

# MUSIC OF ARLENE SIERRA, VOL. 1



***Cicada Shell*** (2006)

***Colmena*** (2008)

***Ballistae*** (2001)

International Contemporary Ensemble  
Jayce Ogren, conductor

***Birds and Insects, Book 1*** (2007)

Vassily Primakov, piano

***Surrounded Ground*** (2008)

Charles Neidich, clarinet  
Stephen Gosling, piano  
Daedalus Quartet

***Two Neruda Odes*** (2004)

Susan Narucki, soprano  
Raman Ramakrishnan, cello  
Stephen Gosling, piano

The music of Arlene Sierra (b. 1970) has begun to make waves on both sides of the Atlantic. The British-based young American composer has found devoted advocates among many leading performers of our time. The American Academy of Arts and Letters cited Sierra recently: "Arlene Sierra's music is, by turns, urgent, poetic, evocative, and witty. She has a keen appreciation of instrumental sonorities and the inherent drama of successive musical atmospheres. Intriguing, passionate, mysterious, her recent work, *Cicada Shell*, confidently announces the arrival of a significant composer." This recording marks the first CD devoted to Sierra's music.



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