

JORIAH KWAMÉ

COMPOSER. LYRICIST. LIBRETTIST.



NOTABLE WORKS:

"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" — Sony Pictures

2022 Film

- "Top Of The World"
- Performed by Shawn Mendes
- Co-write with Benj Pasek & Justin Paul (DEAR EVAN HANSEN, LA LA LAND, GREATEST SHOWMAN

"Songs Of The Phoenix" — Broadway Records

2022 Commission for San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

- "Song Of Tomorrow"
- Other featured writers include Stephen Sondheim, Stephen Schwartz, Andrew Lippa and Ingrid Michaelson
- Album released through Broadway Records

"Twelfth Night" — Chicago Shakespeare Theater

2020 Commission for Chicago Shakespeare Theater

- Original music and lyrics written to supplement Shakespeare's original text
- Directed by Barbara Gaines (Founder/Artistic Director)

WORKS IN DEVELOPMENT:

"Trolls Jr." — Dreamworks Theatricals, MTI, iTheatrics

2023 Dreamworks Emerging Writers Program

Music and Lyrics

"Little Miss Perfect: The Musical" — Goodspeed Musicals

2022 Commission for Goodspeed Musicals

- Music, Book, and Lyrics
- 2025/26 Productions (Goodspeed, Olney Theatre)

(see next page for more)

"Sinister" — Chicago Shakespeare Theater

2022 Commission for Chicago Shakespeare Theater

- Music, and Lyrics
- Book by Lauren M. Gunderson
- Directed by Barbara Gaines (Founder)

"Serendipity" — Wagner Johnson Productions

- Based on the 2001 film of the same name
- Music and lyrics

"Pursuit Of Happyness" — Overbrook Ent, Escape Artists, Will Smith

- Based on the 2006 film of the same name
- Music
- Book by Marcus Gardley, Lyrics by Siedah Garrett

"Polly" — Hillman Grad Productions

- Based on the 2001 film of the same name
- Music and Lyrics with Siedah Garrett
- Book by Lena Waithe
- Directed by Debbie Allen

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

2023 NYTB IMPACT AWARD

Honoring thoughtful, culture shifting storytelling and the creation of space for stories, artists and audiences from underrepresented communities.

2023 ASCAP HERALD ADAMSON LYRIC AWARD

The ASCAP Foundation Herald Adamson Award is presented annually to an ASCAP or unaffiliated member who writes lyrics and whose work shows promise.

2021 JONATHAN LARSON FINALIST

The American Theater Wing received over 300 applications for a highly competitive applicant pool, and Joriah Kwame's is one of thirty-six applications that reached final review.

2020 JOHNNY MERCER SONGWRITING PROJECT

Weeklong intensive for emerging songwriters in all genres.

The highly competitive program attracts applicants from around the world and invites 12 songwriters/songwriting teams to spend a week in residence working with award-winning professional master teachers:

Stephen Bray, Craig Carnelia, Andrew Lippa and Lindy Robbins

2020 ASCAP COLE PORTER AWARD

The ASCAP Foundation Cole Porter Award is presented annually to an ASCAP or unaffiliated member who writes music and lyrics and whose work shows promise. The award is funded by a gift from the Cole Porter Musical and Literary Trusts.

2019 WRITE OUT LOUD SONGWRITING CONTEST

For "Little Miss Perfect"