

Jessica Leza

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Denton, Texas

Education

Texas Woman's University – College of Music – Denton, TX [current]
Master's of Arts, Music Therapy and Bachelors of Science, Music Therapy equivalency

University of North Texas – College of Music - Denton, TX
Bachelor's of Music Composition, 2005

~ Recipient: University of North Texas Composition Studies Scholarship

~ Minor: Music Theory ~ Performance Concentration: Voice

Notable Music Performances

- 2009 FILE Electronic Language Festival Sao Paulo, Brazil
Klein Bottle
- 2009 SoundLab VI - SoundPOOL Cologne, Germany
* <http://sound.newmediaserver.org/sl6/feature06.html>
* *Klein Bottle*
- 2008 Havoc on Halloween, Last Concert Café Houston, TX
* Vocals, live electronics w/ guitarist Brandon Starkweather
* Accompanied by stop motion video art by Jessica Leza
* 30 min. set of original music, Screamin' Jay Hawkins cover
- 2006 *The Underground* House Band Xiangtan, China
Vocals & guitar, Chinese & Western rock music
Regular performances, TV appearances, ChangShiKuiChi Rock Bar
* Recognition from local CCP Cultural Activities Officials
- 2005 Van Go/Van Go (Senior Composition Recital) Denton, TX
* Original music, video, and performance art
* Vocal and instrumental ensembles & electronic music
* Featuring traditional Chinese Guzheng
- 2004 Electric LaTeX music festival Houston, TX
Klein Bottle
- 2004 Election, Performance Art group performance Denton, TX
- 2003-2005 Member of UNT Percussion & Composition Ensembles
* Voice and Percussion, regular performances with *Mariachi Aguilas*,
South Indian Cross Cultural Ensemble, Afro-Cuban percussion ensemble,

and Brazilian Percussion Ensemble

*Including performances of original music by UNT composers

- 2003-04 *Flat Bamboo* Denton, TX
Vocals & guitar, Traditional Chinese folk and rock
- 2000-2002 Member of UNT Women's and Grand Chorus Denton, TX
Notable performances include:
* Carl Orff, Carmina Burana
* Gabriel Faure, Requiem
* Gustav Mahler, Symphony No. 2
* Johannes Brahms, Gesang auf Fingal
- 2000 Soloist w/North Houston Youth Chorale France
* Paris Street Festival, Paris
* *Les Restaurants du Coeur* benefit, Sarlat
* Additional performances: University of Toulouse, Bordeaux, Chartres Cathedral, Carcassonne, and Albi.

Original Albums & Notable Recordings

- 2010 Paradigm Shift About this Product
Released on Tigerbeat6 Records
- 2009 *Etudes from the Anthropocene*
Released on Recession Recordings (2010 release)
- 2004 *Nothing Says Love Like Fish: Live from Norman* The Otts
- 2004 *Sleep Study*

Video Art Performances featuring Original Music

- 2010 Señorita Cinema Houston, TX
* *Seduction in the Sterilization Room*
* *OK Hello Here is Michael*
- 2009 Last Concert Café Houston, TX
* 45 min. set of original video art w/electronic musician Subroutine
* Opening act for My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult
- 2009 Westheimer Block Party @ Numbers Night Club Houston, TX
* 30 min. set of original video art w/electronic musician Groggy
* Headlining act
- 2009 91.7 KTRU Outdoor Show @ Rice University Houston, TX
* 45 min. set of video art w/electronic musicians About This Product
* Opening act for Ted Leo & the Pharmacists

- 2008 Boyle Heights Latina Independent Film Extravaganza Los Angeles, CA
**Seduction in the Sterilization Room*
- 2008 Extremely Shorts 11 @ Aurora Picture Show Houston, TX
* *Rough Days, Green Thumbs*
- 2008 New Genre XV: Tulsa Living Arts @ Nightingale Theater Tulsa, OK
* *Liberation y el Pardon*
- 2008 Dreaming a New Real @ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, NY
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar
- 2008 Society for Electronic Music in the US Conference Salt Lake City, UT
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar
- 2007 BigScreen International Film Festival Kunming, China
* *Mitosis and Rough Days, Green Thumbs*
- 2007 Boyle Heights Latina Independent Film Extravaganza Los Angeles, CA
* *Mitosis*
- 2007 SPECTRUM @ Merrill Ellis Intermedia Theater Denton, TX
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar
- 2007 Think Film @ Think Coffee Brooklyn, NY
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar
- 2007 OK Electric Tulsa, OK
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar
- 2007 Señorita Cinema @ Lawndale Art Center Houston, TX
* *Mitosis*
* Honorable mention
- 2007 Zingology featured video artist Zingology.com
- 2007 Electric LaTex @ Merril Ellis Intermedia Theater Denton, TX
* *Vejez naciente, Naciente vejez* w/music by Camilo Salazar

Visual Art Exhibitions, Awards, & Publication

- 2010 Filament Magazine – pictorial (Issue TBA) UK
- 2009 Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art Los Angeles, CA
Melanie is Dreaming
- 2009 Festival Miden, Urban (R)evolutions Kalamata, Greece
Images of an Urban South China

- 2009 Cover Photography: *Almost Out of Grace* by David Yanez
* ISBN 9780977219438
- 2008 Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art Los Angeles, CA
Experimental Film Stills
- 2007 UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2007
Dianna featured in "Inspirational Women"
- 2007 Prix de la Photographie Paris Paris, France
*Honorable Mention, People's Choice; *Images of South China*
- 2007 Go Figure, M2 Gallery Group Exhibition Houston, TX
- 2007 Digital Diversity, Ventura Artist's Union Gallery San Buenaventura, CA
* Honorable Mention
- 2007 Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art Los Angeles, CA
Distraction
- 2007 A Million Little Pictures, Art House Decatur, GA
- 2007 Thieves Jargon Featured Photo Artist ThievesJargon.com
- 2006 Jones Soda: Blue Bubble Gum Soda (Fall printing)
Brent Leaps
- 2006 Gallery 19 (3 month group exhibition - photography) Houston, TX

Professional Affiliations

American Music Therapy Association (AMTA/SWAMTA)
Student Association of Music Therapists (SAMT/SWAMTAS)
American Society of Composers and Musicians (ASCAP)
Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the US (SEAMUS)
Musicians and Fine Artists for World Peace (MFAWP)

Exhibition Curatorial Experience

Creative Women Unite Film Festival

Willow Pump Station; Houston, TX (March 8, 2008)
Bohemeo's (March 6-8, 2009)

Field Studies

- 2003 Chinese Traditional Folk Music; Guangxi Province
2002 Chinese Traditional Culture in Music; Taipei, Taiwan

Print Reviews, Interviews, & Publication

- 2010 AMTA.Pro March Interview Podcast Amarillo, TX
LiveReport from the Southwestern Region
- 2009 *TXPosure Magazine* Featured Artist TX, OK, LA
* (pending publication) <http://www.txposure.net/>
- 2009 *Soundlab VI: SoundPool* Cologne, Germany
online sound art exhibition & interview project
* http://sip.newmediafest.org/?page_id=398
- 2007 “My Elected Officials Want to Censor Your Mama: Frank Zappa Battles
Censorship”
Paper credited in index, book by Bob Zappa

Work Experience

- 2009-2010 Demand Studios Denton, TX
Freelance writer
- 2007-09 Owner, Chocolate Fountain Houston Houston, TX
Dessert Catering and Specialty event services
- 2006 Hunan Institute of Engineering Xiangtan, China
International Business School
‘Foreign Expert’ (English as a Second Language Instructor)
Four classes of 30-45 students age 18-22
*Topics included: Globalization, Business Plan Development, Time
Management, Integrity in the Work Place, Analyzing Data, Graphical and
Oral Presentation Techniques.*
- 2005-10 Founder of Alarana.net: Alarana Atelier Houston, TX
Online multimedia artist’s cooperative and record label, music resource.