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TUM Records Continues the Celebration of Wadada Leo Smith's 80th Anniversary with Two Outstanding New Releases

In May 2021, **TUM Records** commenced the celebration of composer, trumpeter, artist and educator Wadada Leo Smith's 80th Anniversary year with the release of two groundbreaking three-CD boxed sets, **Trumpet** and **Sacred Ceremonies**, that have received universal acclaim. On November 19, 2021, these are followed by the release of another pair of exceptional releases: **The Chicago Symphonies**, a magnificent four-disc collection of extended compositions by Smith for his **Great Lakes Quartet**, and **A Love Sonnet For Billie Holiday** that brings together for the first time three creative giants, **Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette and Vijay Iyer**.

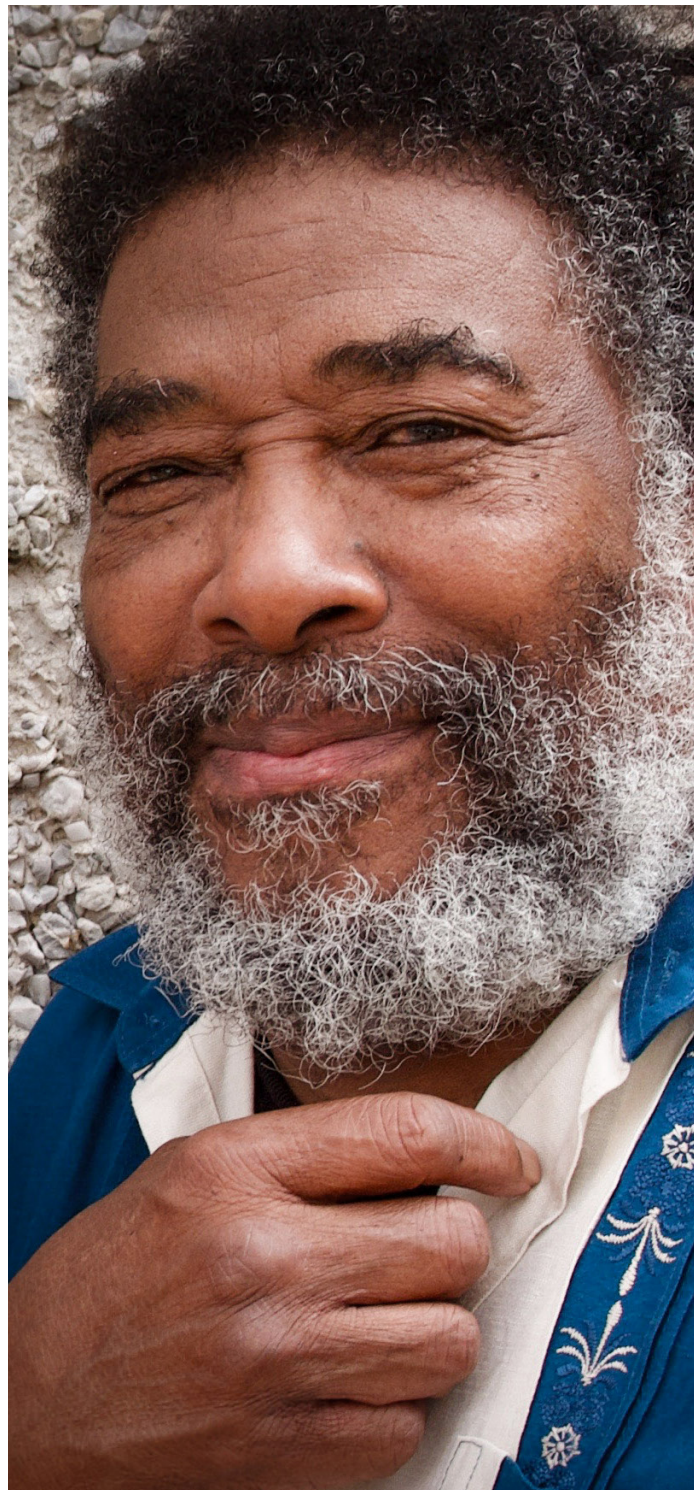
The Chicago Symphonies features four extended compositions by Smith leading his **Great Lakes Quartet** in a celebration of Chicago and the rich contributions of the Midwestern artistic, musical and political culture to the United States of America.

A Love Sonnet For Billie Holiday by Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette and Vijay Iyer brings the three artists together for the first time in this meeting of creative giants. The recording is an exceptional artistic collaboration featuring compositions by all three of its participants.

Of the two earlier releases, **Trumpet** is a unique extended collection of solo trumpet music recorded at a medieval stone church on the Southern Coast of Finland, whereas **Sacred Ceremonies** represents Smith's meeting with two other giants of contemporary creative music, the barrier-breaking electric bassist Bill Laswell and the late, great master drummer Milford Graves on two duo CDs and a trio CD

TUM Records' celebration of composer and trumpet legend Wadada Leo Smith's 80th Anniversary year will conclude in February 2022 with the release of two more boxed sets. The seven-CD boxed set **String Quartets Nos 1 – 12** is a long-awaited recording of Wadada Leo Smith's first 12 string quartets by **RedKoral Quartet** and by a viola quartet assembled specifically for this recording as well as featured soloists including Wadada Leo Smith, pianist Anthony Davis, harpist Alison Bjorkedal and vocalist Thomas Buckner, among others.

The other upcoming release, **Emerald Duets**, is a four-CD boxed set that represents another high point in Wadada Leo Smith's already legendary series of duo recordings with some of the greatest drummers in the history of creative music. On each separate CD, Smith is featured with one of four extraordinary drum masters, Pheeroan akLaff, Han Bennink, Andrew Cyrille and Jack DeJohnette.



Release Date: November 19, 2021



Wadada Leo Smith's Great Lakes Quartet
THE CHICAGO SYMPHONIES
TUM BOX 004
The Chicago Symphonies is a magnificent four-disc collection of extended compositions by **Wadada Leo Smith's Great Lakes Quartet** in a celebration of Chicago and the Midwestern culture. The first three symphonies, "Gold," "Diamond" and "Pearl" are performed by Smith with three masters of creative music, saxophonist/flutist Henry Threadgill, bassist John Lindberg and drummer Jack DeJohnette. The fourth, "Sapphire Symphony – The Presidents and Their Vision for America," features saxophonist Jonathon Haffner with Smith, Lindberg and DeJohnette.



Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette, Vijay Iyer
A LOVE SONNET FOR BILLIE HOLIDAY
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A Love Sonnet For Billie Holiday brings **Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette and Vijay Iyer** together for the first time in this meeting of creative giants. Smith first met and played with DeJohnette in the late 1960s and the two have collaborated with increasing frequency since DeJohnette participated in the first recording of Smith's **Golden Quartet** more than two decades ago. Smith's and Iyer's first collaboration also goes back almost two decades. This recording marks the first time these three unique artists have participated in the same project and the first time DeJohnette and Iyer have played together.

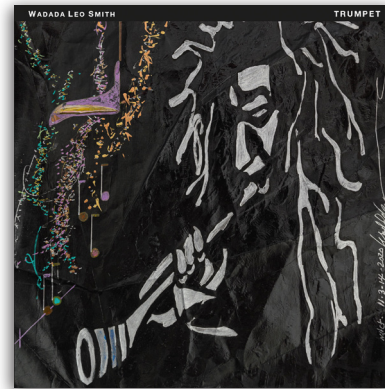
Wadada Leo Smith on TUM Records



Wadada Leo Smith's Great Lakes Quartet
THE CHICAGO SYMPHONIES
TUM BOX 004



Wadada Leo Smith with Bill Laswell and Milford Graves
SACRED CEREMONIES
TUM BOX 003



Wadada Leo Smith
TRUMPET
TUM BOX 002



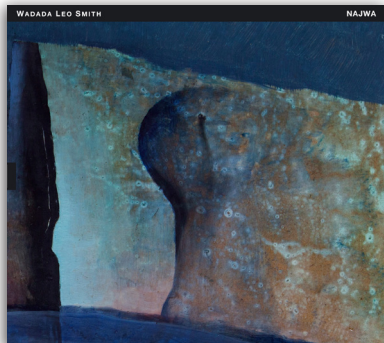
Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette & Vijay Iyer
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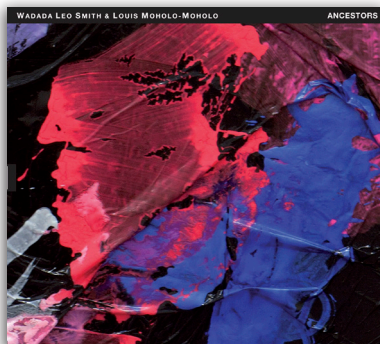
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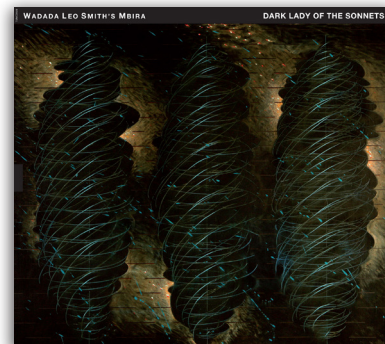
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