

Aaron Jensen

Voice Work

- Creemore radio commercial for Pirate Toronto (2008)
- 2008 Pontiac Vibe television/radio commercial for Problem Child (2008)
- “Boogie-Woogie Bugs,” “The Song Tree,” “Noonbory and the Super 7” television theme songs for Geoharmonic Music Corporation. (2007-2008)
- “Triptych” short film for Bravo Canada. (2007)
- “Trees” commercial for Evergreen, winner of a 'Gold' Crystal Award in the PSA category through the Radio Marketing Bureau. (2007)
- Recorded workshop recordings for the new musical “Lulu the Acrobat” with Marc Jordan and Amy Sky. (2007)
- Sang the theme song for the television series “Rick and Steve: the Happiest Gay Couple in all the World.” (2007)
- Slimfast Muffinbar Man commercial (2006)
- Various radio commercials through CFR Radio 2004-2005

Vocal Performance Experience

Cadence – (2006-Present) (www.cadence-unplugged.com)

- Current member of three-time Juno nominated vocal quartet. Juno nominations include ' Best Vocal Jazz Album', 2006, against contenders such as Diana Krall and Paul Anka.
- The group performs between 150-200 shows per year; locally, nationally and internationally.
- Cadence has performed with Quincy Jones, Manhattan Transfer and Bobby McFerrin.

Retrocity (2008)

- Current member of vocal 1980's cover band.
- Members include Juno nominated vocalists such as Suba Sankaran, Dylan Bell, Ross Lynde and Daniel Gallassiere.

WIBI

- Toured, competed and performed with 2001-2007.
- Co-Musical Director from 2003-2004, Musical Director 2005-2007
- WIBI has won several performance/recording awards including four CARA awards (Contemporary A cappella Recording Awards (sponsored by the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America)) within their category for their 2003 album 'In the Pocket': Best Album, Best Arrangement, Best Song and runner-up Best Soloist.
- Opened for Juno nominated Canadian Rock legend Danny Michel - 2006

Dina Ledi - (2002-2006) Toronto based, traditional South African song and gumboot dance quartet, featuring Lizzy Mahashe.

- Commissioned by New Dance Horizons in conjunction with the University of Regina Fine Arts Dept. and First Nations University of Canada to host a 4-day series of workshops and a performance. - March 2006
- Keynote performers for the South African consulate, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, 2003.
- Black History Month, Mel Lastman Square, Toronto, 2003

Voci Strane - (2004-2005)

- Nine-voice Renaissance Ensemble

An Evening with Aaron Jensen and Alan Cohen: (2003)

Had noted Toronto jazz pianist Alan Cohen flown to Prince Albert to perform a duo show at the E. A. Rawlinson Center for the Arts.

Fairmont Royal York Hotel: Piper's - Toronto (2002-2004)

Featured jazz singer 3 nights per week.

Theatrical Experience

Featured in over thirty musicals and dramatic productions. 1996-Present.

Past parts have included:

Prof. James Murray	<i>O.E.D. Dementia, Devotion and the Writing of the Oxford English Dictionary ('06)</i>	Scripts for Spills Productions
Perrelli	<i>Sweeney Todd ('06)</i>	M.Y.T. Productions
Adam	<i>The Last Painted Peg ('05)</i>	Eleven 'o Clock Theatre Co.
Frankie	<i>Forever Plaid ('05)</i>	Broadway North Theatre Co.
Chuck Cranston	<i>Footloose ('05)</i>	Broadway North Theatre Co.
Tony	<i>West Side Story ('04)</i>	Broadway North Theatre Co.
Sam	<i>Plain Reflections ('03)</i>	Driftwood Theatre Co.
Matt	<i>The Fantasticks ('02)</i>	Eleven 'o Clock Theatre Co.
Adam Adam	<i>Rough Crossing ('01)</i>	Odyssey Productions
Charlie Brown	<i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown ('01)</i>	DMD Entertainment

Pertinent Awards/Honours

- Nominated for CARA award for original composition 'Oblong' - 2007
- Awarded Saskatchewan Arts Grant for the creation of O.E.D.
- Marion Lower Composition Prize - 2006
- Robbie Burns Poetry Prize – 2003
- Inducted as an Honourary Fellow of Winters College

Praise for Jensen's work

“...of the highest standard! *O.E.D.* is a very good show; stimulating, psychologically complex and intelligent” - renowned Canadian classical composer, David Lidov

“insanely creative ORIGINAL... Jensen expresses a new sophistication in vocal jazz ”
- Valerie Kolko – RARB (Recorded A Cappella Review Board)

“[Jensen's piece,] *Oblong*, possibly the best..composition I've heard in nearly 15 years of following the scene.”

- Rebecca Chrisite- RARB

Miscellaneous Artistic Experience

- Participated in Maria Legault's performance art piece 'Republique D'Amour', which was featured in the Nuit Blanche Festival: La Grande Experience. Toronto, ON (2006)
- Tracked, produced and engineered album for jazz trio 'Arioso' - (2005).
- Back-ground vocalist on the debut album by acclaimed gypsy-rock group 'Old Joe and the Truth Hurts.'
- Co-hosted the Thursday edition of 'The Royal Canadian Music Parade’ on CFCR radio (90.5 FM) in Saskatoon (2004-2005)
- Co-founded the Eleven o'clock Theater Co. (2003)
- Served as Entertainment coordinator at Amy's on Second, Prince Albert, (2000-2001)
- Collaborated with poet Ralph Coffey, setting '*St. Francis and the Birds*' to music.

Original Productions written by Jensen

O.E.D.: Dementia, Devotion and the Writing of the Oxford English Dictionary (2005-2006)

Composer, Playwright, Orchestrator

Full length two act musical premiered at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan with full band and a cast of forty. Presented by Broadway North Theatre Co., mounted by Scrips for Spills Productions.

Paradise Lost (2006-Present)

Librettist, Co-Composer

Opera currently being written in collaboration with Toronto composer/professor David Lidov.

Education

- BFA Music Honours Degree - Magna Cum Laude - York U.
- Grade Eight Voice- Honours, Royal Conservatory of Music.
- Music Composition: William Westcot, David Lidov, Al Henderson
- Voice: James T. Hill, Carolyn Donison, Peggy Mahon
- Piano: Mark Eisenman, Sundar Viswanithan, Micheal Langlois
- Theory/Harmony: Art Levine, Michael Langlois