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BROOKLYN SUITE CD RELEASED BY JENTSCH GROUP LARGE

"Nice guitar work from the leader...the big band writing is tight, conceptually ambitious, packed with monster solos." — Journalist David Adler

"Brooklyn Suite, Chris Jentsch's sublime set of interwoven themes and expansive movements for guitar and orchestra... is the expression of a refreshingly practical, adept and adaptable artist, one in full command of attractive, original concepts as well as the skill, discipline and insight to create compelling experiences in sound." — Howard Mandel (from the liner notes)

Commissioned by American Composers Forum and premiered in NYC at Symphony Space, composer-guitarist Chris Jentsch's **Brooklyn Suite** is a feature for his electric guitar sounds and textures that combine with the colors of the large ensemble to musically depict the composer's life since he moved to Brooklyn in 1999.

Jentsch's large group music generally invokes contemporary improvisation with an eclectic mix of influences ranging from jazz to rock, world to classical, always striving for a careful balance between lyricism and dissonance, and a deliberate combination of complexity and simplicity.

The CD is already earning acclaim. "Recommended New Listening," said Laurence Donohue-Greene, Managing Editor, AllAboutJazz – NewYork. Grammy Award winning producer David Frost says: "*Brooklyn Suite*' is an ambitious and important work. It is written...for a large jazz ensemble which functions musically and even texturally like a symphony orchestra. There are various soloists involved but these pieces are not concertos, or merely jazz tunes with improvisations, as much as they are orchestral in nature. Chris' work in this format is very sophisticated and bridges the gap between formal classical music and contemporary jazz. His further exploration and development of this genre is something that I look forward to with interest."

The *Brooklyn Suite* CD is available now at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, CDUniverse, ArtistDirect.com, FleurdeSon.com, and ChrisJentsch.com.

2008 Chris Jentsch Events

January 10 at Tea Lounge, Brooklyn, NY — A quartet version of *Brooklyn Suite* premieres, to be followed by a quartet record, *Fractured Pop*, later in the year.

February 11 at the Kitchen in NYC — Premiere of *Cycles Suite* featuring Mike Kaupa, Chris Jentsch's new NYSCA commissioned suite for Jentsch Group Large.

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