



Max ZT

Hammered Dulcimer Player,
Composer, Curator, Presenter, Builder

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Education

2002-2008

Cissoko Family of Dakar, Senegal
One-on-one private instruction

2002-2006

BA Music Composition
Bard College

2008-2022

Pandit Shivkumar Sharma
One-on-one private instruction

Awards/Recognition

- American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Performing and Creative Arts Fellowship (2008)
- TEDx Talk Kansas City, MO (2012)
- TEDx Talk Mumbai, India (2012)
- Independent Music Awards Nomination for House of Waters' *Rising* (2019)
- Folk Alliance's Global Music Match (2020)
- Official Showcase Artist Selection, Folk Alliance, Kansas City, MO (2022)
- South Arts Jazz Roads Grant (2022)
- Residency at Avaloch Farm Music Institute (2022, 2023, 2024)
- GRAMMY© Nomination, Best Contemporary Instrumental Album, House of Waters' *On Becoming* (2023)
- Official Showcase Artist Selection, WOMEX 2024, Manchester, UK (2024)

References available upon request

Organizer / Curator / Presenter

2004-2006

Old Town School of Folk Music

Teen Open Mic Coordinator

Organizer, curator, and coordinator of The Old Town School of Folk Music's weekly Teen Open Mic.

2006-2008

Bard College

Chair of the Entertainment Committee

Curator, booker, and presenter for Bard College's Entertainment Committee (elected position).

2013-2019

Museum Hack

Musical Director

Curator and presenter of bespoke performances at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Rubin Museum of Art, The American Museum of Natural History, the Brooklyn Museum, and many more.

2016 - 2018

Brooklyn Raga Massive

Artistic Director

Curator, organizer, and presenter of performances with a South Asian focus from regular weekly performances to larger events at venues such as Celebrate Brooklyn (NYC), The Kennedy Center (DC), Pioneer Works (NYC), and many more.

2021

Skift Global Forum

Musical Director

Curator and director of performances representing cultures from around the world for the SKIFT Global Forum International Conference.

Educational Outreach History

Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago, IL

Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA

New England Conservatory, Boston, MA

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, NV

University of Nevada, Reno, NV

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

New York University, NY, NY

The New School, NY, NY

Dayton University, Dayton, OH

University of Pennsylvania, Erie, PA

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Icicle Creek Performing Arts Center, Leavenworth, WA

Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, UK

American School of Bombay, Mumbai, India

American Embassy School of Delhi, New Delhi, India

Teamwork Arts, New Delhi, India

Quarantune Virtual Dulcimer Festival, Online and Worldwide



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Album Releases / Recordings / Discography

Max ZT has recorded for hundreds of projects since beginning his recording career in 1999.

A sampling of his recordings and appearances are below:

Max Zbiral-Teller - Too Heavy To Carry (Southport Records, 2000)
Max Zbiral-Teller - Many Tastes Are Loaded (Independent Release, 2005)
Max ZT - Daybreak (Six Degrees Records, 2022)
Max ZT - And Bend [Son Lux Remix] (Six Degrees Records, 2023)
Max ZT & Dan Whitehouse - Ten Steps (From The Whitehouse, 2023)
Max ZT & Dan Whitehouse - Live at Real World Studios (From the Whitehouse, 2024)
Max ZT - Unattended [Mathias Kunzli Remix] (Six Degrees Records, 2024)

House of Waters - Elsewhere (Independent Release, 2008)
House of Waters - Peace the Coats (Independent Release, 2009)
House of Waters - Revolution (Independent Release, 2012)
House of Waters - Bootleg (Independent Release, 2016)
House of Waters - House of Waters (GroundUP Music, 2016)
House of Waters - Rising (GroundUP Music, 2019)
House of Waters - Le Voyage Dans La Lune (GroundUP Music, 2022)
House of Waters - Ménilmontant (GroundUP Music, 2022)
House of Waters - Ballet Mécanique (GroundUP Music, 2022)
House of Waters - Where I Wander (GroundUP Music, 2022)
House of Waters - On Becoming (GroundUP Music, 2023)
House of Waters - On Becoming: The Improv Sessions (GroundUP Music, 2024)

Karsh Kale - UP (Six Degrees Records, 2016)
Karsh Kale - Across the Ocean (Six Degrees Records, 2020)
Karsh Kale - Across the Ocean [Remixes] (Six Degrees Records 2020)

The Epichorus - L'Oud & The Abstract Truth (Independent Release, 2016)
The Epichorus - Najara (National Sawdust Records, 2018)
The Epichorus - Solitudes (Independent Release 2021)
The Epichorus - Ten at Dreamland (Independent Release, 2021)
Dave Eggar - Kingston Morning (Domo Records, 2010)
Galeet Dardashti - The Naming (2010)
Petros Klampanis - Thalassaki (Inner Circle Music, 2011)
of Montreal - Paralytic Stalks (Polyvinyl Record Company, 2012)
Victor Wooten - Words and Tones (Vix Records, 2012)
Victor Wooten - Sword and Stone (Vix Records, 2012)
Banda Magda - Amour T'est La (GroundUP Music, 2013)
The Goo Goo Dolls - Magnetic (Warner Brothers, 2013)
Earthrise Sound System - Earth To The Sun (Black Swan Sounds, 2013)
Banda Magda - Yerakina (GroundUP Music, 2014)
Pharaoh's Daughter - Dumiyah (Magenta Label Group, 2014)

Elizabeth and the Catapult - Like it Never Happened (Scratchback, 2014)
Earthside - A Dream in Static (Independent Release, 2015)
Jovanotti - Lorenzo 2015 CC (Universal Music, 2015)
Alex Skolnick's Planetary Coalition (Independent Release, 2015)
Grand Tapestry - Grand Tapestry (Gravitas Recordings, 2016)
Banda Magda - Tigre: Stories of Courage and Fearlessness (GroundUP Music, 2017)
Brooklyn Raga Massive - Terry Riley's In C (Independent Release, 2017)
Eligh - Last House on the Block (Empire Records / Caravan Records, 2018)
Raashi Kulkarni - Raashi (Independent Release, 2018)
Becca Stevens - Wonderbloom (GroundUP Music, 2020)
Priya Darshini - Periphery (Chesky Records, 2020)
Amber Rubarth - Everything I Thought I Knew (Inspired Music, 2020)
Mehdi Rajabian - It Arrives (Barg Music, 2022)
Noon - Odyssey (Re-Volt, 2022)
Christopher Zuar - Simple Machines (Independent Release, 2022)
Paul Brill - The Cost of Believing (Independent Release, 2023)
Stuart Copeland - Police Beyond Borders (BMG, 2023)
Einstein's Dreams - It's OK To Fall (Independent Release, 2023)
Galeet Dardashti - Monajat (Independent Release, 2023)
Tony Grey - Infiniti Glitch (independent Release, 2024)
Radhika Vekaria - Warriors of Light (Yaana Records, 2024)

Film/Television/Video Game:

NHK Special Dignity of Flowers Soundtrack (NHK, 2009)
ESPN E:60 - Children of the Ring (ESPN, 2013)
Sulemani Keeda Tulsea Pictures (2013)
Embedded (Base Camp Media, 2014)
Rock the Kasbah (Open Road Films, 2015)
Death By Design (Ambrica Productions, 2016)
Red Dead Redemption 2 (Rockstar Games, 2018)
Our Time Machine (Passion River Films, 2019)
Rise Again: Tulsa and the Red Summer (National Geographic, 2021)
NiER Replicant, ver.1.22474487139 (Square Enix Games, 2021)
WOMB (Crossbow Miles, 2021)
Czechs in Chicago (PBS, 2022)
I'm Doing My Job (Spacestation, 2022)
Ménilmontant (Alamo Drafthouse / GroundUP Music, 2022)
Ballet Mécanique (Alamo Drafthouse / GroundUP Music, 2022)
Le Voyage Dans La Lune (Alamo Drafthouse / GroundUP Music, 2022)



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Performance Highlights

Max ZT has performed at hundreds of prestigious venues around the world.

Some highlights include:

New York:

Pioneer Works, NYC
The Rubin Museum, NYC
Lincoln Center, NYC
Joes Pub, NYC
The Iridium, NYC
City Winery, NYC
Brooklyn Bowl, NYC
The Stone, NYC
Blue Note, NYC
The Global Citizen Festival, NYC
Town Hall, NYC
Little Island, NYC
World Music Institute, NYC
Symphony Space, NYC
National Sawdust, NYC
Rite of Summer Music Festival, NYC
GlobalFEST, NYC
Winter Jazz Fest, NYC

Domestic USA:

Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Music Instrument Museum, Phoenix, AZ
The Fox Theater, Oakland, CA
The Orpheum, Los Angeles, CA
Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA
Mondavi Center, Davis, CA
SF Jazz, San Francisco, CA
Grace Farms Foundation, New Canaan, CT
Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago, IL
Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
Ruth Eckhard Hall, Clearwater, FL
GroundUP Fest, Miami, FL
Academy of Music, Northampton, MA
New England Conservatory, Boston, MA
House of Blues, Boston, MA
Global Roots Festival, Minneapolis, MN
Avaloch Farm Music Institute, Boscawen, NH

NJPAC, Newark, NJ
Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, NV
Elmira University, Elmira, NY
Rochester Jazz Festival, Rochester, NY
Masonic Hall, Cleveland, OH
The Great Elephant Migration. Newport. RI
The Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, TN
Isha Foundation, McMinnville, TN
Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center, Vienna, VA
Vashon Island Performing Arts Center, Vashon, WA
Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, Leavenworth, WA
Moore Theater, Seattle, WA
Stoughton Opera House, Madison, WI
The Kennedy Center, Washington DC
World Affairs Council of America, Washington DC

International:

Porgy & Bess, Vienna, Austria
Mosaic Fest, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Bohemia Jazz Festival, Brno/Tabor, Czech Republic
Duc Des Lombards, Paris, France
Bato Jazz Fest, Chanaz, France
La Nuit Des Virtuoso, Reunion Island, France
Bremen Jazz Festival, Bremen, Germany
Freespace Jazz Fest, West Kowloon, Hong Kong
State Dept Tour of India
NH7 Festival, Pune, India
Blue Note, Milan, Italy
Bimhuis, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Lantaren-Venster, Rotterdam, Netherlands
International Music Meeting Festival, Nijmegen, Netherlands
Blue Note, Poznan, Poland
O2 ABC, Glasgow, Scotland
Global Fusion Festival, Dubai, UAE
Birmingham Conservatory, Birmingham, UK
O2 Academy, London, UK
Jazz Cafe, London, UK
Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, UK
WOMAD, Wiltshire, UK
WOMEX, Manchester, UK