellery, is a captain in the United States Army. Her daughter, Kaytea Ellery, is an automotive technician. Her cats, Pixie and Posey, don't really help with housework.

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