



John Adams

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer

**Tanner Lectures on Human Values at the Whitney Humanities Center
Yale University, 53 Wall Street**

Wednesday, October 28
4:30 pm, Auditorium

Doctor Faustus and His Composition: Reflections on Thomas Mann's Fictional Composer

Mr. Adams will look in depth at how an author treats the process of musical composition and the cognitive listening process in general, focusing not only on Thomas Mann's classic novel but also on fictional composers in the works of Proust and Romain Rolland.

Thursday, October 29
4:30 pm, Auditorium

Doctor Atomic and His Gadget: Composing the American Mythology

Mr. Adams will talk about his own operas and how they reflect American archetypes: the atomic bomb (Doctor Atomic), presidential power and global politics (Nixon in China), and terrorism (The Death of Klinghoffer).

The Tanner Lectures on Human Values were established by the American scholar, industrialist, and philanthropist Obert Clark Tanner, who hoped that these lectures would contribute to the intellectual and moral life of humankind.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

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