

## Matt Laing short bio

Matt Laing (1988-) is an Australian composer and viola player who writes orchestral music, works for dance, solo and chamber music. He's received commissions from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, the Australian String Quartet, Affinity Quartet, the Australian National Academy of Music and Musica Viva Australia, amongst many others. He has been in residence at the Bermagui Four Winds Festival, All that we are in Hobart, awarded the Peggy Glanville-Hicks Composer House Trust residency in the Barossa Valley in 2021, and was 2021 Young Composer in Residence with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. His work has been performed in Australia and the UK, and was featured at the International Double Reed Society Conference in 2023. As a collaborator, he has worked with choreographer Lilian Steiner and trumpet player Callum G'Froerer, and as a performer has freelanced as a viola player since graduating from the Australian National Academy of Music in 2013. His composition mentors have included Brett Dean and Elliot Gyger.