



DAVID CERQUETTI

FILM COMPOSER | ORCHESTRATOR

I always say that it's not broken dreams that hurt us, but only those we do not have the courage to dream. For this reason I chose to continue dreaming for all my existence.

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SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- Film Scoring for Film and Television
- Orchestration for Film and Television
- Sound Design for Film and Television
- Contemporary Music Composition
- Piano Performance

SOFTWARES

- Cubase Pro 12
- Dorico Pro 4
- Pro Tools
- FMOD Studio
- Adobe Premiere Pro

LANGUAGES

- English: Full Professional Proficiency
- Italian: Native Proficiency
- French: Full Professional Proficiency

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Film Scoring Summer Program

Chigiana Music Academy | 2022 - present

- "Music Technology and Electronic Music Production" with Alessio Miraglia and assistant to all tutors including composers Marco Beltrami, Lawrence Shragge, Patrick Kirst and orchestrator Pete Anthony.

Additional Music - Hunting Ava Bravo

Top Dead Center Films | 2021 - 2022

- Additional Music and Assistant to composer Gianca Liano for the Feature Film "Hunting Ava Bravo" directed by Gary Auerbach and starring Kate del Castillo.

Film Score Composer - Short Movies

Specular Films & Ariel Films | 2021 - present

- Collaboration with Specular Films and Ariel Films for writing the soundtracks of all their short movies.

Composer, Conductor - Theater, Ballet, Concert

Freelancer | 2019 - present

- Solid concert activity throughout Italy as a composer, pianist and conductor. Worked for RAI (Italian Television) and wrote music for more than 50 concerts. Collaboration with Associations: Milano Classica, Palinodie, La Biennale di Venezia, with Ensembles and Orchestras: Prometeo String Quartet, Ex Novo Ensemble, MDI Ensemble, ClassicaViva Orchestra. In 2022 debut as a conductor in an original music concert with a 48-piece symphony orchestra.

HONORS AND AWARDS

📖 Scholarship 2022

- GEMS Composer Scholarship Award (GEMS Film Scoring Summer Program Madrid).

📖 Best Film Score Composer 2021 - 2022

- Oticons Faculty International Film Music Competition (2022) - Top20 Finalist.
- Genesis International Film Festival (2022) - Nominee.
- Toronto Film Channel Awards (2021) - Award Winner.
- Hollywood Gold Awards (2021) - Nominee.

📖 Diploma of Merit 2020

- Chigiana Music Academy - Outstanding Achievement Award.

📖 Best Music Composer 2018 - 2019

- Carlo Sanvitale International Composition Competition (2019) - Best composition for string quartet.
- Maurice Ravel International Composition Competition (2018) - Best Composition for piano solo.

📖 Best Piano Performance 2017

- Maurice Ravel National Piano Competition - 4th Prize.

EDUCATION

Giuseppe Verdi Milan Conservatory

Bachelor of Music | 2019 - 2022

- Composition for Film and Television. Thesis Project: Music Aesthetic in Animated Movies. From the Neo-Riemannian Theory to the Hollywood Harmony. The Grotesque as a source of inspiration. Full marks and highest honors.

Aosta Conservatory

Pre-Academic Preparatory School | 2009 - 2018

- Preparatory School in Piano Performance and Music Composition.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AND SPECIALIZATION

GEMS Film Scoring Summer Program

Spain - Madrid | 2022

- Twelve Days in Madrid mentored by Composer Christopher Young.

Film Scoring Academy of Europe

Varna - Bulgaria | 2021

- A month focused on writing orchestral music for pictures and on recording in studio with the BNR Symphony Orchestra. Mentored by Andy Hill, Former Vice President of Music Production at Disney and Norman Ludwin, Hollywood orchestrator for Michael Giacchino.

Contemporary Music Composition Chigiana Academy

Siena - Italy | 2020

- Specialization in contemporary composition mentored by Salvatore Sciarrino. Diploma of Merit for great compositional skills, an honor awarded to a select few students throughout the history of the Academy.

MEMBERSHIPS

ACMF - Association of Film Music Composers

2021 - present

- Association committed to advancing the interests of Italian composers working in visual media, including film, television, theater, video games and beyond.

SIAE

2016 - present

- Italian copyright collecting agency.