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CHIAYU

(b. 1975)

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| 1 | Urban Sketches (2013) | 11:07 |
| 2-4 | Huan (2006) | 10:02 |
| 5-7 | Journey to the West (2010) | 23:30 |
| 8-19 | Twelve Signs (2008) | 17:19 |
| 20 | Sparkle (2011) | 6:03 |
| 21-24 | Zhi (2005) | 8:18 |

WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDINGS

- Ricardo Morales, Clarinet** 1
Clancy Newman, Cello 1
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Sara Huebner, Trumpet 20
Diana Wensley, Trumpet 20
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Brian Santero, Trombone 20
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Hanchien Lee, Piano 21-24

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Chiayu's evocative music reflects her origins in Taiwan and responses to life in the West, an environment in which her career has been burgeoning with a remarkable number of commissions and awards. *Zhi* explores counterpoint and Taiwanese rhythmic patterns, the title meaning "to weave or to interlace", while *Huan* conjures up sounds from nature. Employing virtuoso non-traditional techniques, the *Twelve Signs* of the Chinese zodiac portrays a complete cycle of character traits, while *Journey to the West* depicts an allegorical adventure towards enlightenment. The brilliance of *Sparkle* was inspired by fireworks and includes special brass-instrument effects, while *Urban Sketches* takes us on a walk through New York City, with electronic sounds interwoven seamlessly with those of the musicians.

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