

JON SNELL

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Jon Snell, a pianist and composer based in New York City, blends contemporary classical and soundtrack influences in his latest project, *Awakening* (released January 30, 2024) — this project extends beyond just the music with 50% of proceeds from sales being donated to the International Justice Mission (ijm.org).

Snell, an Iowa native, is known for his versatility, having worked across various genres, including R&B, pop, jazz, and musical theatre. He holds a B.A. in Music from the University of Northern Iowa and an M.M. in Jazz Piano from the Manhattan School of Music. He serves as a pianist and MD at Trinity Baptist Church NYC and holds a Jazz Piano Faculty position at the Manhattan School of Music, teaching jazz courses and private lessons in the Precollege Division.

Alongside his musical accomplishments, Snell is an author of a series of creative piano technique books, which provide fresh perspectives on the work of Frederic Chopin and Charles-Louis Hanon. He shares his knowledge through online music lessons with students in seven countries. Additionally, he has guest taught at New York University and Manhattan School of Music, teaching Jazz Keyboard Skills to jazz majors at both the Undergraduate and Graduate levels.

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