The Orchestrotica: Global jazz meets exotic chamber music

"...[O'Neill] has created his own rigorous classical-jazz hybrid. Are you listening, Keith Lockhart?..."



Referencing the exotica of composers ranging from Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich to George Gershwin, Martin Denny, and John Adams, The Orchestrotica-as a vibraphone quartet-presents an original collection of untraditional jazz, classical arrangements, and world music with flavors from Asia, the Middle East, the Balkans, and Latin America. Led by multi-percussionist, vibraphonist and composer Brian O'Neill, the group also features bass flute/woodwinds (Geni Skendo), percussion (Noriko Terada), and acoustic bass (Jason Davis). The quartet focuses on original music written by O'Neill ("a first-rate composer"-Huffington Post) that is highly influenced by his fifteen-year career as a multipercussionist in symphony orchestras, jazz groups, and world music ensembles leading AllAboutJazz to say, "...If John Zorn is an exotica Picasso, O'Neill is his Georges-Braque counterpart in cubism's transposition to music."

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Brian O'Neill.

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