

# Victor Haskins & ImproviStory



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ImproviStory™ is a one-man-band where multi-instrumentalist/sound artist Victor Haskins improvises immersive, cinematic, story-like soundscapes for the imagination. Audience members have their own personal, internal experience with what kind of story is suggested to them based on their perception of the conjured sound elements. Imagine a live band crossed with a DJ crossed with sounds from a mystical realm... all generated and performed by one person in real time without any pre-recorded elements.

ImproviStory performances include a talkback element with the audience to answer questions, discuss themes, and investigate artistic choices and processes.

## What do presenters say?

### Sweet Briar College

"We had the pleasure of hosting master improviser and multi-instrumentalist Victor Haskins at Sweet Briar College February 8-9, 2023.

Before, during, and after his visit, Victor was a joy to work with as an artist and a professional. He engaged with our students with very different levels of experience and inspired each one to participate freely by providing clear instruction and positive encouragement. He demonstrated his novel approach to live sound design and answered our students' questions in a thorough and inspiring way.

Victor's concert was electrifying as he looped together acoustic and digital sounds to create an immersive and dynamic sound experience for the audience. He welcomed questions and reflections from audience members, creating space for dialogue which allowed the public to better understand and appreciate his artistry.

After Victor's visit, students commented that they valued the chance to interact with an artist who spoke so clearly and passionately about both his methods as well as his artistic vision.

We look forward to hosting Victor Haskins at Sweet Briar again in the future!"

-Anne Elise Thomas, Assistant Professor of Music, Sweet Briar College, Co-chair, Society for Arab Music Research (SAMR)

### **Branch Museum of Architecture & Design**

"Victor's performance was unlike any other that our guests had experienced. His ability to convey a story through layering sounds and building a song right in front of our eyes was incredible to both watch and hear. A truly special experience!"

-Heather Ernst, Deputy Director, Branch Museum of Architecture & Design

### **College of William & Mary**

"Haskins has created one of the most compelling, unique, and provocative musical experiences available to date with the ImproviStory. Haskins creates lush and creative soundscapes that can't help but to captivate the audience. Haskins has his own collection of these ImproviStories, and also, is able to tailor the performance for a specific audience. Not only that, his ability to articulate his creative process, explain the various instruments and music technology that he's using is truly impressive. I would be remiss if I didn't mention how much of a delight he is to work with. He's very responsive, adaptable and, a great communicator on top of being one of the most talented musicians this generation has seen."

-Morgan Davis, Reference Librarian – Music Division, Library of Congress

## **Online Media (clickable links):**

[What Is ImproviStory? \(90sec promo\)](#)

[Seen/\(Scene\) Sounds Part 1 \(with audience talkback\)](#)

## **Selected Performance History:**

Sweet Briar College (Sweet Briar, VA)

Branch Museum of Architecture & Design (Richmond, VA)

College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)

1708 Gallery *InLight* Large-Scale Outdoor Exhibition (Richmond, VA)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) Performing & Visual Arts Magnet Program

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