

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

JUNIOR RECITAL

DEREK EASTERDAY, COMPOSITION

NICKERSON STUDIOS
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

Autumn Rain

Derek Easterday (b. 2002)

Derek Easterday, alto saxophone
Isabel Smith, piano
Henry Moe, bass
Davery Bettger, drums

Project Contrast Score

Derek Easterday

Project Contrast Theme
Labyrinth
Labyrinth Puzzle
Homebase

Yoshi's Island - Athletic Theme

Koji Kondo (b. 1961)
arr. Derek Easterday

Derek Easterday, soprano saxophone
Emily Abshire, alto saxophone
Madi Porter, tenor saxophone
Kendall Farra, baritone saxophone

Lost Planet

Derek Easterday

Sonata

Derek Easterday

Derek Easterday, alto saxophone
Nathan Molvik, double bass
Zhanhong Kuang, piano

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Derek Easterday is a junior studying music composition and visual arts at Seattle Pacific University. He has been performing music for a majority of his life, starting with piano at the age of 10 under the tutelage of Carline Minor. In middle school, he branched out into performing saxophone, and has been using it as his main instrument since. Inspired throughout his life by the music of video games and animation, he set out to study composition after graduating from McMinville High School in 2020, with the determination to earn his place among his game-scoring idols. Since then, he has excelled in his studies, performed with the SPU Wind Ensemble and Orchestra, and studied-abroad in Vienna during fall 2022 where he would continue studying composition and saxophone performance under Gabriele Proy and Chris Maurer respectively. At SPU, he is currently studying under Dr. Sarah Bassingthwaighe and Dr. Evan Smith in composition and saxophone performance, and continues to strive to make and perform music to a higher caliber at every opportunity. His style has developed over the years since beginning his composing journey in 2020, as he writes and produces music both for live performance and to provide sound to visual experience. In winter 2023, he completed his first game-scoring project with *Project Contrast*, a game made by Pierce Papke, and in the summer will be studying at NYU - Steinhardt in their Screen Scoring program.

Derek performs tonight in partial fulfillment of a B.A. in Music with an emphasis in Composition

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