

Patrick Burke, Composer

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BIOGRAPHY

Patrick Burke composes visceral, emotionally charged music for chamber ensemble, orchestra, vocals, and electronic media. Formally tight, narrative structures are balanced with lyricism and a dream-like logic that is often inspired by film. He is a co-founder and core member of NOW Ensemble, a young group on the forefront of the indie-classical scene “suggesting the shape of the sounds that will define art music in the early part of this new century” (Ed Montgomery, Context Studios).

Patrick’s works have been performed by the Minnesota Orchestra, the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble, eighth blackbird, the Yale Philharmonic, the Eugene Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, IonSound Project and Alia Musica. In 2007, Patrick composed the score for *Behind Forgotten Eyes*, an award-winning WWII documentary featured on History Channel Asia. His music appears on NPR’s *All Things Considered*, and on NOW Ensemble’s debut album, named one of the top classical recordings of 2008 by *The New Yorker* critic, Alex Ross.

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