

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Training

2012	Banff Residency
2007	Master's in Urban Planning, McGill University
2007	Studied Santour with Amit Das in Kolkata, India
2004-2005	Cello study with Christopher Best, Montreal
2000	B.A. (Music Technology & Women Studies), McGill University, Montreal. (Graduated with Distinction)
1995	Cello study with Yo-Yo Ma, Vancouver Academy of Music
1995	Pamona College, Los Angeles (cello study)
Feb 1995	Banff Centre for the Arts (cello study)
1991-1995	Vancouver Academy of Music (cello study with Judy Fraser)
1992-1994	Courtenay Music Centre (cello study)

EUROPE /NORTH AMERICA/RUSSIA/SOUTH AFRICA HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025** Art exhibit group show at Pen and Brush, NYC
- 2025** Performance at Catherine Goodman's art closing at Hauser and Wirth
- 2025** Performance with Patti Smith and Jesse Paris Smith for Tibet House, Carnegie Hall
- 2024** Pathway to Paris '*Live at Le Trianon*' release including Patti Smith, Rebecca Foon, Jesse Paris Smith, Thom Yorke, Flea, Warren Ellis, Fally Ipupa
- 2024** *Reflections I*, New York Photography Show, AIPAD
- 2024** Speech at the United Nations General Assembly with Giovanni Caccamo and Jesse Paris Smith
- 2024** Plural 2024, Grand Quay, Port of Montreal, Lightbox installation, Montreal
- 2023** *Ascension*, Foon solo audiovisual exhibition, Ellephant Gallery, Montreal

- 2023** Juno Award for Best Instrumental Album, *Esmerine, Everything Was Forever Until It Was No More*
- 2023** *Biophilia*, Ellephant Gallery, Group exhibit featuring Adam Basanta, Rebecca Foon, Tomek Leszkiewicz, Skawennati, Montreal
- 2023** Plural 2023, Grand Quay, Port of Montreal, Lightbox installation, Montreal
- 2023** Composed music for One & One Other by Shawn Fitzgerald Ahern and Emelie Leriche
- 2022** Age of Union, Lightbox installation, Fall, Montreal
- 2022** Composed soundtrack for Phyllis, Silenced with Sarah Neufeld by Roland Ellis
- 2022** Composed soundtrack for Thanadoula by Robin McKenna
- 2022** Composed soundtrack for Two One Two by Shira Avni
- 2021** Performed, curated and organized a Pathway to Paris concert at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow, the first night of COP26. Performed with Patti Smith and Jesse Paris Smith
- 2021** Commissioned to create a two-hour soundscape for the Welcome Hall in Boston's Christian Science Publishing House, home to the Pulitzer Prize-winning Christian Science Monitor and the Mapparium, a one-of-a-kind 30' wide glass globe that is one of the most popular visitor attractions in Boston
- 2021** In collaboration with Pathway to Paris and Circa Art, Rebecca Foon and Jesse Paris Smith designed an art installation at Piccadilly Square in London, England, in honor of Earth Day in collaboration with Olafur Eliasson
- 2021** Collaborated with Jesse Paris Smith for a soundpiece commissioned by Annie Liebovitz for her exhibit documenting former first ladies for the White House
- 2020** Composed the soundtrack for Thanadoula, a short animated documentary co-produced with the National Film Board of Canada
- 2019 - present** Performing, curating and organizing Pathway to Paris concerts in New York and Buenos Aires feat. Patti Smith, Michael Stipe, Tenzin Choegyal and others. Met Argentinian President with Patti Smith and Jesse Paris Smith and discussed the 1000 Cities Initiative.
- 2019 - 2020** *Rebecca Foon Tour with Leif Vollebekk* in North America
- 2019** Performed with Laurie Anderson and Colin Stetson, Pop Montreal

2019 - (2016)	Member of Colin Stetson's ensemble for Sorrow (A Reimagining of Gorecki's Third Symphony)
2018	Performing, curating and organizing Pathway to Paris concerts in San Francisco and Los Angeles, feat. Bob Weir, Patti Smith, Flea, Eric Burdon and others in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program
2009 - 2018	<i>Esmerine European Tour</i> including performances in Turkey, England, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland Czech Republic, France, Czech Republic, Iceland, Canada, USA
2018 - (2013)	<i>Saltland Tour with Moonface and others</i> in North America
2018 - (2017)	Band member of Oscar nominated Sam Green and Brent Green's live documentary international tour
2017	Launched the 1000 Cities Initiative for Carbon Freedom at the United Nations Secretariat, New York City
2017	Performed, curated and organized Pathway to Paris concert in New York City at Carnegie Hall, feat. Michael Stipe, Patti Smith, Flea Joan Baez, Cat Power, Talib Kweli and others
2017	Performed with Patti Smith at the Summer Stage in Central Park
2016	Esmerine's Lost Voices nominated for best instrument album of the year
2015	Performed, curated and organized Pathway to Paris concert in Paris at Le Trianon, feat. Thom Yorke, Patti Smith, Flea and others
2014	Co-Founder of Pathway to Paris
2014	Esmerine won a Juno for best instrumental album of the year for Dalmak
2013	<i>Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, Massey Hall, Toronto 2013</i> Organized the string section and choir and performed cello with the band
2013	Saltland, produced by Mark Lawson (Arcade Fire)
2011	New Esmerine release, co-produced by Patrick Watson and Mark Lawson (Arcade Fire)
2011	Participant in National Parks Project
2011	Composed music for My Little Underground, NFB Animation Production

2011	Composed music for Clea Minaker's (Feist) production <i>Beauty</i>
2011	Composed music for NFB <i>Hothouse</i>
2010	Recorded with Lhasa de Sela for her latest release <i>Lhasa</i>
2010	Composed music for short animation film, <i>Higgelty Piggelty Pop</i> , Warner Brothers, NFB Production (Oscar Nominated short animation).
2009 - (2007)	Performed with Patti Smith, Tom Verlaine (Television), Catherine McRae, Ian McKaye and Guy Picciotto (Fugazi) at the Fusebox Festival in Ghent, Belgium (2007) and Patti Smith, Flea, Adrian Utley (Portishead) , at the MELTDOWN Festival in London England, curated by Ornette Coleman (2009).
2009	Composed soundtrack for feature film documentary, <i>H2Oil</i> , a Loaded Pictures Production
2009 - (2003)	Co-owner and founder of Madrona Records, Montreal
2008	Performance with Tanya Tagaq on Parliament Hill for Canada Day
2008 - (2001)	<i>Silver Mt. Zion</i> including performances in Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, France, UK, Germany, Belgium, Russia, Spain, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, United States, Canada Including performances in Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, France, UK, Germany, Belgium, Russia, Spain, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, United States, Canada
2006	Worked on the soundtrack for Esther B. Robinson's documentary: <i>A Walk into the Sea: Danny Williams and the Warhol Factory</i>
2006	Worked on the soundtrack for the NFB film production <i>Madame Tutli Putli</i> (won Palme D'or at Cannes, Oscar Nomination)
2005	Performed with The Mile-End Ladies String Auxiliary and Warren Ellis (Nick Cave/Dirty Three), Suoni per il popolo festival, Montreal
2005	Esmerine , North American Tour
2004	Performed <i>Stark</i> with C. Lipscombe, Square Zero Festival , Ottawa
2003	Performed with <i>MC Devious</i> , World Aids Day Concert, Mitchell's Plain, South Africa. Broadcasted in over 50 different countries. A Bush Radio initiative (Cape Town, SA).
2003	Collaborated with Madosini (<i>Amampondo</i>), Langa, SA.

- 2003** Composed music with **Howard Bilerman** for *Coming Home to Roost* production, **Festival des Amériques**, Montreal
- 2003** Composed *Aerugo* with Dana Bath for **CBC Radio**
- 2002** Recorded with *Annabelle Chvostek* on **Brave New Waves, CBC** responding to live broadcast streaming from Austria
- 2002** Performed at **Victoriaville Music Festival** with *Set Fire to Flames*
- 2001** Performed with Simpiwe Matala (from internationally renown South Africa ensemble *Amampondo*), Niko Opera house, Cape Town, SA. A week long series of cello/marimba.
- 2000** Montreal Visual Arts Center, **Montreal**.
Composed/performed/produced work with dancer **Alyson Vishnovska** and musician **Annabelle Chvostek** for Susan Fowler's art exhibition, *Imposed Coherence*
- 2000** Performed music for theatre piece **Novembre**, Monument-National, Montreal.
- 2000** Composed and performed solo cello work with dancer **Alyson Vishnovska**, *Soma Sonata*. **Edgy Women Series**, Studio 303, Montreal.
- 1999** Performed *Discord* with dancers **Catherine Lipscombe, Alyson Vishnovska and Annabelle Chvostek**, at Building Danse, Montreal
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Discography

Rebecca Foon & Aliayta Foon-Dancoes, *Reverie*, Constellation Records
 Sarah Neufeld, Richard Reed Parry and Rebecca Foon, *First Sounds*, One Little Independent
 Esmerine, *Everything Was Forever Until It Was No More*, Constellation Records
 Rebecca, *Waxing Moon*, Constellation Records
 Esmerine, *Mechanics of Dominion*, Constellation Records
 Saltland, *A Common Truth*, Constellation Records
 Sorrow, Colin Stetson (*member of ensemble*), Kartel Music Group
 Esmerine, *Lost Voices*, Constellation Records
 Esmerine, *Dalmak*, Constellation Records
 Saltland, *I Thought It Was Us But It Was All Of Us*, Constellation Records
 Esmerine, *La Lechuza*, Constellation Records
 Esmerine, *If only a Sweet Surrender*, Resonant Records/Madrona Records
 Esmerine, *Aurora*, Madrona Records Composer/Performer/Co-Producer

Fifths of Seven, *Spry from bitter anise*, Disques de soleil et de l'acier
Mile-End Ladies String Auxiliary, *From Cells of Roughest Air*, Bangor Records
A Silver Mt. Zion, *Born Into Trouble As The Sparks Fly Upwards*, Constellation Records
A Silver Mt. Zion, *This is Our Punk Rock*, Constellation Records
A Silver Mt. Zion, *Horses in the Sky*, Constellation Records
A Silver Mt. Zion, *13 Blues for 13 Moons*, Constellation Records
Set Fire To Flames, *Sings Reign Rebuilder*, Alien-8 Recordings
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Grants, Awards and Scholarships

2023	Canada Council Development Grant
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2021	Canada Council Research and Creation Grant
2020	Canada Council music creation grant Esmerine
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2019	Canada Council Promotion and Marketing Grant
2019	Canada Council music creation grant
2019	Sodexport Touring Grant (Esmerine)
2015	Esmerine Juno nominations, best instrumental album
2015	Esmerine Juno award, best album package
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2011-13	Sodexport Touring Grant (Esmerine)
2011-13	LOGIC Touring Grant (Esmerine)
2011-13	Factor Touring Grant (Esmerine)
2012	Canada Council Promotion and Marketing Grant (Esmerine)
2011	CALQ Travel Grant for Banff Residency
2006	Fondation du Maire Grant, Montreal
2006	SAJE Grant, Montreal
2003	Jeunes Volontaires Grant, Montreal
2000	Passport to Education Scholarship