

## John Wrinch Williams

Composer, Performer, Producer

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### Current Projects

**Arboreal Quartet** (Montréal, 2008 – the present): Founder, composer, producer, performer (sarod)  
Acoustic, instrumental world/jazz ensemble performing my compositions  
with Sage Reynolds – upright bass ; Eric Thibodeau – drums; Tom Eliosoff – acoustic guitar  
Debut, self-titled CD launched March 5, 2010

**Oneiri** (Montréal, 2010 – the present): Composer, producer  
An emerging ambient/drone music project

### Some Recent Projects

**Factory of Light** (Ottawa/Montréal, 2007): Composer, arranger, performer (bass guitar)  
Live ensemble performing the soundtrack during screenings of “The Factory of Light” by Pixie Cram  
with Tom Eliosoff – electric guitar; Zen Nakamura – drums; Jennika Anthony-Shaw – cello

**Chutney Jugal Bandi** (Montréal, 2007): Arranger, producer, performer (electric guitar, bass guitar, electronics)  
Live ensemble blending Bollywood with Chutney (Trinidadian pop) music  
with Riki Chopra – vocals; Adhika Maharaj – vocals

**Memetics** (Montréal, 2004 – 2005): Composer, producer, performer (sarod)  
Collective of Montréal-based producers and musicians presenting diverse live multimedia events  
with Matthew Kober – producer, acoustic guitar, electronics; Zen Nakamura – electronics, drums  
Nicholas Williams – bansuri; Adhika Maharaj – vocals; E. Shankar – tabla

**jww** (Montréal, 2003 – 2005): Composer, producer, performer (electric guitar, bass guitar)  
Instrumental electronic/live project

### Music Training and Education

Primarily self-taught – classical guitar method, computer-based music  
Instruments: guitar, bass guitar, bouzouki, mandolin, banjo, drums, sarod

**2008** Attended the *Ali Akbar College of Music* in San Rafael, California, USA  
Received instruction from Ustad Ali Akbar Khan – sarod  
Attended workshops with Alam Khan – sarod

**1998-** Received private sarod instruction from Rajeesh Moitra,  
**1999** All-India Radio career performer, in Benares, Uttar Pradesh, India

**1998** Received private instruction in jazz guitar from Andrew Jacob Scott (PhD)  
in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**1997** Bachelor of Independent Studies, *University of Waterloo*, Ontario, Canada  
Thesis project: wrote custom software to create semi-random sample-based music in

## Professional History

- 2011** February 2 Arboreal Quartet live performance – *Casa Del Popolo*, Montréal  
Introducing Sage Reynolds – Upright Bass; Eric Thibodeau – Drums
- January 13 Arboreal Quartet CD: #13, top 20 jazz of 2010, *!earshot-online*
- 2010** November 11 National airplay on *The Signal with Laurie Brown*, CBC Radio 2  
Arboreal Quartet - “Dee”
- August 18 Syndicated US radio airplay on *UnderCurrents with Gregg McVicar*  
Arboreal Quartet - “Shift” - rebroadcast on 78 stations across the USA
- August 17 Arboreal Quartet live performance – *Casa del Popolo*, Montréal
- July 11 Arboreal Quartet live performance – *Divan Orange*, Montréal
- July issue Arboreal Quartet CD: #3, *Exclaim! magazine* jazz chart
- June 20 *UnderCurrents with Gregg McVicar* – Arboreal Quartet - “Dee”
- June 12 Arboreal Quartet CD: #2, *ChartAttack* Jazz/Blues chart
- June 9 Arboreal Quartet CD in consideration for best independent World album of the year, GAMIQ (*Gala de l'Alternative Musicale Indépendante du Québec*)
- June 8 Arboreal Quartet CD: #1, *!earshot-online* jazz chart
- June 2 *UnderCurrents with Gregg McVicar* – Arboreal Quartet - “Shift”
- June issue Arboreal Quartet CD: #4, *Exclaim! magazine* jazz chart
- May 20 Arboreal Quartet - “Snap” played on CBC Radio 2's weekly podcast
- May 13 *The Signal with Laurie Brown*, CBC Radio 2 – Arboreal Quartet - “Snap”
- May 11 Arboreal Quartet CD: #4, *!earshot-online* jazz chart
- April 29 Arboreal Quartet CD added to *Library and Archives Canada* (Ottawa)
- March 21 Arboreal Quartet performance at the *Articule Who's Who*  
30th anniversary of *Articule* gallery, Montréal
- March 5 Arboreal Quartet performance *O Patro Vys*, Montréal  
CD launch

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- 2009** January 17 Arboreal Quartet debut performance – *O Patro Vys*, Montréal with Tom Eliosoff – Acoustic Guitar; JF Martins – Upright Bass; Fernando Gelso – Drums
- 2007** August 20 Chutney Jugal Bandi live on-air performance on *The Link with Marc Montgomery*, CBC Radio International
- August 12 Chutney Jugal Bandi live performance – *Lion D'Or*, Montréal
- July 14 Chutney Jugal Bandi live performance – *Montreal International Reggae Festival*
- May 11 Live performance of “The Factory of Light” soundtrack during film screening – *Club SAW*, Ottawa
- April 25 Live performance of “The Factory of Light” soundtrack during film screening – *Sala Rossa*, Montréal
- 2006** March 17 John Wrinch Williams (production, electronics) & Mike Ayles (banjo, flute) Live performance on *Daybreak with Dave Bronstetter*, CBC Radio One
- 2005** August 25 Memetics – live performance, *Société des arts technologiques* [SAT], Montréal
- February 17 Memetics – live performance, *Société des arts technologiques* [SAT], Montréal
- January 21 jww – CD launch – live performance, *Mile End Cultural Centre*, Montréal

## References

Available upon request.