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Superb Vocal Ensemble Sonics of Modern Choral Compositions

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This new and exciting release on the AD VITAM label will certainly appeal to anyone who enjoys 20th and 21st century choral compositions. **Chœur Mikrokosmos is a superb choral ensemble** make up of youthful voices - (18-30). Being a choral laboratory with over 20 awards, under the artistic direction of Loïc Pierre, this ensemble performs in 26 languages and commissions modern choral pieces for performance and recording. This new release features several newly commissioned works. **The vocal ensembles are wonderful to say the least.** Beautifully balanced voices under the utmost demands of the music and its director.

The Program - Mikrokosmos - JUMALA - Loïc Pierre - Artistic Director - AD VITAM - TT: 48:16 - ** - commissioned by Chœur Mikrokosmos - i. Loïc Pierre - (b.1959) - Les crieuses**/Clytemnestre et Cassandre - (2016); ii. - Guillaume Prieur - (b1963) - In cantantio** - (2015); iii. - Veljo Tormis - (b.1930) - Kaksikprihendus - (1983); iv. - Meredith Monk - (b1942) - Churchyard entertainment - (1988); v. - Vytautas Miskinis - (b1954) - Oi Sala, Sala - (1994); vi. - Veljo Tormis - (b1930) - Rontuska IV - (1979); vii. - La servant - (improvisation collective - 2017); viii. - Johann Sebastian Bach - (1685-1750)/Patrick Zimmerli - (b1968) - Komm - (2016) ix. - Melodie traditionnelle norvegienne - Jeg ser deg, O Guds lam; x. - Loic Pierre - (b1959) - Les crieuses**/ Iphigenie et Electre - (2016); xi. - Veljo Tormis - (b1930) - Parimaalase lauluke - (1981); xii. - Loic Pierre - (b1959) - Histoire de Vaino** - (2016); xiii. - Terje Isringet - (b1964) - Gorriausen - (2010); xiv. - Jukka Linkola - (b1955) - Vaino** - (2015); xv. - Orjan Matre - (b1979) - Hallaluja, var strid er endt: I denne sort juletid - (2010).

This release features some of the most unique of ultra modern choral music of the chorale art form. Diction is excellent with much emotion, expression, nuance and warm phrasing. Vocal balance within this ensemble of 27 members is excellent. Monsieur Pierre has certainly worked hard in creating this ultra modern vocal ensemble. Excellent program notes in French and English are available here.