

Sahasra Chakkirala

Composer

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I strive to use my work as a composer and educator to create meaningful musical experiences that inspire and uplift the communities I serve.

Education

University of Arizona – Fred Fox School of Music (2022–2025)

Bachelor of Music in Composition, Minor in Classical Guitar & Pipe Organ

- GPA: 3.98 | College of Fine Arts Academic Distinction Award
- Composition studies with Pamela Decker & Kay He; Guitar studies with Thomas Patterson

Teaching Experience

Private Studio (2022–Present)

- Guitar, composition, and piano instruction for students ages 6–20
- Developed individualized curricula to encourage creativity, technique, and performance

Tucson Youth Music Center – Guitar & Music Theory Instructor (2022–2023)

- Taught students ages 5–18 foundational and advanced skills in guitar and music theory

Awards & Honors

- University of Arizona Achievement Award (2022–2026)
- Distinction Tuition Scholarship, University of Arizona (2022–2026)
- College of Fine Arts Academic Distinction Award (2022–2025)

Festivals & Competitions

- Exeter New Music Composition & Research Festival, UK (2024)
- STRING Guitar & Composition Festival, Bristol, UK (2025)

- Essex Guitar Society & Composition Festival, UK (2025)
- Finalist, Brussels International Guitar Composition Competition (2025)
- Semi-finalist, Barcelona International Guitar Contest Miquel Llobet (2025)
- Semi-finalist, MIGF Composition Competition (2024)

Selected Works & Publications

- *Tracing Orion, Constellations, The Sky Remembers* – Guitar Orchestra Trilogy (2025)
– Published on J.W. Pepper | Performed by Tucson Guitar Society Orchestra
- *Modal Portals* (2024), *Ginastera's Sketch* (2025), *5 Preludes* (2025), *Semitone Symbiosis* (2025)
– Solo Classical Guitar Works published by J.W. Pepper
- *Flames* (Guitar Quartet, 2025) & *Flashes* (Saxophone Quartet, 2025) – J.W. Pepper

Professional Affiliations

- ASCAP – Writer & Publisher Member (2025–Present)

Skills

- Music composition & analysis
- Classical guitar, pipe organ, and piano teaching
- Sound design, audio mixing
- Microsoft Office | Photography