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Nina Shekhar, composer

Nina Shekhar, the Young Concert Artists 2021-2023 Composer-in-Residence, is a composer and multimedia artist known for exploring identity, vulnerability, love, and laughter in her intensely personal works. Her music has been described as "tart and compelling" (*New York Times*), "vivid" (*Washington Post*), and an "orchestral supernova" (*LA Times*). She has received commissions from leading ensembles including the New York Philharmonic, LA Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Nina's work has been featured at prominent venues such as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and Walt Disney Concert Hall, and on platforms like I Care If You Listen and WNYC. She was the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra's 2023-2024 Sound Investment Artist, premiering her commissioned piece "Glitter Monster," with the orchestra in May 2024. She currently serves as Composer-in-Residence of The Crossing.

Recent and upcoming highlights include a Germany tour with the New York Philharmonic, her Hollywood Bowl debut with the LA Philharmonic, and commissions for multimedia and interactive works. She is the recipient of the 2021 Rudolf Nissim Prize, two ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards, the 2022 BMI Student Composer Award, and the 2018 ASCAP Foundation Leonard Bernstein Award.

In addition to composing, Nina is a versatile performing artist, playing flute, piano, and saxophone. She has performed at the Detroit International Jazz Festival and as a soloist with the USC Thornton Symphony. Nina is also on the Composition faculty at Mannes School of Music and is actively involved in education through Luna Composition Lab and Brightwork newmusic's Project Beacon.

Nina is a PhD candidate in Music Composition at Princeton University. She holds graduate degrees from the University of Southern California and undergraduate degrees in music composition and chemical engineering from the University of Michigan. A first-generation Indian American, she is a native of Detroit, Michigan.