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Summary

I am an actor / musician / writer. I graduated with a Joint Honours Music and Computer Science degree from the University of Waterloo. I was a partner with a software start-up company that became one of the fastest growing technology companies in BC. In 2003 I garnered "Business In Vancouver's Top 40 Under 40". In 2009 I departed the software industry completely to work fulltime on my entertainment projects. I wrote a sung-through musical called *The Curtain*, a love story between an East Berlin woman and an American man during the fall of the Berlin Wall. I wrote, produced, directed, scored and starred in my feature film *Everywhere But Here* and my short films *The Walk*, *Solo Duet*, and *Solo Duet: Who's On First*, all of which were selected for film festivals, winning multiple awards. As a working actor, I have appeared in over 85 films, TV and theatre projects.

In 2014 I created a new musical *Junk! The Musical* which performed my original music played by my orchestra of invented instruments made from recycled junk. Next came my show *The Music of Junk* which I toured across BC between 2015 and 2017. I released my folk-rock solo album *The Letter* in 2018 which I perform in various venues.

In 2023 I created my one-man theatre music show *Orchestra of Sound*, composing music using hundreds of sounds from the world around us in a live multi-media stage show. After a successful premiere in Vancouver, I toured it internationally in 2024 to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Artistic Work Presented to the Public

2024	Orchestra of Sound; music theatre show; creator/performer; Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Edinburgh, UK
2024	Everywhere But Here; feature film; creator/performer; Amazon Prime USA and UK
2024	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Amazon Prime USA and UK
March 22, 2024	Orchestra of Sound; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Nest Theatre, Vancouver, BC
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; White Rose Int'l Film Festival; Harrogate, UK
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; Bridge Fest Film Festival; Vancouver, BC
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; The Comedy Film Festival; Austin, Texas, USA
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; Couch Film Festival, Toronto, Ontario
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; East Bay Comedy Festival; Oakland, CA, USA
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; One-Reeler Film Festival; Los Angeles, CA, USA
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; Poor Life Choices Comedy Film Festival; Online
2024	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; Laughing Dog Comedy Fest; Houston, Texas, USA
Sep 7-17, 2023	Orchestra of Sound; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Waterfront Theatre, Vancouver, BC
2023	Solo Duet: Who's On First; short film; creator/performer; Comedy Feedback Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; All The Laughs Comedy Awards; Atlanta, Georgia, USA
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; Kursaal Film Festival; San Sebastian, Spain
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; Great Lakes International Film Festival; Erie, PA, USA
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; European Short Film Festival; Berlin, Germany
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; 300 Seconds Short Film Festival; Toronto, Ontario
2022	Solo Duet; short film; creator/performer; Los Angeles Comedy Film & Screenplay Festival; Los Angeles, CA
Dec 1-2, 2017	The Music of Junk; music theatre show; creator/performer; The ACT Arts Centre, Maple Ridge, BC
Nov 14, 2017	The Music of Junk; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Charles-Bailey Theatre, Trail, BC
Oct 1, 2016	The Music of Junk; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Massey Theatre, New Westminster, BC
Nov 18-22, 2015	The Music of Junk; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Waterfront Theatre, Vancouver, BC
Mar 4, 2015	The Music of Junk; music theatre show; creator/performer; The Telus World of Science, Vancouver, BC
Sep 4-14, 2014	Junk! The Musical; music theatre show; creator/performer; Firehall Arts Centre; Vancouver Fringe Festival
2014	Better than Me; music video; writer/producer/performer; Canada International Film Festival; Vancouver, BC
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Canada International Film Festival; Vancouver, BC

2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Real to Reel Film Festival; Winnipeg, MA, USA
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Creative Arts Film Festival; Online
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Churches Making Movies Film Festival; New Jersey, NY, USA
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Toronto Beaches Film Festival; Toronto, ON
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; JN Films Online Festival; Online
2014	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; International Film Festival of Cinematic Arts; Los Angeles, CA
2013	The Walk; short film; creator/performer; Mississippi Film Festival; Mississippi, MS, USA
2010	Everywhere But Here; feature film; creator/performer; Indie Can Film Festival; Toronto, ON
2009	Everywhere But Here; feature film; creator/performer; KidsFirst! Film Festival; Tampa, Florida, USA

Community Collaboration Activities

2024	Eco Harmony Environmental Event; performer; USDG Youth Society; Vancouver, BC
2019	Street Beats Wall of Sound built from Junk; creator/designer/builder; VIVA Vancouver; Vancouver BC

Awards

2024	Top Picks: Music for 'Orchestra of Sound'; FEST Magazine
2024	Nomination for Best Music for 'Orchestra of Sound'; DarkChat Awards
2024	Nomination for Best Entertainment/Musical/Dance for 'Orchestra of Sound'; DarkChat Awards
2024	Best Short Film, Best Actor for 'Solo Duet: Who's On First'; Bridge Festival
2024	Best Sketch Comedy for 'Solo Duet: Who's On First'; Poor Life Choices Comedy Film Festival
2022	Best Comedic Actor for 'Solo Duet'; All The Laughs Comedy Awards
2022	Best Sound and Music for 'Solo Duet'; Toronto COMEDY Film Festival
2016	Principal Actor in short film 'Hard Card' which received a Leo Award Nomination
2014	Award of Excellence in Filmmaking for 'The Walk'; Canada International Film Festival
2014	Royal Reel Award for music video 'Better than Me'; Canada International Film Festival
2013	Best Thriller Short Film, Best Actor, Best Director for 'The Walk'; Creative Arts Film Festival
2014	First Runner Up, Short Film Narrative Competition; Winnipeg Real to Reel Film Festival
1995	Thea Award for Best Ensemble Performance for theatre in 'The Boys Next Door'

Media coverage

Aug 8, 2024	Orchestra of Sound; Patricia Silver; Article; Fringe Review; https://fringereview.co.uk/review/edinburgh-fringe/2024/orchestra-of-sound/
Aug 2, 2024	Orchestra of Sound; David Cox; Article; DarkChat; https://www.darkchat.co.uk/team-1/orchestra-of-sound
Jul 22, 2024	Orchestra of Sound Comes to Edinburgh; Stephi Wild; Article; Broadway World; https://www.broadwayworld.com/scotland/article/ORCHESTRA-OF-SOUND-Comes-to-Edinburgh-20240722
Jan 18, 2024	Episode 1096: Filmmaker Paul Michael Snider; Matthew Toffolo; Podcast; WildSound Podcast https://www.wildsoundpodcast.com/the-film-podcast-by-wildsound/2024/1/18/ep-1096-filmmaker-paul-michael-snider-solo-duet-whos-on-first
Aug 24, 2023	10 Shows to Catch at the 2023 Vancouver Fringe Festival; Editors; Article; Vancouver Magazine https://www.vanmag.com/city/arts-and-culture/10-shows-to-catch-at-the-2023-vancouver-fringe-festival/
May 17, 2022	Filmmaker Paul Michael Snider; Matthew Toffolo; Podcast interview; WildSound Podcast https://www.wildsoundpodcast.com/the-film-podcast-by-wildsound/tag/SOLO+DUET+short+film
Mar 6, 2022	The Music of Junk; Smiely Khurana; Podcast interview and article; The Sustainable Act https://www.thesustainableact.com/post/the-music-of-junk
Jun 14, 2019	'The Legiano': Where Music Meets Innovation; Video article; RightThisMinute https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x7b3a3p
Nov 18, 2015	The Music of Junk! finds beauty in waste; Alexander Varty; Article about the show; Georgia Straight https://www.straight.com/arts/579291/music-junk-finds-beauty-waste
Nov 16, 2015	The Music of Junk on Novus TV; Ceilidh Millar; TV interview with Paul Snider; Novus TV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vzu8bcdFAFU&t=4s
Nov 14, 2015	The Music of Junk: recycled trash turned into instruments; Gloria Macarenko; TV Interview; CBC https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/the-music-of-junk-recycled-trash-turned-into-instruments-1.3316032

Nov 11, 2015 Paul Snider looks to the landfill for The Music of Junk!; Mark Robins; Article; Vancouver Presents
<https://www.vancouverpresents.com/music/paul-snider-looks-to-the-landfill-for-the-music-of-junk/>

Nov 4, 2015 The Music of Junk; MomMomOnTheGo; Online article about the show; MomMomOnTheGo;
<https://mommomonthego.com/the-music-of-junk/>

Community Presentations

2017 Orcas Center Music MasterClass; Orcas Island, Washington, USA
2015 The Music of Junk Presentation; Telus World of Science; Vancouver, BC

Memberships

2014 – 2026 Artist; BC Touring; Vancouver, BC