A new release from

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Title: Insects & Machines
Artist: Jasper String Quartet
Composer: Vivian Fung

Package: 1 CD

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Key Selling Points:

- Another sublime album of contemporary music by The Jasper Quartet
- Features the music of THE Vivian Fung, one of today's coolest composers
- This will be their sixth album on Sono Luminus
- PR to be handled by Christina Jensen

Vivian Fung has long been a friend and admired composer of the Jasper String Quartet. The Quartet first performed one of her works in 2019, and we were immediately captivated by the visceral energy and impeccable craft of her writing. Vivian's String Quartets Nos. 1-4 span 18 years of her career and reflect a remarkable journey of absorbing, integrating, and synthesizing a unique spectrum of influences into her compositional voice. Unwavering in all of the works is a fierce heart, instrumental fearlessness, and an amazing instinct for texture. We are incredibly grateful to have recorded these works with Vivian in the studio and for the growth we experienced in the process.

- Jasper String Quartet

This album is a testimonial to my lifelong adoration of strings, dating back to my beginning cello studies as a middle school student. My cello teacher introduced me to a wide-ranging repertoire and opened up my sonic world with the sound of string quartets, concerti, and Baroque instruments. The string quartet format, in particular, has gripped my imagination since writing *Pizzicato*, which I originally wrote as a standalone work and later incorporated as the third movement of String Quartet No. 1 and continues to be one of my most performed pieces. Many thank yous to the Jasper String Quartet for their dedication to this CD project; to my husband, son, and parents for their support; and to everyone at Sono Luminus for producing this wonderful album.

- Vivian Fung



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String Quartet No. 1

I. Animato	[4:03]
II. Interludium	[3:37]
III. Pizzicato	[4:21]
IV. Moto Perpetuo - Presto Possible	[4:28]

String Quartet No. 2

I. Introduction	[1:40]	
II. Of the Wind	[3:01]	
III. Of Birds and Insects	[3:29]	
IV. Interlude - With Caln	nness: Klangfarbenmelodie	[1:45]
V. Of Tribes and Villages	S	[3:44]
VI. Postlude: Of Ghosts	and Memories	[2:51]

String Quartet No. 3 [11:48]

String Quartet No. 4: Insects and Machines [11:27]

Total Time: [56:22]