

Hank Hehmsoth

Hehmsoth is the **MacDowell Norton Stevens Fellow in Composition**, a **National Endowment for the Arts Fellow in Jazz**, and is a **Fulbright Specialist in American Studies**, one of a distinguished group of U.S. professionals who travels abroad through the Fulbright Program. Hehmsoth conducted master classes of contemporary American jazz in performance and theory at the Pro Jazz Professional Institute, Santiago, Chile, Summer 2013. He held seminars of commercial arranging and composition for television and film, as well as website development, publicity and promotion. In September, 2014, he was invited as a trainer/clinician for a week w professional Army and Air Force career musicians, care of the US Dept. of Defense – DOD, Fort Eustis, Virginia. He placed first in the 2010 National Association of Composers USA, and was a member of the Austin-Texas based Christopher Cross group, which won five Grammy Awards as well as an Academy Award for best song. He presents a social context in his compositions, embodying a compelling consciousness for music to reflect positively on our place in a global community. As a performing artist with a career spanning over three decades, Hank has remarkably played over 10,000 international, national, state and regional area performances, from classical to jazz to pop/rock, as well as Broadway, concert tour music, nightclubs, and symphony. He is a lifetime voting member for the GRAMMY© Awards.