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Steven Christopher Sacco

Composer - Performer - Educator

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The American composer Steven Christopher Sacco was born in the gritty Brooklyn of *My Cousin Vinny*'s Joe Pesci. This was not the sought-after gentrified double stroller organic cotton sustainable straw artisanal condiment farm-to-fork oat milk latte sipping non-smoking plant-based discerning consumers' Brooklyn of today.

After Sacco's mother died, his father remarried and started over in central New Jersey. It didn't go well. His musical talent was not nurtured at home or at school, but rather stunted. His unrecognized gift for music suffered greatly during this time. Despite the many personal traumas during his adolescence, Sacco persevered and states, "my love of music was my ticket out."

Dr. Sacco is a proud high school dropout.

His early life presented a tough row to hoe, with bouts of food insecurity and homelessness, but he persevered. His work is performed internationally by some of today's leading soloists and ensembles. Critics praise him for writing "absorbing, poetic and passionate music that easily engages the sympathies and attention of a concert audience." His artistic collaborators have included American Brass Quintet, Luciano Berio, Kevin Cobb, Steven Isserlis, Czech Nonet, Juliana Gondek, Raymond Mase, David Oei, Adela Pena, Antoinette Perry, The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," Michael Powell, John D. Rojak, Eriko Sato, and Speculum Musicae, among others. Sacco's work has been performed on tours in Australia, Asia, Europe, North and South America, as well as the music festivals of Aspen, Tanglewood, Bowdoin, Deal (UK) and IIMF (Italy).

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A composition and theory faculty member and past department co-chair at the Mannes College of Music Prep, he formerly taught at Rutgers University, Newark and at the State University of New York, at Purchase, as well as the Universities of Columbia and Princeton.

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Editions. Recordings are available on the Summit, Navona and USA Made record labels. He holds a doctorate from Columbia University, a M.F.A. from Princeton University, and bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School. He resides with his wife and dogs in New York.