

TURTLE ISLAND QUARTET

David Balakrishnan, Violin, Baritone Violin

Mark Summer, Cello

Mads Tolling, Violin

Jeremy Kittel, Viola

“HAVE YOU EVER BEEN...?”

the music of **JIMI HENDRIX** and **DAVID BALAKRISHNAN**

Through their exploration of jazz, classical, American vernacular and world music styles, the Turtle Island Quartet has taken its audiences on a journey through many musical genres, eras, and places – the American landscape, Latin America, Europe, and India to name a few. Now the two time Grammy®-winning quartet ventures to Electric Ladyland, tackling works by legendary guitarist, songwriter and performer Jimi Hendrix, as well as other compositions reflective of and inspired by Hendrix’s music including TIQ founder David Balakrishnan’s new composition “Tree of Life.”

In addition to a suite of four Hendrix pieces taken from his seminal *Electric Ladyland* album, other highlights include a solo cello rendition of Hendrix’s “Little Wing,” by co-founder/cellist Mark Summer, “To Bop Or Not To Be” by English jazz fusion guitarist/composer John McLaughlin (who famously jammed with Hendrix the year before he died), and the Hendrix version of “Hey Joe,” given a slower, more ballad-like treatment but still with a rock beat. The four movement string quartet version of “Tree Of Life” uses the Darwinian archetype as an entry point into the signature cross-genre synthesis that has been the career defining imperative for Balakrishnan, who himself considers Jimi Hendrix to be one of his prime musical influences.

~Recordings: Telarc, Koch International Classics, Windham Hill, Chandos, CC&C Records, GRP, BMG



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