



MINNEAPOLIS GUITAR QUARTET

WADE ODEN

A passionate performer, composer, arranger, and teacher, Wade Oden was born in Lubbock, Texas and grew up in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He has performed widely as part of the Voce y Cuerdas duo in varied repertoire including music of Brazil, Hawaii, Spain, and Italy, as well as in new works by composers Chris Gable, Libby Larsen, Carol Barnett and Todd Harper. In 2008, Wade toured with The Rose Ensemble vocal group—performing sacred and secular music—to the Festival d’Ile de France. This performance was recorded and broadcast on Radio France. Wade’s composition *Aquam Effunde* for piano, bass clarinet and marimba won First Prize in the 2005 Eric Stokes Song Contest. In 2003 and 2006, as director of the Space Station Alpha experimental pop ensemble, he released *Love Songs for Andromeda* and *fLora*.

Wade is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Guitar Performance at the University of Minnesota, where he also received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Wade’s guitar teachers include O. Nicholas Raths, James McGuire and Jeffrey Van. He currently directs the guitar program at Normandale Community College where he has premiered many arrangements and original compositions for the Normandale Guitar Ensemble.