

Cerise Lim Jacobs / White Snake Projects

Cerise Lim Jacobs forges new American opera from her past in

multicultural Singapore. She co-founded White Snake Projects, an activist opera company which focuses on social justice issues by integrating civic practice into its work.

Cerise's first opera, Madame White Snake, composed by Zhou Long, won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize. Her opera, Alice in the Pandemic, was acquired by the Library of Congress. Musical America named Cerise one of the Top 30 Professionals of the Year in 2021 and a Mover & Shaper in 2017. In 2018, she was named one of Boston's 100 Most Influential People of Color.