

Jason Finkelman | Director, Global Arts Performance Initiatives

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SUMMARY

Curator of music, performance and film for university-based institutions, community festivals and academic conferences, with over thirteen years experience with arts programming and management at the University of Illinois. Award-winning composer for dance, with over twenty-four years of professional work focused on the performance of improvised music and composition for dance, theater and film.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts; Fine and Performing Arts / Music: Jazz Studies
State University of New York, New Paltz, December 1996

EMPLOYMENT

- Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Director, Global Arts Performance Initiatives, 2011 - present.
- Asian Educational Media Service (AEMS), Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Events Coordinator, 2007 – 2011.

UI CURATORIAL PROGRAMS

- AsiaLENS Documentary and Independent Film Series, AEMS, 2008 – present.
- Sudden Sound Concert Series, Krannert Art Museum, 2005 – present.
- Global Transfer Series, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, 2006 – present.
- World Fest, Spurlock Museum, 2011 – present.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Curator: International Convention of Asia Scholars Film Expo 2013, The Venetian® Macao-Resort-Hotel in Macao SAR, P.R. China, June 2013.
- Curator: *Film Expo 2013: Extraordinary Lives, Everyday Asia*, Association for Asian Studies Conference, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, March 2013.
- Curator: *Film Expo 2012: Asia In Current Motion*, Association for Asian Studies Conference, Sheraton Centre Toronto, March 2012.

COMMITTEES / SERVICE

- Art @ the Y advisory group, University YMCA, Champaign, IL, May 2010 – present.
- Volunteer Radio Host, Experimental Music Director and Jazz Co-Director, WEFT 90.1FM, Champaign, IL 2000 – present.
- APA Heritage Month Planning Committee, Asian American Cultural Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2010, 2011.

RECENT GRANTS

- Edwards Foundation Art Fund, Sudden Sound Concert Series, 2006-2012.
- George A. Miller Visiting Artist, Pauline Oliveros, November 2009.

AWARDS

- Outstanding Asian American Staff/Faculty, Asian American Cultural Center; Apr 2013.
- New York Dance and Performance Award (Bessie Award); Sept 2000.