

SUNLEIF RASMUSSEN (b. 1961) is the foremost Faroese composer of classical music. He studied with well known composers such as Ib Norholm and Ivar Frounberg, and his international breakthrough helped to place his native islands on the world map of music. Rasmussen's works always have a natural complexity, combining his jazz background with a rich tradition of Faroese folk music and electro-acoustic and spectral music. The result is highly evocative and beautiful to listen to, as demonstrated by the five works for strings on this CD.

STRING QUARTET NO. 1 (1989)

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| [1] | Andante | 9:27 |
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STRING QUARTET NO. 2

"SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS" (2001) 13:03

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| [2] | I Con fuoco | 8:02 |
| [3] | II Cantabile e dolce | 5:01 |

GRAVE - IN MEMORIAM KARSTEN HOYDAL (1990)
for clarinet, strings and percussion

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| [4] | ♩. = 42 | 8:23 |
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VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 1 "SONGS OF SEASONS"
(2004) 23:18

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| [5] | I Maestoso | 4:39 |
| [6] | II Con brio | 6:11 |
| [7] | III Dolce | 4:51 |
| [8] | IV Cantabile | 7:37 |

ECHOES OF THE PAST (1992)
for solo violin

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| [9] | Presto - Andante - Cadenza I - Andante: Slow waltz -
Espressivo - Meno mosso - Cadenza II - Adagio | 12:19 |
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Total: 66:30

SUNLEIF RASMUSSEN

String against String

THE SJÆLLAND STRING QUARTET

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