

John Vincent Russo is a freelance conductor, composer, arranger, orchestrator, and music producer. He earned a Master of Music Degree in conducting at Southern Methodist University, under the tutelage of Anshel Brusilow, and a Doctorate of Musical Arts in orchestral conducting at the Eastman School of Music under David Efron.

Mr. Russo became Associate Conductor of the Canton Symphony under Gerhardt Zimmermann in the fall of 1993, a position which Mr. Russo held for ten years. In 1994, Maestro Zimmermann offered Mr. Russo the position of Associate Conductor of the Breckenridge Music Festival Orchestra for several seasons. Additionally, Maestro Zimmermann invited Mr. Russo to guest conduct several concerts with the North Carolina Symphony.

While in Canton and Breckenridge, Mr. Russo frequently arranged and orchestrated pieces for education, pops and chamber orchestra concerts. Maestro Zimmermann was impressed with Mr. Russo's work as an arranger and encouraged his talent in this field. He commissioned many more arrangements for the Canton Symphony and Breckenridge Festival Orchestra. In 2015, he commissioned Mr. Russo to compose a work, *Honor and Valor*, for the University of Texas at Austin Orchestra for a concert celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the end of World War II. Mr. Russo's arrangements have been performed by orchestras in the US and abroad.

After leaving Canton, Mr. Russo furthered his musical education at the Berklee College of Music Online Division in Boston where he received certificates in Electronic Music Production and Sound Design and Composition and Production for New Media.

Mr. Russo currently composes on commission and has been very busy composing for television, radio and film. His music can be heard worldwide on over 100 programs and promotionals on stations such as PBS, Paramount, Disney, HBO, Netflix, Hulu, Hallmark and many others. He ghostwrites for feature films and has scored independent films, and documentaries. Presently residing in San Francisco with his wife, Laura, and daughter, Tea, Mr. Russo is on the faculty of the San Jose State University where he teaches Film Scoring