

MICHAEL ALLAN THORN

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I am a professional all-round musician with experience in media composition and live performance. I am competent in Cubase 11 Pro and Sibelius. I have composed for a variety of content such as short film, animation, corporate video and documentary. I also have a special interest in West African drumming, and perform original music influenced by jazz improvisation.

MUSIC EXPERTISE & TRAINING

MA in Professional Media Composition (Thinkspace Education/University of Chichester)	2024
Music for the media vol. 1 & vol. 2 (Thinkspace Education)	2019 - 2021
Composer's workshop (Insomnia Studios)	2017
Orchestral mixing (Thinkspace Education)	2016
Cinematic orchestration (Thinkspace Education)	2015
MMUS in Ethnomusicology (University of Cape Town, passed with distinction)	2010
Undergraduate degree in in Jazz piano performance (University of Cape Town)	2008
Certificate of proficiency in sound recording (City Varsity, Cape Town)	1998
Performer's Licentiate in Classical piano (Trinity College of London)	1994
Grade 8 in Percussion (Trinity College of London)	1994

AWARDS

Gunter Pulvermacher prize for best undergraduate essay (University of Cape Town)	2007
Finalist in the Fine Music Radio travel award competition (Jazz performance category)	2005
Interlochen bursary prize (Classical piano, College for the Arts, Namibia)	1994

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in media music production (AFDA film school)	current position
<i>West African jembe</i> drumming ensemble teacher at Gaia Waldorf school	current position
Undergraduate keyboard competency lecturer (AFDA live performance school)	2012 - 2016
Classical piano and theory of music teacher (Royal Schools)	2006 - 2017
Sound studio assistant for Eckhard Volschenk	2003
Roadie for Gearhouse & Hell Fire Hire	1999
Live sound engineer for 'U 4 Ever' (Chillie & Lime)	1999

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Composer for 'The Adventures of Boggom, Sannie and Slangbeck' (animation)	2023
Composer for 'Daughters of the Soil' (documentary)	2020
Composer for 'Janneman' (short film – Imdb)	2019
Composer for Isuzu (corporate video)	2012