

Robert Howard Ott (he/him/his)

Curriculum Vitae

Composer, Recording Artist and Cultural Practitioner

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AWARDS and COMMISSIONS

2023 ASCAP PLUS+ Award - Concert and Liturgical Music

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers

2022 ASCAP PLUS+ Award - Concert and Liturgical Music

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2022 White Snake Projects - Art Song Commission Winner

Sing Out Strong: Remembered Voices, "Rancher Raymond's Last Sunset", Tenor and Piano
Boston Cultural Council and The National Endowment for the Arts

2021 ASCAP PLUS+ Award - Concert and Liturgical Music

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers

2021 Santa Rosa Musicians Grant Award

City of Santa Rosa - Public Arts Program

2020 Arts & Accessibility - Individual Artist Award

National Arts and Disability Center at UCLA and California Arts Council

2020 Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Musicians Award

For "American Roots Music" composed in the American spiritual and hymn tradition
Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and Alliance for California Traditional Arts

2020 California Humanities Cultural Practitioners Award

California Arts Council and Hewlett Foundation

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES OF ORIGINAL WORKS

Lawrence University-Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI, June 16, 2024

Reunion Weekend event: **Multi-Faith Prayer and In Memoriam Service**

Two piano solos "In Quiet" and "Sole Solstice" performed by Matthew DeChant, LU '23

Community Leader's **Celebration of Life Service**, Sebastopol, CA, June 2, 2024

"Sole Solstice" performed by Robert Howard Ott and new work "Greater Love", version by John Simon

YMCA, Domestic Violence Support Group, Santa Rosa, CA, December 7th and 14th, 2023

Support Meeting - Opening Meditations via zoom. Selections included: "Winter Rain", "Awakening" and "Forgiveness Hymn" performed by Robert Howard Ott from his home studio. These works were played for a group support meeting of women impacted by domestic violence.

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NOTABLE PERFORMANCES OF ORIGINAL WORK (continued)

White Snake Projects - an activist opera company, Boston, MA, March 11, 2022

"Sing Out Strong: Remembered Voices" online debut, one of eight winning Vocal Commission Awards
"Rancher Raymond's Last Sunset", performed by Omar Najmi, tenor and Julia Carey, piano

St. John's United Methodist Church, Rohnert Park, CA, December 3, 2021

Recital for Remembrance: A Musical Vigil - 15 piano solos from "Sound Offering" and new work
Performed by John Simon, Lori Sikorski, and Robert Howard Ott, piano

St. John's United Methodist Church, Rohnert Park, CA - April 2, 2021 (Offered also in 2022 and 2023)

Good Friday Meditation Recital - a COVID response for online services featuring 4 works from "Sound Offering" and premiere of a new work, "Lamentation"

Online Zoom Recital - "Master Class", Santa Rosa, CA, March 26, 2021

Santa Rosa Convalescent Hospital Zoom Music Group

Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA, November 20, 2020

A Day of Remembrance, a first ever presentation for Transgender Remembrance Day at the college.
Hosted online by LGBTQIA+ Presidential Advisory Committee featuring "Loss" and 3 more works.

St. John's United Methodist Church, Rohnert Park, CA, April 2020

Online Easter Service Recital - music videos via YouTube and church website.

RECORDINGS and ENGRAVED SCORES

CD recording of 14 piano solos, **"Sound Offering"**, debut released December 2020.

"Sound Offering: Volume One" first recording of two record vinyl set, released June 2024

"Sound Offering: Volume Two", second recording of two record vinyl set, released June 2024

14 piano solos scorebook: **"Sound Offering: Volume One and Volume Two"**, First edition, June 2024

EDUCATION

Lawrence University - Conservatory of Music - Appleton, WI

Bachelors of Music - Voice Performance - cum laude - 1984

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

NONPROFIT CONSULTING - Robert H. Ott Consulting - Santa Rosa, CA

Grant writer, donor development, Independent consultant - 2002 to Present

Focused, targeted grant writing for nonprofit arts organizations part time. Most recent client: Play It Forward Music Foundation - a local nonprofit dedicated to providing music lessons and instruments to those who cannot afford them. PIFMF also has Music Programs at a day shelter for homeless women and their children and another program for learning different children. Secured nearly \$20,000 in grants for this local group in 2019. Honored with a Cultural Practitioner Award from California Arts Council in 2020.