

OWEN KAPLAN

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EXPERIENCE

Broadcast Audio Engineer

New York Public Radio – WNYC, NY, 2024 – present

Pro Tools dialogue studio recording and cleanup, podcast & news sound design and mixing, coaching for hosts, reporters, and editors in narrative vocal delivery and remote recording.

Freelance Sound Design, Recording, Music Composition, Mixing, and Mastering for Various Media

Various Clients, 2019 – present

Production sound, boom operation, original compositions, SFX, foley, mixing, sweetening & repair, and audio middleware integration toward various films, podcasts, radio programs, Game Jams, audio books, and independent projects.

Composer Intern

Christopher North, Composer, Brooklyn, NY, 2021 – 2022

Designed, recorded, and developed Kontakt sample library from the ground up. Created multiple professional large-scale Logic Pro orchestral templates for scoring, mixing, and recording sessions, equipped with FX chain presets.

Freelance Video Production

- *I'm Your Neighbor Books, Portland, ME 2024*
- *Earlham College, Richmond, IN, 2022*
- *Full Plates Full Potential, Portland, ME, 2020 – 2021*
- *Hope Acts, Portland, ME, 2020*

Sound Art Intern

Seth Cluett, Columbia University, Manhattan, NY, 2021

Antique synthesizer maintenance, in-depth research on topics of spatial audio and marker-based AR technology within Unity and Unreal game engines.

Chocolate Work

- *Kahkow USA, Brooklyn, NY, 2023 – 2024*
Chocolatier, Chocolate Maker, Barista, Tour Guide.
- *Beyond Good Chocolate, Brooklyn, NY, 2023*
Brand Ambassador, Sales.

SOFTWARE

• Ableton Live	• Audacity	• Logic Pro
• Adobe After Effects	• Descript	• Max/MSP
• Adobe Audition	• FMOD Studio	• Pro Tools
• Adobe InDesign	• Hindenburg Pro	• Unity Engine
• Adobe Photoshop	• iZotope RX 10	• Unreal Engine
• Adobe Premiere Pro	• Kontakt Sampler	• Wwise

AWARDS

Pulitzer Prize Finalist, 2025, Audio Journalism Category

Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award Winner, 2025, Investigation Category

New York Press Club Award Winner, 2025, NYC Metro Category

Online Journalism Award Winner, 2025, Excellence in Audio Digital Storytelling Category

NYC NOW Special Investigation: He Went by 'Champagne' on Rikers Island.

Co-composed the musical score for an episode of NYC NOW by WNYC, which was recognized by the Pulitzer Board "For their revelatory investigation into decades of sexual assault of female inmates on Rikers Island."

Best Student Short, Phoenix Shorts Film Festival, 2022

New York Flash Film Festival, Official Selection, 2022

Aphrodite Film Awards, Official Selection, 2022

Veins, A Short Film

A collaborative project created during time with the New York Arts Program. Contribution included designing and mixing all audio.

EDUCATION

Earlham College

B.A. Double Major in Sound Design & New Media, magna cum laude, 2022

New York Arts Program

Semester-long study experience in New York City, including two internships, seminars, and independent projects, 2021

Berklee College of Music

- Game Audio Production with Wwise, 2022
- Interactive Scoring for Games, 2022
- Audio Post-Production for Film and TV, 2021
- Dynamic Systems in Game Audio, 2021

University of North Carolina

- Video Motion Graphics & Design, 2021
- Digital Design Principles, 2021

University of Southern Maine

Coursework with Adam Ayan of Gateway Mastering: Principles of Digital Audio & Music Production, 2017