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Isaac Schanno Johnson is a musician, composer and conductor originally from the DC area. He was raised Catholic and his grandfather (and his great grandfather) was a Methodist minister mainly working in Southern California. He graduated from Berklee College of Music with a bachelor's of music, double majoring in film scoring and composition, minoring in psychology, English literature, video game scoring, and conducting. He is currently completing a master's degree at Mount Saint Mary's University in music education and works as a youth orchestra conductor and string ensemble conductor at the Saturday Conservatory of Music and the Los Angeles Music and Art School, a youth theatre program music director at St. Brendan School, and a music teacher at the Tiffany Music Academy and Marlborough School.

He has written contemporary classical music, electronic music, music for film, and music for video games. He sings and plays guitar, piano, ukulele, trumpet, violin, cello, and melodica and writes a lot of his music out by hand while sitting at the piano (ew how old fashioned!). He's currently learning the flute.

His music has been performed by the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra under the baton of Zander Fellow Kristo Kondakci, the L'Anima String Quartet in Athens, Greece, Berklee's Harry Potter Soundtrack Orchestra, and a number of Berklee students. His music has been performed at the Hellenic American University, the Berklee Performance Center, the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, and the David Friend Recital Hall.

In his free time he enjoys lifting weights, listening to comedy podcasts, reading fantasy novels, and learning Spanish, French, and Korean.