**Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate**

Biography

Praised and honored for “his ability to effectively infuse classical music with American Indian nationalism” (Washington Post), Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, born in Norman, Okla., is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is dedicated to the development of American Indian classical composition.

In 2016, Tate was selected as one of five composer-orchestra pairs, to participate in *Music Alive*, a national three-year residency program of the League of American Orchestras and New Music USA. As Composer-in-Residence with South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (SDSO), Tate will be participating in the third phase of SDSO’s Lakota Music Project.

Commissioned works have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Chorus, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Canterbury Voices, Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Colorado Ballet, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Philadelphia Classical Symphony and Santa Fe Desert Chorale. Tate is a three-time commissioned recipient from the American Composers Forum and he received a 2011 Emmy Award for his work on the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority documentary, *The Science of Composing*.

Tate earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Piano Performance from Northwestern University and his Master’s Degree in Piano Performance and Composition from The Cleveland Institute of Music, from whom he received the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award. In 2008, he was appointed Creativity Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma.

Works available are *Iholba' (The Vision)*, for Solo Flute, Orchestra and Chorus and *Tracing Mississippi*, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, recorded by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, on the Grammy Award winning label Azica Records.

Tate’s recent commissions include his *Muscogee Hymn Suite* for Tulsa Symphony Orchestra, his *Ponca Indian Cantata* for Hildegard Center for the Arts and his Chickasaw oratorio, *Misha' Sipokni' (The Old Ground)*, for Canterbury Voices and Oklahoma City Philharmonic. Tate has held Composer-in-Residence roles for New Music USA *Music Alive*, Oklahoma City’s NewView Summer Academy, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Joyce Foundation/American Composers Forum and Grand Canyon Music Festival Native American Composer Apprentice Project. Tate was the founding composition instructor for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and taught composition to American Indian high school students in Minneapolis, MN and Native students in Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Tate’s middle name, Impichchaachaaha', means “his high corncrib” and is his inherited traditional Chickasaw house name.  A corncrib is a small hut used for the storage of corn and other vegetables.  In traditional Chickasaw culture, the corncrib was built high off the ground on stilts to keep its contents safe from foraging animals.

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Curriculum Vitae

**Education:**

• MM in Piano Performance and Composition, The Cleveland Institute of Music

• BM in Piano Performance, Northwestern University

**Current Professional Activity:**

• New Music USA *Music Alive* Composer-in-Residence (2017-2019)

• Adjunct Faculty in Composition/Orchestration, Wanda L. Bass School of Music,

Oklahoma City University (2011-present)

• Host/Consultant for WFMT (Chicago) radio series *Taloa*

**Commissions:**

*• Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra* - Dallas Symphony Orchestra - 2017

*• Muscogee Hymn Suite* for Solo Baritone, Children’s Chorus and Orchestra - Tulsa

Symphony (2016)

*• Oshta (Four)* for Solo Violin - Irina Muresanu (2016)

*• Standing Bear: A Ponca Indian Cantata* for Solo Baritone, Piano and String

Sextet - Hildegard Center for the Arts (2015)

*• Misha' Sipokni' (The Old Ground)* Oratorio for Solo Soprano, Solo Tenor, Solo Baritone,

Chorus, Children’s Chorus and Orchestra - Canterbury Voices (2015)

• *Toklo (Two)* for Northern Plains Flute and Clarinet - R. Carlos Nakai (2014)

• *Oka' Aya’sha' (The Water Place)* for Chorus, Woodwinds and Percussion - University of Chicago/Canterbury Choral Society (2014)

• *Pisachi (Reveal)* for String Quartet - ETHEL (2013)

• *Waktégli Olówaŋ (Victory Songs)* for Solo Baritone and Orchestra - South Dakota

Symphony (2012)

• *Visions of a Child (A Pueblo Lullaby)* for Chorus - Santa Fe Desert Chorale (2012)

• Theme music for *To the Wonder* - Directed by Terrence Malick (2012)

• *Taloowa' Chipota* *(Children’s Songs)* for Youth Choir, Piano and Cello - American

Composers Forum ChoralQuest Program (2011)

• *À Bec Quintet* for Woodwind Quintet - R. Carlos Nakai (2008)

• *Shakamaxon* for String Orchestra - Philadelphia Classical Symphony (2007)

• *Nitoshi' Imali,* Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra - Joyce Foundation (2006)

• *Lowak Shoppala' (Fire and Light)* for Orchestra, Children’s Chorus,

and Narrator - American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Program (2006)

• Film score for *Indian Country Diaries: A Seat at the Drum* - Native American Public

Telecommunications/Adanvdo Productions, Lincoln, NE (2005)

• *Worth of the Soul: A Tribute to American Indian Warriors* for Symphonic Wind

Ensemble and Chorus - Dr. Matthew Inkster, Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA

(2004)

• *Tracing Mississippi*, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra - Christine Bailey, Principal

Flute of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (2002)

• *Iholba'* *(The Vision)* for Solo Flute, Chorus and Orchestra - National Symphony

Orchestra (1999)

• *Dream World* for Woodwinds, Percussion and Narrator - New Jersey

Chamber Music Society (1997)

• *Diva Ojibway*, Operetta Score - Native Earth Performing Arts Society, Toronto, ON

(1994)

• Film score for *First Americans Journal* - Native American Television, Minneapolis,

MN (1994)

• *Winter Moons*, Ballet Score - Dr. Patricia Tate, University of Wyoming (1991)

**Film and Media:**

• *To the Wonder* - Terence Mallick (2012)

• *Spider Brings Fire* - Chickasaw Nation (2010)

• *Meeting in the Center with Respect* - Fort Collins Museum (2009)

• *Indian Country Diaries: A Seat at the Drum* - Native American Public

Telecommunications/Adanvdo Productions (2005)

• American Composer Forum - promotional DVD (2003)

• *First Americans Journal* - Native American Television (1994)

**Discography:**

• *Works by Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate*. (Includes *Tracing Mississippi* and *Iholba'*) Performed by Christine Bailey Davis and Thomas Robertello, flutes, with San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, dir. Edwin Outwater. Cleveland, Ohio: Azica Records (2008).

**Awards:**

• New Music USA *Music Alive* Composer-in-Residence (2017)  
• Mid-America Arts Alliance Artistic Innovations program (2016)

• Oklahoma Music Teachers Association Commissioned Composer Award (2014)

• Sigma Alpha Iota Composers Bureau (2013)

• Emmy Award: *The Science of Composing* - Best Documentary - Cultural (2011)

• Meet the Composer Commissioning Music/USA (2009)

• Creativity Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma (2008)

• Alumni Achievement Award - The Cleveland Institute of Music (2006)

• Joyce Award (2006)

• Percussive Arts Society Composition Contest (2006)

• Meet the Composer Residency (1991, 1994, 2013)

**Works Performed by:**

National Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, New Mexico Philharmonic, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Billings Symphony Orchestra, Oklahoma, Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis, Amici New York Chamber Orchestra, Ohio Chamber Orchestra, Philadelphia Classical Symphony, ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Sonare Chamber Orchestra Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, Quartz Mountain Youth Orchestra, Colorado Ballet, Native Earth Performing Arts Society, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Music Sacra, Voices of Change, Bosque Chamber Music Society, Master Chorale of Washington, VocalEssence, The Playground, Contemporary Music Forum, Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra, Words&Music, Rangbrook Ensemble, Canterbury Voices, Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

**Guest Composer:**

* American Composers Forum
* Billings Symphony Orchestra
* Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
* Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy
* Colorado Symphony Orchestra
* Dartmouth University
* Grand Canyon Music Festival
* Jersey City Museum
* Musica Sacra
* National Museum of the American Indian
* New Mexico Philharmonic
* NewView Oklahoma
* Northwestern University
* Ohio State University
* OK Mozart International Festival
* Oklahoma City University
* Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
* Philadelphia Classical Symphony
* Quartz Mountain Institute
* Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival
* Southeastern Oklahoma State University
* University of Colorado
* University of Oklahoma
* University of Wyoming
* Voices of Change
* West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts

**Community Service:**

• 2013-2015: Artist Inc: I was selected as a Facilitator to a program that educates local Oklahoma City artists to be better entrepreneurs. Through a series of classes, our local citizens learn the art of success and sustainability in an unprecedented way.

• 2004-2014: Co-Founder and Composition Instructor of the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. This program is the apex of my desires to bring, to my Chickasaw community youth, the vision of accomplishment self-realization.

• 2014: Composer-in-Residence for NewView Oklahoma OWL Camp (Oklahomans Without Limits). This groundbreaking organization provides unusual opportunities for Oklahomans with visual impairments. In this program, I composed two new works in which the students learned, memorized and performed violins and percussion in a public performance.

• 2011: Composer-in-Residence for the Dixon Middle School. Here I was able to bring my professional experience, culture and language to an Oklahoma community. In doing so, we brought Dixon into a lens, proving that they are world players within a small and isolated community.

• 2010: Founder and Artistic Director of the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival. Through the Festival, I exposed the community to fine art chamber music performed by international performers, and introduce American Indian composers to a local and international stage.

• 2009-2013: Music Coordinator for Oklahoma Creativity World Forum.

• 2009-2010: Guest Conductor of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra. Through the world premiere of *Lowak Shoppala’ (Fire and Light),* I lead the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra in a performance

of a unique theatrical performance representing the history and culture of the Chickasaw people.

• 2009: Guest Composer for the Quartz Mountain Institute. Quartz Mountain performed a couple of my works as a combined orchestra and chorus performance. The works were based on Chickasaw subjects and required the chorus to sing in the Chickasaw language.

• 2008: Creativity Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma. As an appointed cultural ambassador, I continue to work with local organizations and individuals to help promote creative projects in the State of Oklahoma.

**Teaching Experience:**

• Adjunct Faculty in Composition/Orchestration, Wanda L. Bass School of Music,

Oklahoma City University (2011-present)

• Guest Lecturer - West Liberty University (2011-present)

• Guest Lecturer - University of Colorado, Boulder (2002-present)

• Private piano studio (2000-present)

• Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (2009)

• Joyce Award/American Composers Forum Community Outreach Project (2007-08)

• Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (2005-2013)

• Alexander Dawson School (2004-06)

• Grand Canyon Music Festival - Native American Composer Apprentice Project

(2004-05)

• Academy of Colorado Ballet - Music History (1996-1999)

• Guest Presenter:

Northwestern University (2016)

Southeast Community College (2016)

Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute (2009, 2014)

Plainview Public Schools (2013)

Dixon Public Schools (2013)

West Virginia Governor’s School (2010, 2011)

St. Paul Public Schools (2008)

Philadelphia Public Schools (2007)

Minneapolis Public Schools (2007)

Dallas Public Schools (2007)

Duncan Public Schools (2007)

Cherry Creek Public Schools (2003)

Flathead Indian Reservation (1998)

Crow Indian Reservation (1995)

Billings Public Schools (1995)

SUNY Genesee (1995)

Cleveland Public Schools (1994)

Rapid City Public Schools (1992)

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Review Quotes

“…utterly spellbinding…”

**San Francisco Classical Music Examiner**

“…a new musical stream unsullied by Hollywood and tourist stereotypes.”  
**New York Times**

“Tate’s connection to nature and the human experience was quite apparent

in this piece…rarer still is his ability to effectively infuse classical music with American Indian nationalism.”  
**Washington Post**

“...profoundly meditative and exquisitely restrained. Much of it has the feel of classical settings of the Latin mass, but it is distinctly aboriginal in tone...the lines could stand as a statement of will by an artist supremely confident of his intent...the whole orchestra sounds at times to be riding a bolt of lightning.”

**Longmont Times-Call**

“Tate has an uncanny ability to synthesize his nationalistic ideas into his musical language…he has clearly taken the Western musical tradition and found a compelling voice that integrates his native culture.”

**Sequenza21**

“His ear for colors produced vivid tonal images…the whole work is

extraordinarily evocative…”  
**Classical New Jersey**

“His music borrows from both traditions but is in debt to neither. Both traditions are richer for his efforts, and so are his listeners.”  
**Billings Gazette**

“In the keen sequences scored by Mr. Tate, you felt new music bonding with old images in rich, provocative and moving ways.”

**New York Times**

“…tinged with sadness and noble drama…delicate and poignant writing…the orchestra paints a vast landscape of sonorities and ethereal textures.”  
**Cleveland Plain Dealer**

“…an original voice…Let’s hear more.”  
**Denver Rocky Mountain News**

“The music is quite virtuosic, dynamic and trance-like. It's quite a trip for the listener.”

**Edwin Outwater, Conductor**

“Tate showed a keen sense of sound…”  
**Albuquerque Journal**

“…evocative and skillfully written…”  
**Strings Magazine**

“…rhythmic, forceful and entertaining.”  
**Laramie Daily Boomerang**

“…effectively evokes the timeless lives of a people who inhabited this region for 15,000 years before the first European settlers crossed the Atlantic.”

**Broad Street Review**

“*Lowak Shoppala’* is an incredible example of the gestalt or synergistic principle that the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts.”

**Chickasaw Times**