NYU ABU DHABI MUSIC PROGRAM TWO HANDS

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MICHAEL SKILLERN

THE BLUE HALL

1 *A* **5 FEB 7:30 PM**

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Minute of News for Snare Drum* Eugene Novotney

Non-Prophets for Snare Drum + Electronics* Caleb Pickering

A Song Over Time for Snare Drum + Electronics* Joey Bordeaux

Prelude to Cello Suite No. 1 for Marimba* J.S. Bach

Movements in Movement and Sound for Synthesized Vibraphone* Anthony Green

> *Electric Screwdriver for Vibraphone + Electronics** **Chace Williams**

Mechanics to Wit for Vibraphone + Electronics* Michael Standard

I Dream a Universe for Synthesized Vibraphone + Electronics** Brett Copeland

> Argoru VII for Synthesized Vibraphone* Alvin Singleton

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MICHAEL SKILLERN



Michael Skillern is currently the Head of Music at American Gulf School in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, Percussionist/ Timpanist with the National Symphony Orchestra UAE, and Co-Founder of the CommonTime Online arts learning platform.

An international award winning percussionist,

Michael has performed as a soloist, chamber player, and orchestra member throughout the United States, China, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. Michael made his concerto debut in 2016 performing the solo percussion part on Ittai Sharipa's The Ethics, with the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

In 2022, he made his Middle Eastern debut in Dubai and premiered several works for solo percussion. Michael has won numerous international Music competitions including percussion prizes in Switzerland (North Int'l Music Competition, 2019) and Indonesia (Indonesia Brass and Percussion Competition).

Away from music, Michael enjoys spending time with his 2 year old daughter Millie, named after his dear grandmother Mildred Skillern. He can be heard in solo and percussion ensemble settings on Innova and Ravello Records. Michael proudly endorses Vic Firth Sticks and Mallets. CENTER ARTS CENTER AM

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