

## TARIK O'REGAN BIOGRAPHIES

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O'Regan's music is described as "exquisite and delicate" (The Washington Post); "beautifully-imagined, holding the audience rapt" (The Financial Times); "sublime: a piece that you didn't want to end" (The Times, London); and generating "previously unheard sound worlds with astonishing effect" (The Philadelphia Inquirer).

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"One of the leading British composers of his generation" (Gramophone) who is writing "music of startling beauty" (The Observer), Tarik O'Regan was born in London in 1978. He grew up predominantly in Croydon, South London, spending some of his childhood in Morocco, where his mother was born, and in Algeria. Following the completion of his undergraduate studies at Pembroke College, Oxford, and private study with Jeremy Dale Roberts, he began serving as the classical recordings reviewer for The Observer newspaper, a position he held for four years. During part of this time he also worked for investment bank JPMorgan Chase. O'Regan then continued his postgraduate studies in composition under the direction of both Robin Holloway at Cambridge University, where he was appointed Composer in Residence at Corpus Christi College, and Robert Saxton.

O'Regan has been appointed to the Fulbright Chester Schirmer Fellowship at Columbia University; a Radcliffe Institute Fellowship at Harvard; and positions at Trinity and Corpus Christi Colleges in Cambridge, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, Yale, NYU, and Rutgers Universities. A frequent television and radio broadcaster, O'Regan wrote and presented two documentaries for BBC Radio 4: *Composing LA* (2012) and *Composing New York* (2010).

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