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Anna Clyne's Headshots

Short Biography (526 Words)

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Clyne's works are frequently choreographed for dance, with recent projects including the world premiere of choreographer Pam Tanowitz's dance set to *Breathing Statues* for the Royal Ballet in London and performances of *DANCE* by the San Francisco Ballet with choreography by Nicolas Blanc. Her fascination with visual art has inspired several projects including *ATLAS*, inspired by a portfolio of work by Gerhard Richter; *Color Field*, inspired by the artwork of Mark Rothko; and *Abstractions*, inspired by five contemporary paintings. In addition, Clyne seeks innovation through new technology, developing the Augmented Orchestra with sound designer Jody Elff; the technology expands the sound-world of the orchestra through computer-controlled processes, and was premiered in *Wild Geese* at the 2023 Cabrillo Festival.

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Several projects have explored Clyne's fascination with visual arts, including *Color Field*, inspired by the artwork of Mark Rothko and *Abstractions*, inspired by five contemporary artworks; and *Woman Holding a Balance*, a film collaboration with artist Jyll Bradley. In January 2023 Clyne presented a three-part series for BBC Radio 3 called 'The Art of Music with Anna Clyne'.

Recent projects in collaboration with the dance world have included the world premiere of choreographer Pam Tanowitz's *Secret Things* set to *Breathing Statues* for the Royal Ballet in

London, and performances of *DANCE* by the San Francisco Ballet with choreography by Nicolas Blanc.

Clyne has composed for some of the world's greatest artists, with recent collaborations including *In the Gale* for cello and bird song, for Yo-Yo Ma; *Weathered*, a clarinet concerto for Martin Fröst; *Glasslands*, a saxophone concerto for Jess Gillam; and *Time and Tides*, a violin concerto for Pekka Kuusisto. Her new piano concerto, *ATLAS*, will be premiered by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Jeremy Denk in March 2024.

Further recent premieres include *This Moment* for full orchestra; *Quarter Days* for string quartet and chamber orchestra; *The Years* for chorus and chamber orchestra; *The Heart of Night* for a cappella choir; *Fractured Time* for sinfonietta; *Strange Loops* for clarinet and string quartet; *A Thousand Mornings* for piano trio; *Red Nines* for solo piano; and a trilogy of Beethoven-inspired works—*Stride* for string orchestra, *Breathing Statues* for string quartet, and *Shorthand* for solo cello and string orchestra.

In addition, Clyne seeks innovation through new technology, developing the Augmented Orchestra (AO) with sound designer Jody Elff; the technology expands the sound-world of the orchestra through computer-controlled processes, and was premiered in *Wild Geese* at the 2023 Cabrillo Festival. Upcoming implementations of AO include *The Gorgeous Nothings* for voices and orchestra, and a Concerto for Orchestra.

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Clyne's music is represented on AVIE Records, Cantaloupe Music, Cedille, MajorWho Media, New Amsterdam, Resound, Tzadik, and VIA labels. *Prince of Clouds* was nominated for a 2015 GRAMMY Award for Best Classical Composition and *Night Ferry* was nominated the same year for Best Engineered Album (Classical). Her cello concerto *DANCE*, recorded by soloist Inbal Segev, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and Marin Alsop, has received more than ten million listens on Spotify and topped the Amazon Classical Concertos chart. It's opening movement was named among NPR Music's 'Favorite Songs of 2020'.

In 2020, AVIE Records released Mythologies, a portrait album featuring Clyne's works *Masquerade, This Midnight Hour, The Seamstress, Night Ferry,* and *<<rewind<<,* recorded live by the BBC Symphony Orchestra with soloists Jennifer Koh and Irene Buckley and conductors Marin Alsop, Sakari Oramo, Andrew Litton, and André de Ridder. Alsop, a longtime champion of Clyne's work, praised her, stating: "Anna Clyne is someone I look to for great music. It's always emotional and driven by her heart, but skillfully composed."

Clyne is the recipient of the Hindemith Prize; a Charles Ives Fellowship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters; awards from Meet the Composer, the American Music Center, the Foundation for Contemporary Arts, and the Jerome Foundation; prizes from ASCAP and

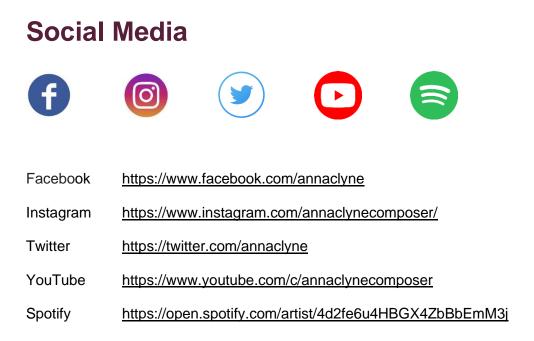
SEAMUS; and she was nominated for the Times Breakthrough Award. Clyne holds a Bachelor of Music degree with honours from Edinburgh University, studying with Marina Adamia, and a Master of Music degree from Manhattan School of Music, where she studied with Julia Wolfe.

Clyne is deeply committed to music education and to supporting and mentoring the next generation of composers. She has taught master classes and workshops throughout the US and internationally and was the founding mentor for the Orchestra of St Luke's <u>Degaetano Composition Institute</u>, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra's <u>New Stories</u> <u>program</u> and the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's Emerging Composers Program. Further education work has included serving as the Director of the New York Youth Symphony's award-winning program for young composers, Making Score, workshops for young composers at Chicago's Public Schools and incarcerated youth at a Juvenile Detention Center, and a collaboration with art therapist Caroline Edasis to explore music, memory, and composition through working with people with Alzheimer's.

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Press Quotes

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— BBC Record Review

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- Marin Alsop

"Clyne's music murmured and pulsed lyrically and earthly, sounding like something you've always known but forgotten."

- Washington Post

"It takes real skill to compose something musically engaging that is also right for the occasion, and Clyne proved she has it in spades."

— The Telegraph

"Clyne's music is immediate, mystical and vibrant"

- New York Times

"Clyne is one the most creative orchestrators working today, with a knack for drawing spellbinding textures and vivid sonorities from unexpected sources."

— WQXR

"Few composers have the ability to create and sustain such varied and distinctive sound worlds as compellingly as Anna Clyne."

- Chicago Classical Review

"Clyne knows how to spin a musical argument, and how to lead the listening through her restlessly changing textures"

— The Scotsman

"Clyne has a striking gift for creating a distinctive sonic landscape, mixing timbres and multihued textures within a concise and effective dramatic framework."

— Chicago Classical Review

"Clyne's maturity as a composer and brilliance as an orchestrator is capably demonstrated... What's more, her language – at once contemporary and expressive – is both satisfying and emotionally direct."

— ArtsFuse

"Anna Clyne's enormous palette of colors and special effects coalesce into an aural threedimensional experience of striking originality. Equally, there's a comforting familiarity to her music, as she draws inspiration from historic styles that she transforms into a new musical dialect."

— WFMT

"British composer Anna Clyne has written perhaps her most ambitious and appealing work so far...Clyne's orchestrations are keenly attentive to color and light, and she's fearless in filling the concerto with melodies of undisguised beauty. Some are folkish, others are regal. All linger in the ear, begging to be heard again."

- NPR

"Anna Clyne's "Restless Ocean" is the kind of thrilling, insistent music that gets right in your bones — and right in your face, emphasized as the musicians sprang to their feet on the last note."

— Orlando Sentinel

"full-throated, turbo-charged orchestral energy"

- The Telegraph

"Masquerade has both a sweeping, film-score sound as well as a more antique countrydance section. It's taut and energetic, a wild ride with a pitch-bending technique that sometimes leaves you roller-coaster queasy."

— Philadelphia Inquirer

"I'm struggling to remember the last time a piece of contemporary music made me cry. Ten weeks of solitary lockdown has doubtless heightened emotions but in the final movement of Anna Clyne's DANCE, a cello concerto in all but name, a bear-hug of a theme emerges through angry, percussive col legno snaps that is so beautiful, so heartfelt that it instantly drew tears on first hearing."

- Gramophone

"Dance is Anna Clyne's hugely impressive new cello concerto... [and] as a whole is utterly personal, blending musical materials in a way that is entirely Clyne's own... Dance is the most impressive piece by Clyne that I've heard, and it's an achievement for any new cello work to overshadow Elgar's concerto, with which it's paired here. That's partly because of the intensity of every musical idea in Clyne's work, all vividly projected by Inbal Segev."

— The Guardian

"Nothing in her music is oblique, everything is direct and suffused with a special Clyne magic'...'Clyne never treads water. She understands that music's medium is time, and in her new concerto [Weathered] she handles it with superb assurance so that even in the still moments you could feel direction and energy looming."

— The Telegraph

"It's a frantic whirlwind of creativity that explores the experience of time in states of fever, lucidity and anxiety. It achieves all this with an extraordinary degree of concentrated sophistication...Fractured Time will surely go into the repertoire."

— The Guardian

"Six bracing minutes of clashing textures and moods, mostly raucous with glimpses of balm, and as jittery as the soundtrack for a Bugs Bunny cartoon."

— The Times

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Works List

Orchestra

<u>This Moment</u> (2023) for orchestra Duration: 7' 2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.3.1-timp.perc(1)-str
<u>Wild Geese</u> (2022) for orchestra Duration: 5' 2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.3.1-timp.perc(1)-str and live electronics
<u>PIVOT</u> (2021) for orchestra Duration: 5' 1.picc.2.0.2-2.1.1.0-str.quintet (soloists)-str
<u>Color Field</u> (2020) for orchestra Duration: 15' 2(II=picc).2(II=corA).2(II=Ebcl).2(II=dbn)-2.2.0.0-timp-perc(4)-str
<u>RIFT</u> (2016) Duration: 25' 2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.2.btrbn.1-timp-perc(3)-harp-pft-str
<u>Abstractions</u> (2016) for orchestra Duration: 20' 3(III=picc).2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.2.btrbn.1-timp-perc(3)-harp-pft-str
<u>This Midnight Hour</u> (2015) for orchestra Duration: 12' 2.picc.2.2.2-4.2.2.btrbn.1-timp.perc(2)-str
<u>Masquerade</u> (2013) for orchestra Duration: 4' 2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.2.btrbn.1-timp(=tamb)-perc(3)-harp-str
<u>Night Ferry</u> (2012) for orchestra Duration: 20' 2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.2.btrbn.1-timp.perc(3)-harp-pft-str
<u>«rewind«</u> (2005; rev. 2006) for orchestra with optional tape Duration: 7' 2(II=picc).2.2.2-4.2.2.0-timp.perc(3)-harp-pft-str

This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

Chamber Orchestra

Stride (2020) for string orchestra | Duration: 12'

<u>Fractured Time</u> (2020) for sinfonietta | Duration: 6' 1.1.1.1-1.1.1.0-pft-str

<u>Sound and Fury</u> (2019) for chamber orchestra | Duration: 15' 2.2.2.2-2.2.0.0-perc(1)-str This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Restless Oceans</u> (2018) for orchestra | Duration: 3' 2.2.2.2-2.2.0.0-timp-perc(1)-str

<u>Within Her Arms</u> (2008; rev. 2009) for string ensemble | Duration: 14' strings:3.3.3.3.3

Soloist and Orchestra

- <u>ATLAS (</u>2023) for piano and orchestra | Duration: 30' solo piano-2(II=pic).2.2(II=bcl).2(II=cbn)-2.2.1.1-timp.perc(3)-str
- <u>Time and Tides</u> (2023) for violin and orchestra | Duration: 25' solo violin-2(II=pic).2.2(II=bcl).2(II=cbn)-2.2.0.0-timp.perc(3)-str
- <u>Weathered</u> (2022) for clarinet and orchestra | Duration: 25' solo carinetl-2(II=pic).2.2(II=bcl).2(II=cbn)-2.2.1.1-timp.perc(3)-str
- <u>Quarter Days</u> (2021) for string quartet and orchestra | Duration: 22' solo string quartet with light amplification-2(2=picc).2.2.2.2.1.1-str

<u>Glasslands (</u>2021) for soprano saxophone and orchestra | Duration: 25' solo saxophone-2(2=picc).2.2.2-2.2.1.1-perc(2)-str

The Gorgeous Nothings (2024) for seven amplified voices and orchestra | Duration: 21' Seven voices (SSATTBB) -2(II=picc).2(II=corA).2(II=bcl).-2.2.1.1-timp-perc(4)-str

This work includes additional technological components and/or amplification.

Shorthand (2020) for solo cello and string orchestra | Duration: 10'

- <u>DANCE</u> (2019) for cello and orchestra | Duration: 25' solo cello-2(II=picc).2(II=corA).2(II=bcl).1.dbn-2.2.1.1-timp.perc(2)-str
- <u>Three Sisters</u> (2017) for mandolin and string orchestra | Duration: 15' strings: 6.6.4.4.2
- <u>Prince of Clouds</u> (2012) double concerto for two violins and string orchestra | Duration: 14' strings (minimum 2.2.2.2.1)
- <u>The Seamstress</u> (2014-15) for violin and orchestra | Duration: 22' solo violin-2.picc.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn-4.3.2.btrbn.1-timp.perc(2)-harp-str

This work includes additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Rest These Hands</u> (2014) for solo violin and string orchetsra | Duration: 15' strings: 4.4.3.3.1

Chamber Ensemble

A Slash of Blue (2022) piano, violin, viola, cello, bass | Duration: 5'

A Thousand Mornings (2020) for piano, violin and cello | Duration: 15'

Strange Loops (2020) for clarinet and string quartet | Duration: 17'

Shorthand (2020) for solo cello and string quintet | Duration: 10'

Overflow (2020) for wind ensemble 2.2.2.2-2.0.0.0 | Duration: 10'

<u>Just As They Are</u> (2015) for amplified ensemble and pre-recorded audio | Duration: 5' fl.cl.vln.vlc.piano

This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>A Wonderful Day</u> (2013) for amplified ensemble and pre-recorded audio | Duration: 5' bcl-vib-pft-egtr-vlc.db

This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

Lady Flow'r (Companion piece to arrangement of *Hymn to the Virgin*) (2010) for string quintet and tape Duration: 5'

This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>The Violin</u> (2009) suite of seven pieces for two violins and tape or eight violins | Duration: 43' multi-tracked violins and optional video component

Blue Hour / The Violin (2009) for two violins and tape or eight violins | Duration: 9'

Lavender Rain / The Violin (2009) for two violins and tape or five violins | Duration: 4'

Resting in the Green / The Violin (2009) for two violins and tape or five violins | Duration: 5'

Ship of Stars / The Violin (2009) for two violins and tape or six violins | Duration: 6'

<u>1987</u> (2008) for bass flute, bass clarinet, violin, cello, and tape with stopwatch | Duration: 7' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Beware Of</u> (2007) for alto flute, harp, viola and tape | Duration: 6' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

Next.Stop (2007) for ensemble and tape | Duration: 8'

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This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Steelworks</u> (2006) for flute, bass clarinet, percussion and tape | Duration: 15' fl(=picc)-bcl-perc(=BD/crot/marimba/vib)-tape-optional video This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

String Quartet

Woman Holding a Balance (2020) for string quartet | Duration: 5'

Woman Holding a Balance (2020) for string quartet with film | Duration: 7'

Breathing Statues (2019) for string quartet | Duration: 15'

<u>Shadow of the Words</u> (2010) for string quartet and tape | Duration: 9' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

Primula Vulgaris (2010) for string quartet | Duration: 7'

<u>Roulette</u> (2007) for string quartet and tape | Duration: 12' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

Solo and Duet

Red Nines (2021) for solo piano | Duration: 12'

Perched (2021) for solo flute and tape | Duration: 4' This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Zero at the Bone</u> (2021) for solo clarinet and bass clarinet with tape | Duration: 6' This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Reveal</u> (2020) for solo viola with optional tape | Duration: 6' This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

Hopscotch (2019) for solo flute | Duration: 6'

<u>Snake & Ladder</u> (2019) for solo saxophone or solo clarinet and live processing | Duration: 2' This work includes optional additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Secret Garden</u> (2013) for drum set and tape | Duration: 12' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Rest These Hands</u> / The Violin (2009) for solo violin, solo viola, or solo cello (with optional tape) | Duration: 9'

October Rose / The Violin (2009) for two violins | Duration: 4'

Tea Leaves / The Violin (2009) for two violins | Duration: 7'

<u>On Track</u> (2007) for piano and tape | Duration: 8'

This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Paint Box</u> (2006) for amplified cello with guitar amp, music box and pre-recorded audio | Duration: 6'

This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Rapture</u> (2005) for clarinet and tape | Duration: 7' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Choke</u> (2004) for baritone saxophone (or bass clarinet) and tape | Duration: 9' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>*Fits* + Starts</u> (2003) for amplified cello and tape | Duration: 6' This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

Vocal

In thy Beauty (2022) for Soprano, SATB chorus and chamber orchestra | Duration: 7' 0.0.2.2-0.2.0.0-timp-hpcd-strings

<u>The Years</u> (2021) for SATB chorus and orchestra | Duration: 20' 2.2.2.2-2.2.0.0-timp-strings

Between the Rooms (2021) for soprano and string quintet | Duration: 8'

The Heart of Night (2020) for SATB chorus | Duration: 5'

Body Compass (2017) for children's chorus and string quintet | Duration: 5'

Pocket Book LXV (2015) for 8 voices | Duration: 4'

Pocket Book VIII (2015) for 8 voices | Duration: 3'

<u>This Lunar Beauty</u> (2015) for soprano, mixed ensemble, and pre-recorded audio | Duration: 8' S-ob-hpd-2vln.vla.vcl

<u>Postponeless Creature</u> (2014) for three female voices and ensemble | Duration: 12' 3fl.dbn-timp-perc:vib/tamb-hpd-harp-strings:(1.1.1.1.1)

<u>The Lost Thought</u> (2013) for three female voices and ensemble | Duration: 12' 3.0.0.0.dbn-timp-perc-hpd(amplified)-strings:(1.1.1.1)

<u>As Sudden Shut</u> (2012) for three female voices and ensemble | Duration: 11' 3.0.0.0dbn-0.0.0-timp-perc:vib/tamb-hpd-harp-strings:(1.1.1.1.1) Timpani may be played by percussionist This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.

<u>Blush</u> (2007) for baritone, laptop, and chamber ensemble | Duration: 13' 0.afl.0.0.bcl.0-hn.0.0.0-pft-per-egtr-strings: (0.1.1.1) This work requires additional technological components and/or amplification.