



Drew Gordon

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Gordon, Drew Composer and pianist Drew Gordon died unexpectedly last Wednesday at his home in northeast Minneapolis. He was 45. Gordon's vast and varied musical contributions include work with Children's Theater Company, Nemesis Musical Theater, the Heights Theater, National Public Radio, Undertone Productions, Shawn McConneloug and her Orchestra, and many more. Gordon received a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Minnesota in 1993 where he specialized in composition and theory. He worked as a player and/or composer in local bands the New Psychonauts, the Swingin' Combo, the Harry Strobel Band and Gondwana. Throughout his 25-plus years in professional music, he was acclaimed and revered as a composer, arranger, teacher and keyboardist. At the time of his death, Gordon was employed as a Musician in Residence at the University of Minnesota Dance Program and was currently working on several projects including composing music for "Wreck," a dance theater collaboration with choreographer Carl Flink. Gordon was a beloved teacher, mentor and friend to many. He was adored and recognized as a lover of nature, cats, cooking, gardening, ice hockey, books and more. His kindness, insatiable curiosity and unflappable spirit were a blessing to all who knew him. He is survived by 4 brothers, 1 sister, many nieces and nephews and, most notably, his cherished and beloved wife and companion, Minneapolis artist Emily Allen. Memorial Gathering and Program For Drew Gordon 5 pm, Monday September 18 Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave. NE In lieu

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Hillside Chapel (address above).