

# **DISCOGRAPHY**

**Updated January 2024** 

\*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

# → The Resonance Between

Label: AMMP

Release: September 8, 2023

Format: Digital Musicians: Del Sol Quartet Sarod - Alam Khan Sitar - Arjun K. Verma

Tabla - Ojas Adhiya, Nilan Chaudhuri, Ishaan Ghosh

Vocals on "Rebirth" by - Samarth Nagarkar

# Works:

Awaken\*

Embark\*

Soliloguy\*

The Passage\*

Messenger\*

Two Worlds\*

Rebirth\*

Open Eyes\*

Ascent\*

The Moon and The Mountain\*

# **Reviews:**

""A genuinely revolutionary listening experience...

"Delivers. . . a new style

"[a] rare achievement"" - <u>Cultured Focus</u>

"The music is beautiful. It transcends language, definition, boundaries... A unique sound where each component stood out while effortlessly blending in together." -The Hindu

"the ensemble floats, runs, flies, and moves in every possible way..." -Popmatters

# → A Dust in Time

Label: Bright Shiny Things Release: October 15, 2021

Format: CD

Catalogue No: BSTC-0158 Barcode: 738715292303

# Works:

Huang Ruo - A Dust in Time (2020)\*

# **Reviews:**

"excavations of beauty from the elemental" - <u>NY Times</u> "5 Classical Albums to Hear Right now" "serene, radiant" - <u>The Arts Desk</u>

# **AllMusic**

# **Limelight Magazine**

# **Accolades**

#3 on Billboard Traditional Classical charts

# **>** Kooch-e Khamân

Label: Jordan Center for Persian Studies

Release: 2020 Format: CD

Catalogue No: n.a. Barcode: n.a.

#### Works:

Gity Razaz - Road to Hana\*

Adib Ghorbani\*

Elnaz Sayadi\*

Hesam Abedini\*,

Nasim Khorassani\*

Niloufar Shiri\*

Iman Habibi\*

# **Accolades**

#5 on Billboard Traditional Classical charts

# **→** Dark Queen Mantra

Label: Sono Luminus

Release: 2017 Format: CD

Catalogue No: DSL-92215 Barcode: 053479221520

# **Works**

Terry Riley - Dark Queen Mantra\* (with Gyan Riley, Guitar) Terry Riley - The Wheel & Mythic Birds Waltz Stefano Scodannibio - Mas Lugares\*

"...unfettered mastery" – Pop Matters

"...addictive...goes through the roof" - anearful blog

"Best Of 2017: The Top 25" - AnEarful

"Best Chamber Recording 2017" – Sequenza2

# Gramophone

"...gorgeously brooding [...] It's a great album to listen to with the lights out – hypnotic in places, but with a tightly coiling intensity." – <u>Lucid Culture</u>

**Limelight Magazine** 

# **⇒** Scrapyard Exotica

Label: Sono Luminus

Release: 2015

Format: BluRay & CD Catalogue No: DSL-92193 Barcode: 053479219329

#### **Works**

Mason Bates - Bagatelles\* Ken Ueno - Peradam\* Mohammed Fairouz - The Named Angels\* "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

Strings Magazine

# **⇒** 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

A Closer Listen

# **→** Robert Erickson: Complete String Quartets

Label: New World Records Release: April 17, 2014

Type: CD

Catalogue No: 80753 Barcode: 0093228075325

The complete string quartet works by Robert Erickson

"Performance: Five stars. Recording: Five stars." -- BBC Music

"What wonders they are! ...Erickson's work has a sweet humanity, rather like villagers singing at day's end by the sea. It can of course reach heights of intensity, but it never loses the sense of deep underlying song." --Fanfare Magazine

"The Del Sol String Quartet performs all of these works with expertise and convincing commitment, and with fine recorded sound this is a collection of world première recordings which deserves the attention of any collector of thoughtful contemporary music." --MusicWeb International

#### **>**→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

#### SF Gate

"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

#### The Santa Fe New Mexican

**Gapplegate Classical-Modern Music Review** 

# **>**→Del Sol-ZOFO Split EP

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

# FEATURED ON:

**⇒** Spellling: Spellling and the Mystery School

**>>** DJ Sparr: Hard Metal Cantüs

→ Anthony Brandt: Maternity / Ulysses, Home

**⇒** Spellling: The Turning Wheel

**→** Matt Robidoux: Music for Aluminum Corn

**→** Gamelan Pacifica: Vessel

**⇒**Lovelace movie (2013)