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Percussion-based improv recorded live in 2004, with an unusual trio lineup: Tatsuya Nakatani brings his varied assortment of drums, cymbals, singing bowls, etc., Vic Rawlings is on amplified cello and electronics, and Ricardo Arias plays what he calls a bass-balloon kit, an assemblage of balloons on the large side that make low noises when he hits them; he gets other tones as well by bowing them and rubbing them with styrofoam, among other techniques. This is a recording of their entire 40-minute set, broken down into smaller pieces that all track together. Nakatani is subtle and creative as usual; his style is not about beats, it's about color and texture. Rawlings plays his cello mostly like a percussion instrument, and also adds some high, grating electronic noises. I like many of the sounds and combinations of sounds here (particularly the low rumbling stuff) but can't say that I have as much tolerance for the shrill electronic noises often heard in the mix.

- Reviewed by Max Level on July 24, 2007 at 7:13 pm
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