JASON MORAN

BIO

Jason Moran is a jazz pianist, composer, and performance artist. He was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2010 and is the Artistic Director for Jazz at The Kennedy Center.

Moran's rich and varied body of work is actively shaping the current and future landscape of jazz. He is deeply invested in reassessing and complicating the relationship between music and language, and his extensive efforts in composition, improvisation, and performance are all geared towards challenging the status quo while respecting the accomplishments of his predecessors. His activity stretches beyond the many recordings and performances with masters of the form including Charles Lloyd, Bill Frisell, and Cassandra Wilson, and his work with his trio The Bandwagon (with drummer Nasheet Waits and bassist Tarus Mateen) has resulted in a profound discography for Blue Note Records. The scope of Moran's partnerships and music-making with venerated and iconic visual artists is extensive. He has collaborated with such major figures as Adrian Piper, Joan Jonas, Glenn Ligon, Stan Douglas, Adam Pendleton, Lorna Simpson, and Kara Walker; commissioning institutions of Moran's work include the Walker Art Center, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Dia Art Foundation, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Moran is known for his work on Ava DuVernay's highly-lauded and Academy Award-nominated 2014 film *Selma*, for which he composed the score. He lives in New York City with his wife and their twin toddlers.

FEATURE FILM

as composer, unles *otherwise noted

ORIGIN Ava DuVernay, prod. & dir.

ARRAY Filmworks *Performer & Writer

STRAIGHT FLUSH Vic Brooks, Lucy Raven, Evan Calder

Williams, prods. & dirs.

AGGIE Catherine Gund, Tanya Selvaratnam, prods.

Aubin Pictures Catherine Gund, dir.

TRAVELING WHILE BLACK (short) Ayesha Nadarajah, Jihan Robinson, Lina Srivastava, prods.

Felix & Paul Studios Roger Ross Williams, Felix Lajeunesse, Paul Raphael, dirs.

13th Spencer Averick, Howard Barish, Ava DuVernay, prods.

Forward Movement Ava DuVernay, dir.

SELMA Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Oprah Winfrey, prods.

Pathé Ava DuVernay, dir.

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KENWOOD'S JOURNEY (documentary) Zbigniew Bzdak, John Owens, Howard Reich, prods.

The Chicago Tribune John Owens, dir.

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IN MY MIND (documentary) Emily Ladue, prod.

Gary Hawkins, dir.

RFK IN THE LAND OF APARTHEID: A

RIPPLE OF HOPE

Larry Shore, prod. Tami Gold, dir.

Shoreline Productions

STUTTER (short) Janice Ahn, prod. & dir.

Relative Noise

HOLLYWOOD LAND Glenn Williamson, prod.

Focus Features Allen Coulter, dir.

*Performer "Mr. Coulter Goes to Ciro's"

ALL WE KNOW OF HEAVEN (short) Christopher Dillon, Elise Greven, prods.

Go to Your Spot Productions Christopher Dillon, dir.

FIVE DEEP BREATHS (short) Gregory Scott Williams, Jr., prod.

Seith Mann, dir.

SOUND SLEEP (short) Pagan Danielle Harleman, prod. & dir.

SERIES

THE BREAKS Maggie Malina, Susan Levison, Bill

VH-1 Flanagan, Seith Mann exec prods.

*Additional Music for Select Episodes Seith Mann, dir.

INTERACTIVE

VALIANT HEARTS: COMING HOME Ubisoft / Old Skull Games