

KRONOS QUARTET KRONOS FIVE DECADES

Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 5pm Foellinger Great Hall

PROGRAM KRONOS FIVE DECADES

KRONOS QUARTET

David Harrington, violin John Sherba, violin Hank Dutt, viola Paul Wiancko, cello

Brian H. Scott, lighting designer Brian Mohr, sound designer

Peni Candra Rini (arr. Jacob Garchik and Andy McGraw)	Excerpt from Segara Gunung*
Gabriella Smith	Keep Going [*]
inti figgis-vizueta	<i>clay songs</i> * world premiere
Stacy Garrop	Glorious Mahalia [*] I. Hold on II. Stave in the ground III. Are you being treated right IV. Sometime I feel like a motherless child V. This world will make you think featuring the recorded voices of Mahalia Jackson and Studs Terkel
20-minute intermission	
Sofia Gubaidulina	Quartet No. 4*
Laurie Anderson (arr. Jacob Garchik)	Flow [†]
Nicole Lizée	ZonelyHearts* Opening Credits Part I Part II PhoneTap + CCTV Static Interference
Program subject to change	* Written for Kronos

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PENI CANDRA RINI

(b. 1983)

Segara Gunung (2023)

Arranged by Jacob Garchik (b. 1976) and Andy McGraw (b. 1974)

Peni Candra Rini is the daughter of a master puppeteer from East Java Indonesia, and one of few female contemporary composers, songwriters, poets, and vocalists who perform sinden, a soloist-female style of gamelan singing. Strongly committed to preserving and sharing the musical traditions of her country, Candra Rini has created many musical compositions for vocals, gamelan, and karawitan, and has collaborated with various artists worldwide, including Katsura Kan, Noriko Omura, Aki Bando, Kiyoko Yamamoto (Japan), Found Sound Nation New York, Elena Moon Park (USA), Ali Tekbas (Turkey), Mehdi Nassouli (Morocco), Asma Ghanem (Palestine), Rodrigo Parejo (Spain), among many others.

Candra Rini has collaborated with various gamelan groups from all over the world and has performed at major festivals including as Mascot at the SIPA Solo International Performing Arts 2016, TEDxUbud 2019, Big Ears Festival 2019, Mapping Melbourne 2018 Multicultural Art Festival, International Gamelan Festival 2018 in Surakarta, Indonesian Tong Tong Fair 2018 in The Hague, Holland Festival 2017, WOMADelaide 2014 in Adelaide, Spoleto Festival Dei Duo Mondi 2013, and Lincoln Center White Light Festival 2011. Her recorded albums include Ayom (2019), *Timur* (2018), Agni (2017), Mahabharata–Kurusetra War (2016), Daughter of the Ocean (2016), Bhumi (2015), Sekar (2012), and Bramara (2010).

PROGRAM NOTES

In 2012, Candra Rini completed an artist residency at the California Art Institute with funding from the Asian Cultural Council. During that time, she appeared as a guest artist at eight American universities and participated in master classes with vocal master Meredith Monk. In addition to this extensive work as a performer, Candra Rini is also a lecturer in the Karawitan department at the Indonesian Institute of Arts (Institut Seni Indonesia—ISI) in Surakarta, an Aga Khan Laureate, and a former Fulbright Scholar. In 2021, she earned a doctorate in musical arts from ISI.

About Segara Gunung, Peni Candra Rini writes:

"This music is about the mountains and the sea, and the respect we have for them in Indonesia. Mountains symbolize the unity of humans and the divine and are thought to be the abode of the Gods. The sea is a woman, the spring of springs and a source of all life.

"Indonesia is also a ring of fire, encircled by active volcanoes and frequently shaken by earthquakes. The mountain brings both destruction and life. The ash from frequent eruptions has created some of the most fertile soil in the world. Villages are damaged by the eruptions but then reap the boon of the harvest.

"But the traditional respect and reverence of the land and sea has eroded in my country—in your country—pushed aside by greed. Mountains become the backdrop for tourist photos and tourism erodes the environment. Waters are rising, washing villages into the sea. Ultimately, we must remember that mother earth will clean house: burning us up and washing us clean. Ready or not. Segara Gunung is my response to these changes.

Peni Candra Rini's Segara Gunung (Ocean-Mountain), arranged by Jacob Garchik and Andy McGraw, was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet in celebration of its 50th anniversary by Aga Khan Music Programme, Andrea A. Lunsford and Kirsten & Gilad Wolff. Additional commissioning support was provided by KRONOS Five Decades Lead Partners Cal Performances/ University of California Berkeley, Carnegie Hall, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts/University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Portland Friends of Chamber Music, and Stanford Live, and by Partners Arizona Arts Live/University of Arizona, Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA, Green Music Center at Sonoma State University. The Royal Conservatory of Music, and Washington Performing Arts.

Environmental sounds recorded in Borneo, courtesy of Yoga Nugraha Usmad.

GABRIELLA SMITH

(b. 1991)

Keep Going (2023)

Composer Gabriella Smith grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area playing and writing music, hiking, backpacking, and volunteering on a songbird research project. Described as "the coolest, most exciting, most inventive new voice I've heard in ages" (*Musical America*) and an "outright sensation" (*LA Times*), Gabriella's music comes from a love of play, exploring new sounds on instruments, building compelling musical arcs, and connecting listeners with the natural world in an invitation to find joy in climate action. Recent highlights include the premiere of her organ concerto, *Breathing Forests*, written for James McVinnie and LA Phil, conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen; performances of *Tumblebird Contrails* by San Francisco Symphony and Esa-Pekka Salonen, both at home and on their European tour; and the release of her first full-length album, *Lost Coast*, recorded in Iceland with cellist Gabriel Cabezas, named one of NPR Music's "26 Favorite Albums Of 2021 (So Far)" and a "Classical Album to Hear Right Now" by *The New York Times*. Gabriel and Gabriella have since debuted a (cello-violinvoice-electronics) duo version of *Lost Coast* at the Philharmonie de Paris, and in May 2023 Gabriel will premiere the cello concerto version of *Lost Coast* with LA Phil, conducted by Gustavo Dudamel.

"Keep Going" is a movement from a larger work that seeks to answer some of the biggest questions at the intersection of music and activism today: How can we build a music community around climate solutions? How can we inspire people to find their role in the climate movement, to find joy in it, to make climate action an integral part of their lives? Itself an exercise in collective organizing, the work incorporates conversations with longtime climate activists from around the world, and aims to encourage audiences to action in their own communities.

Gabriella Smith's Keep Going was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet in celebration of its 50th anniversary by the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional commissioning support was provided by KRONOS Five Decades Lead Partners Cal Performances/University of California Berkeley, Carnegie Hall, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts/University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Portland Friends of Chamber Music, and Stanford Live; and by Partners Arizona Arts Live/University of Arizona, Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA, Green Music Center at Sonoma State University, The Royal Conservatory of Music, and Washington Performing Arts.

INTI FIGGIS-VIZUETA

(b. 1993)

clay songs (2023)

New York-based composer inti figgis-vizueta braids a childhood of overlapping immigrant communities and Black-founded Freedom schools—in Chocolate City (DC)—with direct Andean & Irish heritage and a deep connection to the land. "Her music feels sprouted between structures, liberated from certainty and wrought from a language we'd do well to learn" writes the Washington Post. inti's work explores the transformative power of group improvisation and play, working to reconcile historical aesthetics and experimental practices with trans and Indigenous futures. Recent highlights include the Carnegie Hall premiere of her string guartet concerto, Seven Sides of Fire, written for the Attacca Quartet and American Composers Orchestra, conducted by Mei-Ann Chen; performances of Coradh (bending) by the Spoleto Festival, PODIUM Festival, and Oregon Symphony; and the REDCAT premiere of her evening-length show Music for Transitions, created in collaboration with two-time Grammy Award-winning cellist Andrew Yee, praised as "thrilling" and "revolutionary" by I Care If You Listen. Upcoming projects include a new Carnegie Hall-commissioned work for Ensemble Connect, continued development of Earths to Come for vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth, and a new piano concerto for Conrad Tao and the Cincinnati Symphony, conducted by Matthias Pintscher.

About *clay songs*, inti figgis-vizueta writes:

"clay songs grew out of my 2022 residency at Dumbarton Oaks, a Harvard research institute, museum, & garden in Washington, DC. During my fellowship I was invited to musically activate their collection of original Pre-Columbian sounding objects including ceramic whistling jars & rain bowls, marble vessels, shell necklaces, and gold bells. It was a profound experience to animate and hear these ancestral voices sing vibrantly millennia later. I was invited to return to the collection after the culmination of my residency and my final presentation was a panel and sounding demo titled 'Andean Whistling Pots in the Past, Present, and Future.'

"While writing *clay songs* for the Kronos Quartet, I was inspired by the meeting of past and present voices through these artifacts. I imagined a past where ceramic melodies grew into mountain choruses and all the broken and surviving objects from pre-colonial eras, landscapes, and cultures sounded together. The whistling jar replicas for Kronos provide the means to communicate and harmonize with these pasts, experiment and explore new sonic worlds, and, hopefully, glimpse new futures."

inti figgis-vizueta's clay songs was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet in celebration of its 50th anniversary by Andrea A. Lunsford and Kirsten & Gilad Wolff. Additional commissioning support was provided by KRONOS Five Decades Lead Partners Cal Performances/University of California Berkeley, Carnegie Hall, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts/University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Portland Friends of Chamber Music, and Stanford Live; and by Partners Arizona Arts Live/University of Arizona, Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA, Green Music Center at Sonoma State University, The Royal Conservatory of Music, and Washington Performing Arts.

STACY GARROP

(b. 1969)

Glorious Mahalia (2017)

Stacy Garrop is a freelance composer whose music is centered on dramatic and lyrical storytelling. Garrop has received the Barlow Prize, a Fromm Music Foundation grant, three Barlow Endowment commissions, and the Sackler Music Composition Prize, along with prizes from competitions sponsored by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Omaha Symphony, New England Philharmonic, Boston Choral Ensemble, Utah Arts Festival, and Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble. Theodore Presser Company publishes her chamber and orchestral works; she self-publishes her choral pieces under Inkjar Publishing Company. She is a recording artist with Cedille Records with pieces on twelve CDs; her works are also commercially available on more than a dozen additional labels. In 2022–2023, she served as the featured composer of the Bowling Green State University New Music Festival, Indiana State University Contemporary Music Festival, and the University of Texas at San Antonio New Music Festival. with additional guest residencies at Michigan State University, Florida State University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder. She also served as a mentor composer for the Cabrillo Conductors/Composers Workshop, LunART Festival Composers Hub, and the Toulmin Foundation. Garrop is an ongoing mentor for Chicago a cappella's HerVoice Emerging Women Choral Composers Competition.

About Glorious Mahalia, Garrop writes:

"Louis 'Studs' Terkel, the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and oral historian, hosted a daily nationally syndicated radio broadcast show from Chicago's WFMT station from 1952 to 1997. Studs' curious, inquisitive nature led him to interview people from all walks of life over the course of his career. For WFMT alone, he conducted over 5,000 interviews. Before he worked for WFMT, Studs had a radio program called 'The Wax Museum' on WENR in Chicago. It was on this radio network that Studs first featured the glorious voice of Mahalia Jackson.

"Studs heard Mahalia sing for the first time around 1946. He was in a record store in Chicago when Mahalia's voice rang out over the store's speakers. Studs was captivated; he had to meet the woman who possessed that remarkable voice. At that time, Mahalia was gaining fame as a singer of gospels and spirituals in black churches both within Chicago and out of it, as she did a fair amount of touring around the country. Outside of these black communities, however, Mahalia wasn't yet known. With a little sleuthing, Studs discovered where she regularly sang, at the Greater Salem Baptist Church on the South Side of Chicago. Studs went to the church, introduced himself to Mahalia, and invited her to sing on his radio program. Studs and Mahalia developed a close friendship over the ensuing decades, and they occasionally worked together professionally. As Mahalia rose to international fame and became known as the greatest gospel singer of her time, she and Studs never lost contact.

"In researching WFMT's Studs Terkel Radio Archive, I found several broadcasts when Studs featured Mahalia Jackson and her recordings on his show. Two broadcasts in particular stood out. The first broadcast occurred in 1963, when the pair sat down for a conversation that covered a wide range of topics, including Mahalia's experiences of working in the South, the continuing hardships she faces being a woman of color, and the civil rights efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Reverend Ralph Abernathy, and many others (including Mahalia, who was a staunch supporter of Dr. King). The second broadcast dates from 1957; it features Mahalia performing a number of gospels and spirituals for a live audience at a hotel in Chicago. In crafting my composition, I decided to highlight many of the salient points of Studs' and Mahalia's 1963 discussion, with a musical performance from the 1957 concert featured prominently in the work.

"Glorious Mahalia consists of five movements. In movement 1, Mahalia discusses the origin and meaning of the spiritual "Hold on." In Stave in the ground (movement 2), she and Studs talk about the work she did when living in the South, and the continuing prejudice she faces. This is followed by a more heated discussion between Studs and Mahalia in Are you being treated right (movement 3). The fourth movement features Mahalia's soulful performance of the spiritual "Sometime I feel like a motherless child." The piece concludes with This world will make you think (movement 5), in which Mahalia speaks of her hope that we can unite as one nation.

"Kronos Quartet commissioned Glorious Mahalia for Carnegie Hall's The 60's: The Years That Changed America concert series. I wish to thank Kronos Quartet's violinist David Harrington for suggesting Mahalia Jackson's interviews with Studs Terkel as the topic for the piece, as well as Tony Macaluso, Director of the WFMT Radio Network and the Studs Terkel Radio Archive, and Allison Schein, Archivist for the Studs Terkel Radio Archive, for their help in locating and securing my chosen broadcasts within the Archive."

Voice of Studs Terkel courtesy of the Estate of Studs Terkel. Voice of Mahalia Jackson courtesy of the Estate of Mahalia Jackson. Studs Terkel Radio Archive, courtesy Chicago History Museum and WFMT Radio Network. Stacy Garrop's Glorious Mahalia was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet by Carnegie Hall, with support from David Harrington Research and Development Fund.

SOFIA GUBAIDULINA

(b. 1931)

String Quartet No. 4 (1993)

Sofia Gubaidulina was born in Chistopol in the Tatar Republic of the Soviet Union in 1931. Until 1992, she lived in Moscow. Since then, she has made her primary residence in Germany, outside Hamburg. Gubaidulina's compositional interests have been stimulated by the tactile exploration and improvisation with rare Russian, Caucasian, and Asian folk and ritual instruments collected by the "Astreia" ensemble, of which she was a co-founder, by the rapid absorption and personalization of contemporary Western musical techniques (a characteristic, too, of other Soviet composers of the post-Stalin generation that includes Edison Denisov and Alfred Schnittke), and by a deep-rooted belief in the mystical properties of music.

Her uncompromising dedication did not endear her to the Soviet musical establishment, but her music was championed in Russia by a number of devoted performers including Vladimir Tonkha, Friedrich Lips, Mark Pekarsky, and Valery Popov. Since 1985, when she was first allowed to travel to the West, Gubaidulina's stature in the world of contemporary music has skyrocketed. She has been the recipient of prestigious commissions from the Berlin, Helsinki, and Holland Festivals; the Library of Congress; the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; the New York Philharmonic; and many other organizations and ensembles.

Gubaidulina is a member of the Akademie der Künste in Berlin and the Freie Akademie der Künste in Hamburg, the Royal Music Academy in Stockholm, and the German order Pour le mérite. Her awards include the prestigious Praemium Imperiale in Japan, the Sonning Prize in Denmark, the Polar Music Prize in Sweden, the Great Distinguished Service Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Living Composer Prize of the Cannes Classical Awards. In 2004, she was elected as a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Of String Quartet No. 4, Gubaidulina writes:

"What interested me especially with this piece was how the 'real' arises from the 'unreal': the 'real' normal play of arco or pizzicato arising from the 'unreal' transparent sounds of rubber balls on the strings; the 'real' on-stage playing of the quartet arising from the 'unreal' playing by the same musicians on a pre-recorded tape; the 'real' colored lights arising from the 'unreal' white and black (white and black, after all, represent the absence of light; color becomes 'unreal' within them).

"As such, three trinities unfold: the sound of the quartet and its two recorded hypostases; the real form and its two recorded satellites; and the creative reality of the play of light and its two unreal protagonists of complete light and complete darkness.

"All the details of the piece—both its material essence and its compositional design—are derived from the basic idea that 'real genuine' is born of the 'unreal artificial' (and not the reverse). For me, this idea was best expressed in T. S. Eliot's 'Four Quartets.' I would be pleased if my composition were to be heard and perceived as a musical response to the creative world of that great poet." Sofia Gubaidulina's String Quartet No. 4 was commissioned for Kronos by Mrs. Ralph I. Dorfman, the Barbican (London), and Théâtre de la Ville (Paris). Kronos' recording of String Quartet No. 4 can be found on the Nonesuch recordings Night Prayers and Kronos Quartet: 25 Years. Gubaidulina's String Quartet No. 2 appears on Kronos' Nonesuch recording Short Stories.

LAURIE ANDERSON

(b. 1947)

Flow (2010) Arranged by Jacob Garchik (b. 1976)

Laurie Anderson is one of America's most reknowned—and daring—creative pioneers. Known primarily for her multimedia presentations, she has cast herself in roles as varied as visual artist, composer, poet, photographer, filmmaker, electronics whiz, vocalist, and instrumentalist.

"O Superman" launched Anderson's recording career in 1980, rising to number two on the British pop charts and subsequently appearing on Big Science, the first of her seven albums on the Warner Brothers label. Other record releases include Mister Heartbreak, United States Live, Strange Angels, Bright Red, and the soundtrack to her feature film, Home of the Brave. A deluxe box set of her Warner Brothers output, Talk Normal, was released in the fall of 2000 on Rhino/ Warner Archives. In 2001, Anderson released her first record for Nonesuch Records, entitled Life on a String, which was followed by Live in New York, recorded at Town Hall in New York City in September 2001, and released in May 2002. Landfall, her multimedia collaboration with Kronos inspired by her experience of Hurricane Sandy, was released on Nonesuch Records in 2018 and won the 2019 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music / Small Ensemble Performance.

Recognized worldwide as a groundbreaking leader in the use of technology in the arts, Anderson collaborated with Interval Research Corporation, a research and development laboratory founded by Paul Allen and David Liddle, in the exploration of new creative tools, including the Talking Stick. She created the introduction sequence for the first segment of the PBS special *Art 21*, a series about art in the 21st century. Her awards include the 2001 Tenco Prize for Songwriting in San Remo, Italy and the 2001 Deutsche Schallplatten prize for Life On A String as well as grants from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 2002, Anderson was appointed the first artistin-residence of NASA which culminated in her 2004 touring solo performance, "The End of the Moon." In 2010, a retrospective of her visual and installation work opened in Sao Paulo, Brazil and later traveled to Rio de Janeiro. In 2011, her exhibition of all new work, titled Forty-Nine Days In the Bardo opened at the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia. That same year she was awarded with the Pratt Institute's Honorary Legends Award. Her film Heart of a Dog was chosen as an official selection of the 2015 Venice and Toronto Film Festivals. In the same year, her exhibition Habeas Corpus opened at the Park Avenue Armory to wide critical acclaim and in 2016 she was the recipient of Yoko Ono's Courage Award for the Arts for that project. Anderson lives in New York City.

Jacob Garchik's arrangement of Flow by Laurie Anderson was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet by the David Harrington Research and Development Fund.

NICOLE LIZÉE

(b. 1973)

ZonelyHearts (2022)

Called "a brilliant musical scientist" (CBC), "breathtakingly inventive" (Sydney Times Herald, Australia), and lauded for "creating a stir with listeners for her breathless imagination and ability to capture Gen-X and beyond generation" (Winnipeg Free Press), award-winning composer and video artist composer Nicole Lizée creates new music from an eclectic mix of influences. including the earliest MTV videos, turntablism, rave culture, Hitchcock, Kubrick, Alexander McQueen, thrash metal, early video game culture, 1960s psychedelia, and 1960s modernism. She is fascinated by the glitches made by outmoded and well-worn technology and captures these glitches, notates them and integrates them into live performance.

Lizée's compositions range from works for orchestra and solo turntablist featuring DJ techniques fully notated and integrated into a concert music setting, to other unorthodox instrument combinations that include the Atari 2600 video game console, omnichords, stylophones, Simon[™], vintage board games, and karaoke tapes. In the broad scope of her evolving oeuvre she explores such themes as malfunction, reviving the obsolete, and the harnessing of imperfection and glitch to create a new kind of precision.

In 2001, Lizée received a Master of Music degree from McGill University. After a decade and a half of composition, her commission list of over 50 works is varied and distinguished and includes the Kronos Quartet, Carnegie Hall, the New York Philharmonic, the BBC Proms, the San Francisco Symphony, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, l'Orchestre symphonique de Montréal, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Banff Centre, Bang On A Can, So Percussion, and numerous others.

Lizée was recently awarded the prestigious 2019 Prix Opus for Composer of the Year. In 2017 she received the SOCAN Jan. V. Matejcek Award. In 2013 she received the Canada Council for the Arts Jules Léger Prize for New Chamber Music. She is a two-time JUNO nominee for composition of the year. She is a Lucas Artists Fellow (California) and a Civitella Ranieri Foundation Fellow (Italy). In 2015 she was selected by acclaimed composer and conductor Howard Shore to be his protégée as part of the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards. This Will Not Be Televised, her seminal piece for chamber ensemble and turntables, placed in the 2008 UNESCO International Rostrum of Composers' Top 10 Works.

Lizée was the Composer in Residence at Vancouver's Music on Main from 2016–18. She is a Korg Canada and Arturia artist.

About ZonelyHearts, Lizée writes:

"Rod Serling's *Twilight Zone*: a singular series brimming with imagination and creativity that left an indelible impression on its audience. The tone and messaging inherent in the series were powerful, unrelenting, and often controversial but wholly relevant; and it remains relevant arguably more than ever—today.

"ZonelyHearts does not sample content from the series but rather takes its cue from the tone and certain subject matter and messages namely: mind control, censorship, surveillance, brainwashing, and revisionist history through altering and banning books. (These issues have a personal importance.) Perhaps its strongest message is freedom of expression and freedom to take artistic risks—both of which resonate strongly with me.

"The sounds and visual elements from the *Twilight Zone* series have become iconic. From a compositional perspective, these elements are as appealing to me as any traditional member of the orchestra. Even Rod Serling's voice in his narrations and introductions impart a unique timbre and musical inflection. In *ZonelyHearts*, specially created sounds and custom-made devices are integrated to mirror and embody the spirit of the series in my own way. Part of the joy of experiencing the TV series is its ability to surprise, and I look to convey this element in my own work."

Nicole Lizée's ZonelyHearts was commissioned for the Kronos Quartet by Andrea Lunsford and the Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English Centennial.

PROFILES



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For 50 years, San Francisco's **Kronos Quartet**—David Harrington (violin), John Sherba (violin), Hank Dutt (viola), and Paul Wiancko (cello)—has challenged and reimagined what a string quartet can be. Founded at a time when the form was largely centered on longestablished, Western

European traditions, Kronos has been at the forefront of revolutionizing the string quartet into a living art form that responds to the people and issues of our time. In the process, Kronos has become one of the most celebrated and influential groups of our era, giving thousands of concerts worldwide, releasing more than 70 recordings, and collaborating with many of the world's most accomplished composers and performers. Through its nonprofit organization, Kronos Performing Arts Association (KPAA), Kronos has commissioned more than 1,100 works and arrangements for guartet—including the recently completed Kronos Fifty for the Future library of educational repertoire. Kronos has received more than 40 awards, including three Grammy Awards and the Polar Music, Avery Fisher, and Edison Klassiek Oeuvre rizes.

Integral to Kronos' work is a series of longrunning commissioning collaborations with many of the world's foremost composers. One of the quartet's most long-standing collaborators is Terry Riley, whose work with Kronos includes *Salome Dances for Peace* (1985–86) and *Sun Rings* (2002). Aleksandra Vrebalov has written more than 20 pieces for Kronos, including *Pannonia Boundless* (1998) and *Beyond Zero* (2014), a multimedia collaboration with filmmaker Bill Morrison. Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq has performed and collaborated with Kronos regularly over the last 20 years, including on her works *Nunavut* (2006) and *Sivunittinni* (2015). The quartet has also worked extensively with Philip Glass, recording an album of his quartets in 1995 and premiering String Quartets No. 6 (2013) and No. 7 (2014); with Fodé Lassana Diabaté, as heard on *Ladilikan* (2017); and with Steve Reich, whose string quartets *Different Trains* (1989), *Triple Quartet* (2001), and *WTC 9/11* (2011) were written for and recorded by Kronos.

In its most ambitious commissioning effort to date, KPAA has recently completed a monumental education project that will be a cornerstone of Kronos' legacy: *Kronos Fifty for the Future*. Through this initiative, Kronos has commissioned and distributed online for free—50 new string quartet works written by composers from around the world. Scores and parts, recordings, and other materials are available on kronosquartet.org. Lead partner Carnegie Hall and an adventurous group of presenters, academic institutions, foundations, and individuals have provided key support for this program.

In recordings, Kronos has collaborated with artists including Chinese pipa virtuoso Wu Man, Indian tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, legendary Bollywood "playback singer" Asha Bhosle, Iranian vocalist Mahsa Vahdat, and Malian group Trio Da Kali. Kronos has performed live with the likes of Paul McCartney, Allen Ginsberg, Rokia Traoré, David Bowie, Rhiannon Giddens, Caetano Veloso, and The National, and has appeared on recordings by artists such as Nine Inch Nails, Dan Zanes, and Angélique Kidjo. In dance, the famed choreographers Merce Cunningham, Twyla Tharp, Alonzo King, and many others have set work to Kronos' music. Keenly attuned to the issues of our time, Kronos has commissioned, premiered, performed, and recorded works that engage with topics such as war and violence (Jonathan Berger and Harriet Scott Chessman's *Mỹ Lai*, Mary Kouyoumdjian's *Bombs of Beirut* and *Silent Cranes*) and the climate crisis (Laurie Anderson's Landfall).

The quartet tours for several months each year, appearing in celebrated venues and festivals, including Carnegie Hall, BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn!, and BAM Next Wave Festival in New York; Big Ears in Knoxville, Tennessee; Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City; the Barbican in London; the Muziekgebouw in Amsterdam; Shanghai Concert Hall; Suntory Hall in Tokyo; and the Sydney Opera House.

Kronos' expansive discography on Nonesuch includes three Grammy-winning albums: Terry Riley's Sun Rings (2019), Landfall with Laurie Anderson (2018), and Alban Berg's Lyric Suite (2003); the 40th-anniversary boxed set Kronos Explorer Series (2014); and Pieces of Africa (1992), a Billboard chart-topping showcase of Africanborn composers. Kronos' recent releases include Mỹ Lai (2022), an opera by Jonathan Berger (music) and Harriet Scott Chessman (libretto); and Long Time Passing: Kronos & Friends Celebrate Pete Seeger (2020).

Kronos' work has featured prominently in many films, including A Thousand Thoughts, a "live documentary" that tells the story of Kronos' career through live music, narration, and film. Written and directed by Sam Green and Joe Bini, the work premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2018. Most recently, the quartet performed on the soundtrack for Users (2021) and is both seen and heard in the documentary Zappa (2020). Kronos has also recorded complete film scores, including by Clint Mansell for Darren Aronofsky's Requiem for a Dream (2000), and Philip Glass for *Dracula* (1999)—a restored edition of the 1931 Bela Lugosi classic.

The quartet is committed to mentoring emerging musicians and has led workshops and masterclasses with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute (New York), the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto), and San Francisco Conservatory of Music, among other institutions worldwide. Kronos has undertaken educational residencies at institutions such as UC Berkeley's Cal Performances, Holland Festival, and New York University Abu Dhabi.

Based in San Francisco, the nonprofit KPAA staff manages all aspects of Kronos' work, including commissioning, concert tours and local performances, recordings, education programs, and an annual Kronos Festival in San Francisco.

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