



Silent Film Scores for Social Justice by Alexis Cuadrado



Spanish musician and producer Alexis Cuadrado presents a combination of silent films with live contemporary music featuring social issues: immigration, women's rights, poverty, inequality, and LGBTQ rights.

Silent Film Scores for Social Justice is a cultural project that wants to serve as an agent of social change. It marries newly composed music to a set of films, most of them over a century old, that feature social issues that are still part of our current daily news cycle: Immigration, women's rights, poverty, inequality, and LGBTQ rights. This combination of silent film with contemporary music opens up new ways to frame, discuss, and activate subjects we must confront.

The pieces engage in a dialog across time and integrate my compositional voice with practical activism. The music ponders who we are as a society, how we have evolved since the films were made, and what we can do to progress on these social justice fronts. These questions may not be easy to answer, but bringing them up engages the audience encouraging them to get involved in the causes presented by the films and music.

The group comprises some of the most respected musicians in the New York jazz and New Music scenes. Each score uses a different combination of ensemble members, giving the appropriate tone to complement each film.

All profits from the merchandise sales at the performances will be donated to NGOs that support communities that experience the issues tackled by the movies. Over the last three years, over \$3000 had been raised and intend to continue doing so with these works' recordings and future performances.

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Fri, June 03–
Sat, June 04, 2022

Venue

The Jazz Gallery, 1160 Broadway 5th floor, New York, NY 10001

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Admission

[Buy tickets](#). Two sets each day, at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

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Credits

Films by Alice Guy-Blaché, Harold M. Shaw, and Charlie Chaplin. Music composed and arranged by Alexis Cuadrado.



ABOUT ALEXIS CUADRADO

Barcelona-born and Brooklyn-based [Alexis Cuadrado](#) is an award-winning composer, producer, bandleader, bassist and educator. Cuadrado's work draws from the crossover of Jazz, World, Flamenco and New Music, exploring the confluence of the Hispanic and American cultures, as well as embracing a deep commitment to comment on social issues. His recent output is an exploration of cross-disciplinary works that embrace poetry, film, radio-podcasts, dance and design.

His intricate and sharply defined compositions show that he's tapped into something much deeper.

—*New York magazine*

ABOUT THE JAZZ GALLERY

[The Jazz Gallery](#) is a not-for-profit arts organization presenting emerging artists who challenge convention, take creative risks, and lead their field as performers, composers and thinkers. It provides a platform for artists to discover their unique voice and a home for established musicians to continue to experiment and grow.