# TAREQ ABUISSA

# **Composer-Lyricist & Music Director**

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### **EDUCATION**

### Columbia University, Columbia College

New York, NY

B.A. in Music & Mathematics awarded in May 2014

Dean's List (GPA above 3.60) each of 5 semesters from Fall 2011 – Fall 2014

James P. Shenton Prize in Contemporary Civilization, Honorable Mention, "Music & Mathematics in Plato's Republic"

### MUSIC & LYRICS FOR STAGE

| Naked                           | Music for an Impressionistic musical with book & lyrics by Germaine Shames                   | Upcoming     |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|
| South of Market: The Musical V2 | Music & lyrics, Marines' Memorial Theater, prod. Pat Blute, dir. Ken Savage                  | October 2017 |
| South of Market: The Musical    | Music & lyrics, Z Space (sold out), prod. Pat Blute, dir. Christopher Goodwin                | October 2016 |
| "Can't Help It"                 | Music, Casa Mezcal, guitar-dance collaboration for TREES, dir. Adrianna Aguilar              | April 2016   |
| "Then My Life Began"            | Barnard College Department of Dance thesis, dir. Gina Borden, Mariah Maloney                 | April 2014   |
| The Corporate Core              | Columbia University's 118 <sup>th</sup> Annual Varsity Show (musical satire), dir. Alex Hare | April 2012   |

### MUSIC FOR SCREEN

| "Whisper"                 | Score, University of Southern California Animation thesis, dir. Josh Heineman | May 2014     |
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| "Mango"                   | Score, University of Southern California Animation thesis, dir. Jane Cohen    | May 2014     |
| "Oh, the Sugars"          | Score, Grossbus Animation short film, dir. Ben Crouse                         | October 2013 |
| Rapid Fire / Spotlight On | Underscore, Lincoln Center Media Development artist interview series          | July 2013    |

#### **TEACHING**

The Dalton School

New York, NY

Digital Music Instructor, January 2016 – June 2016

• Taught 4<sup>th</sup> graders to create compositions and mixes in an original curriculum covering recording, MIDI, automation, panning, equalization, compression, reverb, delay, and other production techniques.

### Learning through an Expanded Arts Program (LeAp)

New York, NY

Teaching Artist, October 2015 – June 2016

- Instructed public school science residencies for grades 3 7 in Robotics, Forensic Science, and Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs.
- Co-planned original curricula with classroom teachers. Facilitated individual student projects for 4 classrooms per residency.

### Columbia University Tutoring & Translating Agency

New York, NY

Tutor, September 2011 - May 2014. Assistant Managing Director, September 2013 - May 2014

- Tutored mathematics from algebra through calculus, SAT, ACT, and GRE test preparation, and undergraduate essay writing.
- Matched clients' requests with qualified tutors and translators, coordinated notarizations, and reviewed staff applications.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

New York, NY

Marketing & Development Intern, May 2015 - August 2015

- Created individual donor profiles by researching career, donation history, and real estate data from Tessitura and LexisNexis.
- Tracked and analyzed annual contributions from charitable foundations, corporate sponsors, and government entities in FY03-FY15.

# Mechanisms of Audio-visual Categorization Lab, Department of Psychology, University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA

Research Assistant, August – December 2014

- Engaged participants in experiments, presented in research group meetings, and helped train undergraduate Psychology majors.
- Designed an artificial lexicon to research speech sounds unfolding in time. Edited the stimuli audio and arranged files in MATLAB.

### **Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts**

New York, NY

Strategy & Business Development Intern, January - May 2013

- Strategized earned revenue through research, benchmarking, and analysis for problem solving and program implementation.
- Researched for cultural consulting initiative in Okayama, Japan. Identified consulting leads in Canada, Australia, and Africa.

# **Marvell Repertory Theatre**

New York, NY

Cellist, March – April 2011

• Performed the original score for an Off-Broadway production of S. Ansky's classic play, *The Dybbuk*.