

This programme brings together aesthetic and musical elements of East and West. Zhou Long captures the essence of the Chinese plucked ch'in, and Cambodian aesthetics are preserved in Chinary Ung's expressive *Spiral III*. Tan Dun's *Eight Colors* combines the exotic timbres of Peking Opera with Second Viennese School tonalities. Gao Ping's *Bright Light and Cloud Shadows* has been admired for its 'long-breathed brush strokes' (*Washington Post*). Taking its inspiration from James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*, Toru Takemitsu's beautifully crafted *A Way a Lone* evokes a shimmering sound world.

ASIAN MUSIC FOR STRING QUARTET

- ① Zhou Long (b. 1953):
Song of the Ch'in (1982) **8:57**
- ② Chinary Ung (b. 1942):
Spiral III (1990) **10:01**
- ③ Gao Ping (b. 1970):
Bright Light and Cloud
Shadows (2007) **11:33**
- ④ Toru Takemitsu (1930-1996):
A Way a Lone (1981) **11:50**

- Tan Dun:
Eight Colors (1986) **15:47**
- ⑤ No. 1: Peking Opera 1:56
- ⑥ No. 2: Shadows 1:11
- ⑦ No. 3: Pink Actress 1:44
- ⑧ No. 4: Black Dance 1:46
- ⑨ No. 5: Zen 3:49
- ⑩ No. 6: Drum and Gong 0:55
- ⑪ No. 7: Cloudiness 2:38
- ⑫ No. 8: Red Sona 1:48

New Zealand String Quartet

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Gillian Ansell, Viola • Rolf Gjelsten, Cello

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