# **Michael E. Arrom**

Keyboardist • Sound Designer • Track Programmer • Producer • Music Director • Composer http://www.michaelarrom.com

I'm a passionate and energetic artist with mastery of modern keyboards and production. My professional experience includes world tours, live television performances, broadcast radio play, music placements on network TV and a major university teaching appointment. I'm proud to have been featured in Keyboard Magazine and recognized as an Arturia Artist. I'm proficient across a wide range of genres; deep classical piano training complements my popular music skills. My maturity, professionalism and collaborative nature consistently place me in critically demanding situations where solid results must be assured. I am always prepared and on time without any drama. I'm based in both Los Angeles and New York.

### EMPLOYMENT

**USC Thornton School of Music**, Adjunct Faculty. I teach the *Piano Proficiency* course for Popular Music majors and instruct private piano students. Teaching assistant for *Pop Arranging*. Accompanist for vocal workshops. January 2018-present **Steve Vai**, *Story of Light Tour*, keyboardist, 2013 Asian Leg (*Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand*) July-August, 2013. Keyboard programming for orchestral tour with Metropole Orchestra, *Rotterdam*, May 2014

# PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

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Diane Warren, Orchestrator and arranger for Deadline Film and Sound Concert, Los Angeles, CA	November 2022	
United Nations Women's Summit, Keyboardist and string arranger for Sofia Carson, New York, NY	September 2022	
The US White House, Pianist at 142 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Roll, <i>Washington, DC</i>	April 2022	
Step Into the Movies, Arranger, Emmy-nominated TV Special starring Derek and Julianne Hough,, Los Angeles, CA March 2022		
Disney Holiday Specials, Keyboardist for performances by Joey Fatone and Jimmie Allen, Los Angeles, CA	December 2021	
The Two Mrs. Stollers, Music director and pianist for jazz show at the Catalina Club Los Angeles, CA	September 2021	
Rose Bowl, Producer, music director and keyboardist for new pop artist at Americafest, Pasadena, CA	July 2021	
Sesame Street, Pianist for Sofia Carson on "The Not Too Late Show with Elmo", New York, NY	December 2019	
Good Morning America, Keyboardist for live performance by Sofia Carson, New York, NY	December 2019	
American Contemporary Ballet, Composer/Arranger/Organist, multiple productions, Los Angeles, CA	October 2017-22	
Hollywood Bowl Playboy JazzFest, Sound design and synth-bass for Patrice Rushen, Los Angeles, CA	June 2019	
Kodak Black, Constructed live intro track for "Dying to Live Tour", Los Angeles, CA	March 2019	
Melanie Fiona, String Arranger, Keyboards, Percussion, "The Christmas Song" (recording), Los Angeles, CA	December 2018	
<b>Steve Vai Jamathon</b> , Vai's house band for 52-hour benefit, backed Moby, Orianthi & Rickey Minor, <i>Hollywood, CA</i> Sep 2018		
Sofia Carson, UNICEF Summer Gala, Piano Accompanist, Porto Cervo, Italy	August 2018	
Noah Cyrus, Keyboardist (Sub), SXSW Festival, WE Day Seattle, multiple venues, Austin, TX, Seattle, WA	March 2018	
Madison Beer EP Release Party, Keyboardist (sub), string arranger, The Peppermint Club, West Hollywood, CA February 2018		
ISME World Conference, Music Director: Pop Music Showcase, Royal Concert Hall, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i>	July 2016	
<b>Mike Stoller, Tribute to Jerry Leiber,</b> Organist, Patrice Rushen Music Director, The Alex Theatre, <i>Glendale, CA</i> June 2016		
Bill Withers, Master Class Music Director, USC Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, CA	September 2015	
John Fogerty, Keyboardist, USC Charles Dickens Dinner, The Millenium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, CA	December 2014	
Glee, Performed music on-camera for 2 episodes of final season, Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, CA	November 2014	
Chaka Khan Master Class Music Director, USC Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, CA	October 2014	
Steve Vai, Story of Light Tour, international touring debut as keyboardist, Perth, Australia	July 2013	
Keith Urban American Country Awards, Hammond, live national television performance, Las Vegas, NV	December 2012	

#### EDUCATION -

Los Angeles, CA

August 2013-May 2017

Bachelor of Music, Popular Music Performance – Keyboard Emphasis, Summa Cum Laude, Outstanding Popular Music Graduate, Popular Music Collaboration Award, Workshops in Production, Composition for Video Games, Audio for Film

# **PRIVATE STUDY HIGHLIGHTS**

Thornton School of Music

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** 

Patrice Rushen (Grammy Nominee, Chair, USC Popular Music Program), contemporary piano	2013-
David Rosenthal (Grammy Nominee, Billy Joel Music Director and Keyboardist), keyboard and music technology	2010-
Michelle Chen Kuo (BM Eastman School of Music, MM Juilliard), classical piano	2007-2014
Melissa Manchester (Grammy Winner, USC Adjunct Professor), vocals	2014

#### OTHER

Gear (partial): Korg Kronos, Talk Box, ROLI Seaboard, Hammond XK3, Minimoog Voyager, Arturia KeyLab Software (partial): ProTools, Logic, MainStage, Ableton, Arturia, Reason, Omnisphere, Finale, Sibelius



# SAMPLE PERFORMANCE VIDEOS & TRACKS

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