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Wadada Leo Smith - Curriculum Vitae

Education:

- Formal musical education with Alex Wallace (1954-62)
- U.S. Military band program (1963)
- Sherwood School of Music (1967-69): Studied composition, trumpet, piano, and music appreciation and history.
- Wesleyan University (1975-76): Indonesian music performance; African Flute music; Anthropological study of American Indigenous music; Japanese koto music; South Indian flute music.

Occupation:

Professorial positions:

- University of New Haven (1975-'76)
- Creative Music Studio, Woodstock, NY (1975-78)
- Bard College (1987-93)
- California Institute of the Arts (1993 – present)

Commissions:

- National Endowment for the Arts Music Grants (1972, 1974, and 1981)
- 'Billie The Queen of Holiday' by the New York Foundation of the Arts Fellowship in Music (1990)
- Meet the Composer/ Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Commissioning Program to compose six new works for creative orchestra (1990)
- 'Moths, Flames and the Giant Redwood Sequoia Trees' by Meet the Composer/Reader's Digest Commissioning Program (1998)
- 'Tabligh' by the Islamic World Arts Initiative of Arts International / Lower Manhattan Culture Council (2004)
- 'Taif' for string quartet and duet by Other Minds (2008)

Awards:

- Trumpeter Deserving Wider Recognition, Down Beat Magazine (1978)
- Surround Music Award for 'Sky Garden' ("Best High-Resolution Stereo Program") (2004)
- The Jazz Journalist Association Jazz Awards (2005)
- Reissue of the Year (for "Kabel Years 4-cd boxed set) , Musica Jazz (2006)
- FONT (Festival of New Trumpet Music) (2008)
- John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow (2009-2010)

Residencies:

- Asian Cultural Council Grantee to Japan (1993)
- Composer Fellow at The Atlantic Center for the Arts (2001)
- 'Third Culture Copenhagen,' Denmark: presented Ankhration music language (1996)
- Composer Fellow at The Civitella Foundation, Umbria, Italy (2003)
- Other Minds, San Francisco (2008)
- Jurassic Foundation (2008)

Publications:

Books:

- Notes (8 Pieces) Source a New World Music: Creative Music, published by Kiom Press (1973)
published in Japan by Zen-On Music Company Ltd. (1976)
published in Italy by Nistri-Litschi Editori (1981)
- Rhythm: a study of rhythm-units in creative music
published by Kiom Press (1976)

Ensembles:

Music Director of:

- New Dalta Ahkri (1971-1979)
- N'da Kulture (1993-1995)
- Golden Quartet (2000-present)
- Silver Orchestra (2004-present)
- Mbira (2007-present)
- Seven (2007 – present)
- Organic Resonance (2008-present)

Works Performed by:

Ursula Opens, Marilyn Crispell, David Rosenboom, Vicki Ray, AACM Orchestra, Kronos Quartet, Da Capo Chamber Players, New Century Players, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, Contemporary Chamber Players, S.E.M. Ensemble, California E.A.R. Unit, Del Sol String Quartet, Southwest Chamber Quartet, New York New Music Ensemble, Next Works, Italian Radio Orchestra, Jazz Composers Orchestra, a.o.

Recordings:

- Creative Music 1 - *Kabell 1*
- Reflectativity - *Kabell 2*
- Song of Humanity - *Kabell 3*
- Solo Music: Akhreanvention - *Kabell 4*
- Go in Numbers - *Black Saint 120053-2*
- The Mass on the World - *Moers Music 0106*
- Budding of a Rose - *Moers Music 02026*
- To Break the Shells - *FMP 0920*
- The Sky Cries the Blues - *CMF F-1*
- Procession of the Great Ancestry - *Chief CD*
- Divine Love - *ECM 1143*
- Rastafari - *Sackvill 3030 / Boxholder BXH 035*
- Spirit Catcher - *Nessa N-19*
- Human Rights - *Kabell/Gramm 24*
- Cosmos Has Spirit - *Scissors 001*
- Kulture Jazz - *ECM 1507*
- Tao-Njia - *Tzadik 7-017*
- Golden Hearts Remembrance - *Chap Chap 002*
- Yo Miles! - *Shanachie 5046*
- Light Upon Light - *Tzadik TZ 7046*
- Wadada Leo Smith's Golden Quartet - *Tzadik TZ 7604*
- Reflectativity - *Tzadik TZ 7060*

- Dreams and Secrets - *aNonym reCOrds* - ANON0101
- Red Sulphur Sky - *Tzadik TZ 7070*
- Year of the Elephant - *PI Recordings PI04*
- Luminous Axis - *Tzadik TZ 7803*
- Sky Garden - *Cuneiform RUNE 191/192*
- Organic Resonance - *Pi Recordings PI06*
- Composer Portrait Series/Four Chamber Music Compositions - *Cambria 8809*
- Kabell Years 1971-1979 (4-cd box set) - *Tzadik 7610*
- Saturn, Conject the Grand Canyon in a Silent Embrace - *Pi Recordings PI10*
- Lake Biwa - *Tzadik TZ8808*
- Snakish - *Leo Records LR4350*
- Wisdom in Time - *Intakt 128*
- Compassion - *Meta/Kabel 010*
- Brooklyn Duos - *Treader Series Three*
- Tabligh - *Cuneiform RUNE 270*
- America - *Tzadik 7628*
- Spiritual Dimensions - *Cuneiform Rune 290/291*