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**Biography**

With memorable melodies and colorful interplay, composer Oliver Caplan’s music expresses a deeply felt romanticism. Mr. Caplan’s 2012 debut album “Illuminations” is available on iTunes and Amazon.com. He has been commissioned by the Bronx Arts Ensemble, Columbia University Wind Ensemble, Washington & Jefferson College Wind Ensemble, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, Juventas New Music Ensemble, Firebrand Concert Series, and El Sistema Somerville. His music has been presented in over 95 public performances in 11 states, including the Nebraska Chamber Players, Trio Veritas, Boston New Music Initiative and 11:11 Theatre Company, among others. In 2014, the Veridian Symphony Orchestra selected him as a winner in its Composers Competition. Other accolades include Somerville Arts Council Grants (2014. 2013), Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Fellowships (2013, 2011), American Prize Finalist (2012), Fifth House Ensemble Young Composer Competition Grand Prize (2010), and ASCAP Plus Awards (2008-2013).

Mr. Caplan (b. 1982) was raised in the Bronx, New York. He studied Music and Geography at Dartmouth College (B.A. 2004) and Composition at the Boston Conservatory (M.M. 2006). His composition teachers include Dalit Warshaw, Dana Brayton and Charles Dodge. Mr. Caplan currently resides in Somerville, Massachusetts. An avid hiker, he finds inspiration through time outdoors.