

Nicholas Anthony Ascioti was born in Syracuse, New York on May 30th 1974. He attended the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY where he graduated in Composition and Conducting. Since then, the College of Saint Rose has performed his music and sponsored an entire evening of his works. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in Composition, from Bennington College in Vermont. Many of his works such as *Credo*, song cycle for voice and guitar, *Four Memories* for piano and chamber orchestra and *String Quartet no. 2* have received premiere performances at Bennington College. Nicholas has studied with Allen Shawn, Dr. Amy Williams, and Stephen Siegel.

In October of 2006 Nicholas released his debut CD, *Creation's Voice*, on the Albany Records label. Nicholas received his debut at the age of 21, with a commission from conductor David Allen Miller, to write for the Albany Symphony's Chamber Orchestra the *Dogs of Desire*.

Nicholas focuses on chamber music, song cycles, and choral works. His piano music has received performances throughout the United States and Canada by Justin Kolb. His chamber works have been performed by sopranos Eileen Stempel and Nancy Loesch, tenor Alex Diaz, pianists Sylvie Beaudette and Amy Dissanayake, guitarist Christopher Ladd, and internationally recognized organists Maria Helena and Stephen Tharp. Ensembles include the Hyperion String Quartet, Adirondack Saxophone Quartet, Musicians of Ma'awlyck, Arcadia Brass Ensemble, The College of St. Rose Chamber Singers (under the direction of Robert Sheehan), The Bennington Contemporary Ensemble, and the Society for New Music. Nicholas has been a guest and his music is frequently heard on the Fresh Ink radio program on WCNY-FM. Nicholas was a composer-in-residence with the Society for New Music in Syracuse, where he participated in the 'Composer in the Schools Program.' As a conductor, Nicholas focuses on performances of the 20th century choral repertoire and as a concert promoter he oversees the Concert Series at St. Jude the Apostle Church. Nicholas currently lives in West Sand Lake, NY with his wife Emily and daughters Melody and Noelle. He serves as the Director of Music at St. Jude the Apostle Church and the St. Jude the Apostle School.

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