

**David Felberg, Emily Cole** violin  
**Laura Chang** viola  
**James Holland** cello  
**Luke Gullickson** piano

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**SUNDAY**  
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## Among Red Mountains (2001)

John Luther Adams (b.1953)

## John Luther Adams Spoken Word

For John Luther Adams, music is a lifelong search for home—an invitation to slow down, pay attention, and remember our place within the larger community of life on earth.

Living for almost 40 years in northern Alaska, JLA discovered a unique musical world grounded in space, stillness, and elemental forces. In the 1970s and into the '80s, he worked full time as an environmental activist. But the time came when he felt compelled to dedicate himself entirely to music. He made this choice with the belief that, ultimately, music can do more than politics to change the world. Since that time, he has become one of the most widely admired composers in the world, receiving the Pulitzer Prize, a Grammy Award, and many other honors.

In works such as *Become Ocean*, *In the White Silence*, and *Canticles of the Holy Wind*, Adams brings the sense of wonder that we feel outdoors into the concert hall. And in outdoor works such as *Inuksuit* and *Sila: The Breath of the World*, he employs music as a way to reclaim our connections with place, wherever we may be.

A deep concern for the state of the earth and the future of humanity drives Adams to continue composing. As he puts it: "If we can imagine a culture and a society in which we each feel more deeply responsible for our own place in the world, then we just may be able to bring that culture and that society into being."

Since leaving Alaska, JLA and his wife Cynthia have made their home in the deserts of Mexico, Chile, and the southwestern United States.

## Celebration of Silence :: Two Minutes

## Lines Made By Walking (2019)

John Luther Adams (b.1953)

- I Up the Mountain
- II Along the Ridges
- III Down the Mountain

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## chatter SUNDAY

Sun, July 11 at 10:30am at Las Puertas

Works by **Hovhaness, Saariaho, Gubaidulina**  
and **Lizotte**

Performed by **Tatum, Browning, Cornelius,**  
**Young, Steiner** and **Fan**

**Carlos Contreras** Spoken Word

## chatter (in)SITE

Sat, July 10 at 10:30am at SITE Santa Fe

Works by **Kurtág**  
Performed by **Onstad and Felberg**

**Deborah Casillas** Spoken Word

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