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**JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

School of Music

*presents*

***Out of the Ordinary***

***Non-Traditional Techniques in  
Wind Band Literature***

*the graduate lecture recital of*

**Sarah Mason**  
***Lecturer, conductor***

*With*

**The JMU Symphonic Band**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

2 pm

Concert Hall



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## Program

Liquid Compass

Alex Shapiro  
(b.1962)

### Composer Biography

Alex Shapiro (born New York City, 1962) has built an unconventional life interweaving her dynamic musical career with avid pursuits of wildlife photography, non-fiction writing, and a devotion to advocacy. Published by Activist Music LLC, her works are heard daily in concerts and broadcasts and can be found on over thirty commercially released recordings from around the world. Alex lives on Washington State's remote San Juan Island, and when she's not composing, she can be found communing with the sea life, as seen on her music and photo-filled blog, [www.notesfromthekelp.com](http://www.notesfromthekelp.com), and her website, [www.alexshapiro.org](http://www.alexshapiro.org).

*This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Master of Music.  
Sarah Mason is from the studio of Dr. Stephen P. Bolstad.*

## JMU School of Music Statement of Community & Belonging

Difference in identity enriches our community, fosters artistic and intellectual growth, and is vital to creating thriving venues for expression in a global world. In addition to welcoming all individuals and perspectives regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, socio-economic status, or citizenship status, we wish to make the following acknowledgements and affirmations, adapted from Americans for the Arts:

- In the United States, there are systems of power that grant privilege and access unequally such that inequity and injustice result. We resolve to educate ourselves, keep vigilant watch, and act to bring an end to systemic oppression.
- Cultural equity—which embodies values, practices, and policies that ensure all people have access to, and are represented in, the arts—is critical to the sustained engagement of music in society.
- Acknowledging and challenging our inequities and working in partnership is how we will make change happen.
- Everyone deserves equal access to a full, vibrant creative life, which is essential to a healthy and democratic society.
- The prominent presence of musicians in society can challenge inequities and encourage alternatives.



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Thank you for attending today's performance. The JMU School of Music educates the most talented students from around the world to shape the fabric of society. We are ecstatic to return to our stages to showcase the talent and hard work of our students and faculty.

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