

Victor Haskins & SKEIN



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Victor Haskins & Skein stands as a pioneering force in contemporary music, seamlessly blending original electroacoustic compositions with elements of storytelling, philosophy, and African diasporic influences. Each performance serves as a multidimensional tapestry, intricately weaving together emotional depth, intellectual engagement, and textured sonic landscapes, creating an immersive musical journey for the audience. Their latest album, "Ikigai," draws inspiration from the Japanese concept of finding one's "reason for living," embodying Haskins' deeply personal philosophies and interactions.

What do presenters say?

Alleghany Highlands Arts Council

"As a presenter, we look to bring artists into our community that will engage our audience on all levels. Victor and his ensemble are not merely EXCELLENT musicians; they are lovely human beings who are professional, friendly, and enjoyable. We expected an outstanding performance, but the beautiful human connection was a bonus."

-Tammy Scruggs-Duncan, Executive Director, Alleghany Highlands Arts Council, Alleghany County, VA

Perkinson Center for the Arts & Education

"Victor Haskins & SKEIN provided a truly immersive listening experience for our patrons and had them talking for weeks. Working with Victor, Randall, and Tony was seamless, from the behind the scenes planning to performance, everything was top notch. We look forward to having them again in our venue."

-Chelsea Buyalos, Executive Director, Perkinson Center for the Arts & Education, Chester, VA

Lake Anna Jazz Festival

"We've been fortunate to have Victor Haskins bring his talent and professionalism to our festival stage twice, and each visit has left the staff of Lake Anna Jazz in awe of his creativity, stage presence, and personality. He is not only a great communicator of

musical ideas, but he also possesses much appreciated business communication skills that make it a pleasure to plan, brainstorm, and work with him. Our audience and staff had nothing but raves for his festival appearances, and I look forward to collaborating on additional projects in the near future."

-Robert McBride, President, Lake Anna Jazz, Mineral, VA

James L. Hamner Public Library

"On Tuesday, June 14, the James L. Hamner Public Library presented Richmond-based composer and musician Victor Haskins & SKEIN as part of the 2022 Marshall Bullock Summer Reading Program..."

For over an hour, Victor Haskins played cornett and electronic wind instrument, Randall Pharr played bass, and Tony Martucci played drums while the audience listened to original compositions. Shoulders swayed, heads bobbed, and toes tapped to the lively music. Haskins introduced each piece by talking about how it came to be or meaning of the title. This added context allowed listeners to contemplate the music on a deeper level than simple enjoyment. Some of the pieces are scheduled to be recorded, so the audience got to hear them before they are available to the general public."

-Jill Hames, Director, James L. Hamner Library, Amelia, VA

Online Media (clickable links):

[Victor Haskins & SKEIN online](#)

[A New Way \(live performance\)](#)

[Ikigai \(live performance\)](#)

[Morning \(live performance\)](#)

Selected Performance History:

Victor Haskins & SKEIN has been featured at the Henrico Jazz Festival, Richmond Jazz Festival, Lake Anna Jazz Festival, Jazz on the Bluff, Kennedy Center REACH Opening Festival, Williamsburg Regional Library Dewey Decibel Series, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Victor Haskins & SKEIN has also appeared at a number of schools and educational institutions to perform and give educational presentations, including Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Richmond, William & Mary, and countless grade schools to introduce children to the power of Black music.

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