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*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

➤ *Scrapyard Exotica*

Label: Sono Luminus

Release: 2015

Format: BluRay & CD

Catalogue No: DSL-92193

Barcode: 053479219329

Works by Mason Bates*, Ken Ueno*, and Mohammed Fairouz*.

"I'm guessing it's been a while since you've rocked out to a string quartet recording. See if your foot can stay still once you put on this funky disc of rhythmically infectious (if often warped) music" --New York Times

"Excellent playing and mostly intriguing new music from this inventive quartet. I think string players would really admire the technical strength and artistic vision of the Del Sol Quartet and new music fans have much to admire here as well." --Audiophile Audition

"As interpreted by the Del Sol String Quartet, their works span an eclectic spectrum of musical styles including club beats to throat singing to Middle Eastern dance beats." -- AXS

➤ *Sculthorpe: The Complete String Quartets with Didjeridu*

Label: Sono Luminus

Release: 2014

Type: BluRay & CD

Catalogue No: DSL-92181

Barcode: 053479218124

Works by Peter Sculthorpe* featuring didjeridu visionary Stephen Kent.

"There's a palpable sense of excitement and discovery in the Del Sol Quartet's playing..." --
The Arts Desk

“The American Del Sol Quartet’s obvious understanding of this ultra-Australian music, their fine textural blending and depth of tone all contribute to the success of these performances.”
-- Limelight

“But the main thrust, especially in the luminous performances by the Del Sol and the didgeridoo virtuoso Stephen Kent, is the lush interplay of expressive melodies and keening, vivid harmonies. There's nothing hidden here — the music is heart-on-sleeve in its forthright openness.” - SF Chronicle

“The wistful and elegiac music sometimes skirts the border of sentimentality, but the tonal beauty of the four string instruments, anchored by the otherworldly burr of the didgeridoo, create a hypnotic sound world well worth exploring.” --New York Times

➔*Zia*

Label: Sono Luminus

Release: 2013

Format: CD

Catalogue No: DSL-92164

Barcode: 053479216427

Works by Gabriela Lena Frank, Lou Harrison, José Evangelista, Reza Vali *, and Elena Kats-Chernin.

“With this appealing new disc, the Del Sol String Quartet offers a precis of everything that makes this San Francisco ensemble so valuable: robust, finely blended ensemble playing, rhythmic alertness and a fearless willingness to take on a wide range of contemporary repertoire.” -- San Francisco Chronicle

“This disc offers superb sound, truly state-of-the-art, comprehensive and very handy booklet notes and an exceptionally adventurous program. It’s outstanding music, none of it hard to penetrate but none of it cheesy or pandering. All of it is crafted with great skill. The string quartet’s performances grow only more astonishing as the CD goes along. If anybody anywhere is going to release a better, more fascinating album than this in 2013, I can’t wait to hear it.” -- MusicWeb International

➔*Del Sol-ZOFO*

Label: Sono Luminus,

Release: 2013

Format: Digital only

Works by Mason Bates * and Kui Dong *.

World premiere recordings by Mason Bates and Kui Dong (in collaboration with ZOFO duet), in Sono Luminus' first Digital Only EP release.

➔ ***Since When Has The Bright Moon Existed?***

Label: Other Minds Records

Release: 2010

New works by Kui Dong *.

➔ ***First Life - Marc Blitzstein***

Label: Other Minds Records

Release: 2009

Solo piano works and string quartets by Marc Blitzstein*

"...given passionate performances by pianist Sarah Cahill and the Del Sol String Quartet ... This is smart and energetic music, filled with then-experimental flourishes, and well worth putting on your shelf or in your playlist." -- Sequenza 21

➔ ***Ring of Fire – Music of the Pacific Rim***

Label: Other Minds Records

Release: 2008

Works by Kui Dong *, Chinary Ung *, Jack Body *, Gabriela Lena Frank, Hyo-shin Na*, Zhou Long, John Adams, and Peter Sculthorpe *.

"The San Francisco-based Del Sol String Quartet are masters of all musical things they survey on this disc, playing with a combination of ferocious attack, riveting interplay and silken splendour." -- Gramophone

➔ ***George Antheil: The Complete Works for String Quartet***

Label: Other Minds Records

Release: 2005

"The Del Sol Quartet, which has given the posthumous premiere readings of some of this music, obviously knows and loves these scores inside out ... Accompanied by a lengthy and well-informed essay by an Italian Antheil specialist, this is an indispensable contribution to the reclamation of our national musical heritage." -- Fanfare

➔ ***Tear***

Release: 2002

Works by Ástor Piazzolla, Ruth Crawford Seeger, Ronald Bruce Smith *, Gabriela Ortiz *, John Harbison, Silvestre Revueltas, Keeril Makan *, Adriana Isabel Figueroa Mañas *, Lou Harrison, Earle Brown, and Alberto Ginastera.

"... these fervent, explosive, demanding and even noble pieces combine for a powerfully concentrated album of arresting music." -- CDBaby

➔ ***Short Cuts***

Release: 2001

Works by Ástor Piazzolla, Keeril Makan *, and Paquito D'Rivera