

CHRISTOPHER SEAN POWELL

EDUCATION

Private drum lessons, Edison, NJ

1996

Middlesex County College (Art Major), Edison, NJ

1996 - 1997

Audio Engineering and Production at the Shape Shoppe Recording Studio with Griffin Rodriguez (Multiple short term sessions 2-3 weeks long), Chicago, IL

2002 - 2008

Artists U, Yearlong artist development workshop led by Andrew Simonet
Philadelphia, PA

2012 - 2013

Circuit Bending Music Hack Workshop, Creative methods to modify audio electronics to discover unusual sounds led by David Talento at The Hacktory, Philadelphia, PA

2014

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, "Music Machines and Soundstruments", Experimental sculpture with electronic circuit fundamentals and woodworking led by Rob Duarte, Deer Isle, ME

2014

Intro to Arduino, Three part workshop on microcontrollers, circuitry & programming led by Tim Bienosek at The Hacktory, Philadelphia, PA

2014

MAJOR WORKS

2011 - present

Spaceship Aloha

Solo composition and live improvisation performance project utilizing an array of sequencers, samplers, drum machines, and synthesizers. One record.

2011 - present

Adventuredrum

Composer and bandleader for a community-based drum ensemble, inviting members from different musical genres to improvise with elastic themes and melodies.

2005 - present

Man Man

In collaboration with Ryan Kattner, songwriting, recording, and performing with Philadelphia-based experimental rock band. From 2005 through 2014, Man Man has done over twenty nationwide tours, four European tours, and one Australian tour. Four records.

2012 - 2013

Mash Up Body

Sound design and composition for experimental dance performance in collaboration with choreographer Kate-Watson Wallace.

2002 - 2008

Icy Demons

Two person production/songwriting collaboration with Griffin Rodriguez based in Chicago. Two national tours. Three records.

2000 - 2005

Need New Body

Main musical contributor in Philadelphia-based art rock collective. Six national tours. Two European tours. Three records.

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

2013 Yoko Ono, "Take Me To The Land Of Hell"

2013 Man Man, "On Oni Pond"

2012 Spaceship Aloha, "Universe Mahalo Vol #1"

2011 Man Man, "Life Fantastic"

2008 Boredoms, "77 BOADRUM"

2008 Man Man, "Rabbit Habits"

2007 Icy Demons, "Miami Ice"

2006 Man Man, "Six Demon Bag"

2006 Icy Demons, "Tears Of A Clone"

2005 Need New Body, "Where's Black Ben?"

2004 Icy Demons "Fight Back!"

2003 Need New Body "UFO"

2001 Need New Body "NNB"

SELECTED BROADCASTS

2013 MTV Hive Interview with Matt Pinfield

2008 NPR "Man Man catches live habits," All Things Considered

SELECTED FESTIVALS

(All with *Man Man* unless otherwise noted)

2014 FYF Fest, Los Angeles, CA

2014 Shaky Knees Festival, Atlanta GA

2014 SXSW Festival, Austin, TX (*Spaceship Aloha*)

2014 XPonential Music Festival, Camden, NJ

2012 Switched On Garden, Philadelphia, PA (*Spaceship Aloha*)

2011 La Terra Trema, Cherbourg, FRANCE

2011 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, Manchester, TN

2010 Calgary Folk Festival, Calgary, CANADA

2010 FYF Fest, Los Angeles CA

2010 Fun Fun Fun Festival, Austin TX

2008 All Tomorrow's Parties Festival, East Sussex, UK

2008 Meredith Music Festival, Meredith AUSTRALIA

2008 Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival, Indio, CA

2008 Austin City Limits Festival, Austin, TX

2008 Bumbershoot Music Festival, Seattle, WA

2008 Les Nuit Botanique, Brussels, BELGIUM

2007 Primavera Sound Festival, Barcelona SPAIN

2006 Pitchfork Music Festival, Chicago IL

2005 All Tomorrow's Parties Festival, Camber Sands, UK (*Need New Body*)

EXHIBITIONS

2015 Upcoming group exhibition, Grizzly Grizzly, Philadelphia, PA

2014 Group exhibition, *Writing Lessons*, Butter Projects, Royal Oak, MI

TEACHING / GUEST LECTURES / WORKSHOPS

2015 Upcoming, “Improvisation in Ableton”, Guest Lecture and Performance, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA

2015 Upcoming, Guest Lecture and Performance, University Of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

2014 “Improvisation in Ableton”, Guest Lecture and Performance, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA

2014 Guest Lecture and Performance, University Of Pennsylvania PA

2014 Drum Recording, Drum Preparation, and Drum Tuning Workshop, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

2014 Guest Lecture and Performance for *Philadelphia Drum Project*, Boot and Saddle Philadelphia PA

2013 Improvisation Workshop with Kate Watson-Wallace, Alloy Studios, Pittsburgh, PA

2003 – present Private Drum Lessons in Philadelphia, New York City, and Los Angeles

SELECTED PERFORMANCE EVENTS

2013 Boredoms, "7x13 Boadrum" Tokyo, Japan

2013 Spaceship Aloha, "Dublab Radio Night" Malmö, Tokyo

2012 Adventuredrum, 40th St Summer Series, Philadelphia PA

2012 Adventuredrum, Philadelphia Museum Of Art, Philadelphia, PA

2008 Boredoms, "88Boadrum", Los Angeles, CA

2007 Loomstate, "40 Drummer Celebration", New York NY

2007 Boredoms, "77Boadrum" New York, NY

SELECTED IMPROVISATIONAL PERFORMANCES

2014 Three solo drum kit performances in Ezra Masch's "Big Bang III" installation, Icebox Gallery, Philadelphia PA

2014 "Three Musicians" biodata improvisation, Philadelphia Museum Of Art, Philadelphia, PA

2013 Group improvisation series with Kate Watson-Wallace and Dorothy Dubrule, Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA

2012 Improvisation series with Miho Hatori and George Langford at the Standard Hotel, New York, NY

2012 THIRDBIRD Blind Date group improvisation with Meredith Rainey and Aaron Iglar at the Arts Bank, Philadelphia, PA

2012 Music improvisation workshop with Saint Vincent, DJ Logic, and Etran Finetawa at the Calgary Folk Fest, Calgary, AB

2012 Group Improvisation Series with Miho Hatori, Hisham Bharoocha at The Stone, New York, NY

2012 Group Improvisation Series with Miho Hatori, Yuka Honda, and Jamey Robinson at The Stone, New York, NY

2011 Luaka Bop curated group improvisation with Miho Hatori, Delicate Steve, and Javelin at The Stone, New York, NY

2006 "One Two Free" group improvisation at Vox Populi with Nicole Bindler and Helena Espvall, Philadelphia, PA

2004 Group improvisation w/ Marshall Allen and The Sun Ra Arkestra and Zach Hill, Philadelphia, PA

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