

## Noah Ophoven-Baldwin

🎷: *cornetist* | *improviser/composer* | *curator*

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Noah Ophoven-Baldwin is a composer and cornetist based in Minneapolis. He received his BM in Trumpet Performance at the University of Minnesota, studying under Dr. David Baldwin. Noah has been described as an “an innovative stylist who defies expectations without leaving listeners behind” (Star Tribune). In the Twin Cities he is an active performer playing experimental, improvised, and outsider music with his own ensemble, Realtree, George Cartwright’s Smashing Carp, and Le Percheron. As a composer Noah finds influence in the work of great masters such as Anthony Braxton, Radu Malfatti, Sachiko M, and Bill Dixon. His compositional focus is on stillness and silence while also embracing the unbounded freedom and clarity of open improvisational structures. Realtree has been described as “totally captivating” (Vital Weekly) and “quite orderly” (The Wire). Their second release, *Shake the Hourglass About* was released in March 2022 on Zoomin' Night 燥眠夜 a cassette label based in Beijing. In addition to his work in the experimental field, Noah is also a member of the chamber pop septet, Sister Species, premiered numerous pieces of contemporary classical music and has collaborated on recordings in a variety of styles. From 2015-2019, he was an active member in Six Families, a musician’s collective that curated performances and educational experiences throughout the Twin Cities. From 2017-2018 Noah was a curator of performance accompanying the monthly art shows at the artist-run gallery, Yeah Maybe. From 2017-2022, Noah was one of the curators of Khyber Pass’s Music Thursdays, an improvisational music series.

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### Notable recordings

<i>When the Clouds Looks Like This</i> - Adam Meckler Orchestra	June 2014
<i>Daniel's In Love</i> - Daniel Bonespur	May 2016
<i>Le Percheron</i> - Le Percheron	June 2017
<i>Sobereyed</i> - Straya	February 2018
<i>Heavy Things Do Move</i> - Sister Species	November 2018
<i>Magnificent Madness</i> - Adam Meckler Orchestra	May 2019
<i>The Essence of Hairsplitter</i> - Hairsplittler	August 2019
<i>Lost in Thought</i> - And And End	August 2019
<i>Bit By the Sun</i> - Itch Princess	March 2020
<i>Light Exchanges</i> - Sister Species	May 2020
<i>SPLENDOR FALLS ON EVERYTHING AROUND</i> - Realtree	October 2020
<i>Shake the Hourglass About</i> - Realtree	March 2022