

With *Isaiah*, Meg Okura presents a musical memoir that cements her place as a formidable new voice in contemporary jazz, as her Pan Asian Chamber Jazz Ensemble marks its 20th year.

Short Blurbs:

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Long Blurb (full):

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The album features *Jubberish*, commissioned by Chamber Music America's New Jazz Works, and Rice Country, composed at Aaron Copland's historic home. Praised by The New York Times for its "grandiloquent beauty that transitions easily from grooves to big cascades to buoyant swing," Okura now offers ***Isaiah*** as a defining statement of her artistry: the unmistakable voice of a composer at the forefront of contemporary jazz.

Endorsement:

*"Meg Okura's forthcoming album *Isaiah* stands as a profound musical statement—an emotionally rich and expansive work that highlights her exceptional talents as a composer, violinist, and visionary bandleader."*

— **Regina Carter**