

LOUNA DEKKER-VARGAS, FLUTIST

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Education

Dual Degree, GPA 3.81

B.A. Flute Performance with honors, Peabody Conservatory (Marina Piccinini studio)

B.A. Contemporary French Literature with honors, Johns Hopkins University

Orchestra and Ensemble Experience

Wicked Broadway pit , substitute flute, piccolo, alto flute, – NYC	Sept. 2017-present
International Contemporary Ensemble , guest performer – NYC	Oct. 18 - Nov 19, 2019
The Witches , co-director, flutist/vocalist, composer – NYC & Baltimore	2015-present
Atlantic Extraction , flutist, vocalist – NYC	Jan 2018-present
Trio Jinx , co-director, flutist – Baltimore & across the U.S.	May 2016- Dec 2018
Ensemble 4-33 , 1st flute – Baltimore	Dec 2017
Now Hear This ensemble , 1st flute, alto flute, bass flute – Baltimore	Sept 2015-June 2016
Peabody Opera pit , principal flute – Baltimore	Winter 2015
Peabody Concert Orchestra , principal flute – Baltimore	Sept 2014 -June 2015
ISO Symphony Orchestra , principal flute – NYC	Fall 2007 - Spring 2011

Notable Performances

NYU Skirball Theater- International Contemporary Ensemble – NYC	Oct 18, 19, 2019
Opera Center of America – World premiere, The Houston Experiment	Sept 10, 2019
Jamaica Center for Arts –Atlantic Extraction, NYC	Jan 10, 2019
George Peabody Library –Alliance for a Healthier World, The Witches	Oct 26, 2018
Roulette Intermedium – Atlantic Extraction – NYC	Jan 30, 2018
Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity , Flutist, Improviser – Alberta, CA	Summer 2018
George Peabody Library – In The Stacks series ft. Trio Jinx –Baltimore	Sept 2018
Spectrum Residency –The Witches	Dec 2017- March 2019
Peabody Institute’s Gilman Hall, Now Hear This , playing G.F. Haas’s “in vain”with the composer present. – Baltimore	May 6, 2017
Centennial Hall – Trio Jinx – Sitka Chamber Music Festival, AK	June 15, 2018
Mesa Performing Arts Center – Trio Jinx – Mesa Arts Residency, AZ	Nov 13-17, 2017
Baltimore Museum of Art –The Witches	Oct 20, 2017
Fox Fine Arts Hall – Trio Jinx – El Paso Pro Musica Series, TX	April 2015
Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity , Alberta CA	
Ensemble Evolution	June 18- 26 2018
Jazz & Creative Music Workshop	July-August 2018
Sikta Chamber Music Festival featuring Trio Jinx, AK	June 12-17, 2018

Imani Winds Chamber Music Festival, NYC	June 2017 + 2016
Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival featuring Trio Jinx, IA	July 2017
Academie Internationale d'Été de Nice, France	July-August 2014
Domaine Forget Flute Masterclasses, Montreal CA	June 2014
NYSSSA School of Orchestral Studies, NY	July 2013

Awards and Honors

Artist Residency at Arts, Letters & Numbers	February 2019
Maria Fransisca Brouwer Scholarship for attending Banff Arts Centre	Summer 2018
Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition Quarterfinals with Trio Jinx	Spring 2018
Young Artist Development Series Award	March 2017
Professional residency with El Paso Pro Musica, featuring Trio Jinx performances, private teaching at University of Texas, El Paso, and features on local TV stations & UTEP radio.	
Friends of Flutes Foundation Grant	April 2017
Grace Clagett Ranney Prize for Excellence in Chamber Music	May 2017
Johns Hopkins Research Award (PURA) The Witches album project	Nov 2016
Peabody Dean's incentive Grant	Sept 2016

Guest Masterclasses and Workshops

Peabody Institute Workshop on Artistic Collaboration	March 4, 2018
University of Texas-El Paso Flute Masterclass and solo lessons for Dr. Colgin Abeln's flute studio. Private flute studio, NYC	Nov 15, 2017

Curation and Production

Production Intern for International Contemporary Ensemble	Oct-November 2018
Berio Fest, Spectrum – mentioned in the New Yorker – curator, performer	May 17, 2018
Benefit for Puerto Rico, Emmanuel Episcopal –curator, performer	October 29, 2017
“Fragile Skins”, Jordan Faye Art Gallery, The Witches	December 2016

Community Engagement

Coordinator, emcee & performer for Peabody's Creative Access program	Sept 2015-May 2017
Baltimore VA Medical Center- PTSD Ward, Baltimore Library for the Blind, Waxter Center for Seniors, My Sister's Place Rehabilitation Center.	

Guest Performances on Our Joyful Noise series, Baltimore	December 2018
Baltimore Veteran's shelter, American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, Azure Concert for Children with Autism and their Families.	