

# Jacob Sundstrom

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

#### PHD IN MUSIC

Concentration in Computer Music and  
Digital Signal Processing

**Extension:** Certificate in DSP

Expected June 2021 | San Diego, California

Cum. GPA: 3.95

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE

#### MM IN MUSIC COMPOSITION

December 2015 | Seattle, Washington

Cum. GPA: 3.7

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

#### BA IN MUSIC COMPOSITION, MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY

June 2012 | San Diego, California

Cum. GPA: 3.83

Honors with High Distinction

## LINKS

Github:// [woolgathering](#)

LinkedIn:// [jacobsundstrom](#)

## SKILLS

### DEVELOPMENT

SuperCollider • Python • MATLAB/Octave •  
C/C++ •  $\LaTeX$

### SCM

Git

### TARGETS

Linux • OSX • Windows

## SELECTED AWARDS

Qualcomm Institute's Initiative for Digital  
Exploration of Arts and Sciences Artistic  
Residency, 2018 • Alcor Endowed Scholarship,  
2015 • Stewart Prize, 2012 • Eagle Scout,  
2006

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Real-time DSP • Data Sonification • Algorithm  
Development • Machine Learning • Sound  
Spatialization • EEG Signal Processing •  
Psychoacoustics

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### UCSD | GRADUATE RESEARCHER

September 2016 - present | San Diego, California

- DSP and compositional research with Pulitzer Prize winning composer Roger Reynolds.
- Developing robust real-time signal processing techniques for new works by Reynolds and serve in a performative capacity for said works.
- Designing cutting-edge spatialization strategies for work in a variety of contexts using VBAP, Ambisonics, and other spatialization techniques.

### SOFTWARE DEVELOPER | FREELANCE

August 2016 - present | San Diego, California

- **Roger Reynolds:** Redesign of *Four Real-Time Algorithms*; digital signal processing optimization, redevelopment of FFT transformations of sound, code refactoring, redesign of UX, redesign real-time spatialization processing. Used in world-class performance contexts. Redesign of live processing and spatialization in *Watershed*.
- **Alvin Lucier:** Redesign of digital signal processing and spatialization for *Slices*.

### UW | GRADUATE RESEARCHER

March 2015 - June 2015 | Seattle, Washington

- Researcher in the Art + Brain Lab in The Center for Digital Arts and Experimental Media analyzing EEG signals in real and non-real time for use in artwork and research.

### SEESCAN, INC. | SOUND DESIGN ENGINEER

July 2012 - September 2013 | San Diego, California

- Led research and development of audio displays for use in underground utility locating devices using principles of sonification, audio synthesis, and psychoacoustics.
- Research and development in conjunction with design engineers to develop acoustic chambers for use with piezoelectric film speakers in a new generation of Ridgid SeeScan SR series locators. Additionally aided in the development of amplifiers for piezoelectric film speakers.
- Audio interface on Ridgid SeeSnake devices.

## OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

### BOIDS | AUTHOR (SUPERCOLLIDER)

- Implementation of Craig Reynolds' Boids flocking algorithm for SuperCollider. 2- and 3-dimensional speed-optimized versions in addition to a generalized N-dimensional version.

### DBAP | AUTHOR (C++)

- Implementation and improvement of distance-based amplitude panning algorithm for sound spatialization.

### SUPERCOLLIDER EXTENSIONS | AUTHOR (SUPERCOLLIDER)

- Classes, methods, and class extensions for SuperCollider including offline FFT processing, spatialization processes, etc.

### SUPERCOLLIDER FOR ATOM | CONTRIBUTOR (COFFEESCRIPT)

- Commands and grammar fixes to enable broader use of the package.

### THEMES FOR ATOM | CONTRIBUTOR

- Customizations of Atom One Light and Atom One Dark to properly highlight SuperCollider syntax.