



**X:
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**PIANO MUSIC
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X: ARCHITECTURE OF TIME - PIANO MUSIC BY BLACK COMPOSERS unites 10 leading Black classical pianists to perform celebrated works by some of the past century's most influential Black composers, including powerful contributions from living composers, revealing a vibrant, often overlooked legacy of Black classical composition that is rich, poetic, and full of surprises.

X is the second installment two-album series led by pianist and Yamaha Artist Leah Claiborne. Recorded at the Yamaha Artist Studio in New York City, produced by Claiborne and Ben Raznick, and released by PARMA Recordings, this landmark project reveals how Black composers have long infused the genre with whimsy, cultural pride, and pedagogical brilliance.

- IRENE BRITTON SMITH
1 **Variations on a Theme by MacDowell** 11:23
Michelle Cann - piano

- JOSEPH JOUBERT
2 **Passion Medley** 8:06
Artina McCain - piano

- SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR
24 **Negro Melodies**
3 **The Angels Changed My Name" Op. 59 No. 9** 4:35
Leah Claiborne - piano

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4 **Valse Suite for Piano "Three-Fours"**
Op. 71 Allegro Molto 3:29
Kyle Walker - piano

- OSWALD RUSSELL
Three Jamaican Dances
William Chapman Nyaho - piano
5 **No. 1** 1:08
6 **No. 2** 2:48
7 **No. 3** 2:00

- WILLIAM GRANT STILL
8 **Three Visions: No. 2**
"Summerland" 4:09
Elizabeth Hill - piano

- BETTY JACKSON KING
9 **Aftermath** 9:08
Joe Williams - piano

- FLORENCE PRICE
10 **Sonata in E minor Mvt. III** 8:51
Karen Walwyn - piano

- LESLIE ADAMS
11 **Etude in G Minor** 7:09
Maria Corley - piano

- ANTHONY R. GREEN
12 **Etude** 4:13
Lewis Warren - piano

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