



ROB MAZUREK EXPLODING STARORCHESTRA/SMALL UNIT Spectral Fiction

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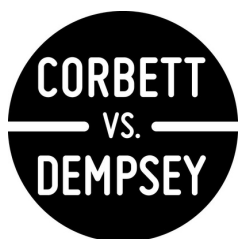
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Territory

NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - M - JAZZ



DESCRIPTION

For the first time, a compact version of **Rob Mazurek's** magisterial **Exploding Star Orchestra** – Exploding Star Orchestra/**Small Unit** – commits its music to CD. Recorded live at Corbett vs. Dempsey's Chicago gallery space in March, 2023, the six-piece band featured Mazurek on trumpet, **Tomeka Reid** on cello, **Damon Locks** on voice and electronics, **Angélica Sánchez** on Wurlitzer, **Ingebrigt Håker Flaten** on bass, and **Chad Tayloron** drums. *Spectral Fiction* consists of two tracks, the deeply exploratory "Equations of Love in Prismatic Waves of Color," clocking in at nearly 40-minutes, and the super-groovalistic 14-minutes of "Driftless" (a Mazurek-penned melody named after the **Sam Gilliam** exhibition in which the music took place and by which it was inspired). The musicians were already warmed up – really hot at this point – by a concert the night before, playing music from their great International Anthem LP *Lightning Dreamers in the Sky Theater* at Chicago's Adler Planetarium. With Locks's incantatory samples and momentum-staked poetry and Reid's incisive pizzicato and arco cello intonations, the band moves through a spectacular range of diverse colors and emotional zones, locking into rolling grooves and opening out onto fields of energy and sound. Often open and investigatory, it's a different side of Mazurek's vision from the eight previous Orchestra releases dating back to 2007, a lighter, more aerodynamic incarnation of the cosmic-conscious ensemble.

TRACKLISTING

01. Equations of Love in Prismatic Waves of Color (38:15)
02. Driftless (14:07)

HIGHLIGHTS

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