

KAUFMAN NOTES

The Newsletter of Christopher Kaufman
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Performances of Hudson Valley Quintet by Quintet of the Americas



Christopher was commissioned in 2008 by Quintet of the Americas to create the **Hudson Valley Quintet** (<http://www.chkaufman.com/hudson.htm>). This was the next in his 'Naturemusic Series' where he combines natural and electronic sound with live performance. The first was **Naturemusic 1**, and the second, **Music From Earth**, featured multi-instrumentalist Demetrius Spaneas during his world tour in 2009. You can hear excerpts of these works on Christopher's home page music player and read

about them on his concert bio page.

For **Hudson Valley Quintet**, he gathered natural sounds of the Hudson Valley environs, which became surround-sound audio and was integrated with video of the Hudson River and environmental art by Ken Cro-Ken (example at right). The schedule of performances throughout the five boroughs of New York City is:



April 22 – Bayside Historical Society, Bayside, Queens

May 11 - Community Mediation Services, Jamaica, Queens

May 16 - Rockaway Center for The Arts (RoCA), Studio 7, Fort Tilden Rockaway, Queens - <http://www.rockawayartistsalliance.org/>



May 23 - Noble Collection at Snug Harbor, Staten Island - <http://www.noblemaritime.org/>

May 26 - Salvation Army Temple, Jackson Heights, Queens

June 5 - Waterfront Museum, Red Hook, Brooklyn - <http://www.waterfrontmuseum.org/>

June 12 - Flushing Library in Flushing, Queens

June 15 - Wave Hill, overlooking the Hudson River in Riverdale, The Bronx - <http://www.wavehill.org/home/>

June 17 - Langston Hughes Library and Cultural Center in Corona, Queens

June 25 - Loewe Auditorium at New York University in Manhattan

Several of these concerts feature a panel led by Dr. Eric Sanderson, author of **Mannahatta: A Natural History of New York City**, with Christopher, members of the Quintet and other composers on the program.



Audio/video segments of **Hudson Valley Quintet, Music from Earth** and other Kaufman concert works can be seen on [YouTube](#).



The Mannahatta Project is reconstructing the ecology of Manhattan when Henry Hudson first sailed by in 1609 and comparing it to what we know of the island today, discovering the environmental foundation of the city. More about it at <http://themannahattaproject.org/>.

The State of Kaufman 2010



Christopher's composing world continues to expand. He has scored a number of short films and independent features and created music for promos, corporate videos and political messages. Much of this work is created in Kaufman Studios at his home in Brooklyn, a sort of “laboratory” for creating and producing music for dissemination, licensing and collaboration with directors. His work is now featured in music libraries such as Music Licensing of Hollywood, Omni Music and others and has been licensed for the Wall Street EJournal, cable TV spots and other outlets.

You can see a number of the films he's created music for on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=jmusic800>.

His visibility in the New York musical community has increased greatly by being named an 'emerging talent' member of the **Manhattan Producers Alliance**, founded by Joe 'The Legend' Caroll and Wade Tonken.

In addition to composing music for independent films, he has taken more of a role in helping develop them. He has written a script expanding **Little Courage**, a short film made by Veronica Ceicedo Productions - <http://www.caicedoproductions.com/home.htm>, for which he composed the original score, and which has been touring the Latino Independent Film Festival circuit. He also co-wrote the script for **A Small Place in the Dark**, a new film which will be directed by Christopher Eadicicco, founder of Cry Havoc Productions. He also looks to develop young talent for film... especially 'Fia Rosalina... his three month-old daughter!

Christopher enthusiastically continues his work as a composer for the concert stage as well. As founder of CHIRON Performing Arts, he has presented many multi-disciplinary concert events.

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