

## **Annie Booth Bio (350 words)**

Annie Booth is a versatile and award-winning composer, arranger, and jazz pianist. She has received national recognition for her work as a composer/arranger with awards and grants from the likes of ASCAP (Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composers' Awards, Phoebe Jacobs Prize), *Downbeat Magazine*, the Jazz Education Network, the International Society for Jazz Arrangers and Composers, and Chamber Music America. She has composed commissioned works for institutions such as the University of Idaho and the University of Nevada, Reno, where she is proud to be the Commissioned Composer for the 2022 Reno Jazz Festival.

Annie's writing spans from small group jazz to big band and chamber works. Her forthcoming 2022 studio album, *Flowers Of Evil*, is an original song cycle of the poetry of 19th century French poet Charles Baudelaire composed for 11-piece chamber-jazz group. *Flowers Of Evil* features renowned soprano Kathryn Radakovich. Additionally, Booth leads and writes for the *Annie Booth Big Band*, an 18-piece jazz orchestra made up of top players such as Greg Gisbert, Wil Swindler, and Paul McKee. Booth has released four albums as a bandleader and has appeared on more than a dozen as a side-musician.

Annie Booth is a respected jazz educator and has appeared as a guest artist-educator at institutions such as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, The Reno Jazz Festival, The UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival, The University of Montana, Simpson College, Seattle JazzEd, and more. For many years, she has worked with students in the Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts (CCJA) directing combos, teaching at summer camps, and leading the *SheBop Young Women in Jazz Workshop*, which she developed and about which she wrote her pedagogy-focused master's thesis. She has recently served on the faculties of the University of Colorado and the University of Northern Colorado, teaching jazz composition and jazz piano. Booth holds Bachelors and Masters degrees from the Thompson Jazz Studies Program at the University of Colorado.

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