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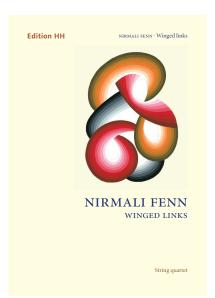
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eginning her life in an orphanage in Sri Lanka's capital Colombo, Nirmali Fenn was raised and educated in Australia, gaining highest honours in musical composition from the Universities of New South Wales and Melbourne. A Clarendon Scholarship and an Overseas Research Students Award enabled her to complete a doctorate at Oxford University. After receiving Second Prize at the 26° Concorso Internazionale di Composizione in Turin in 2008, she is becoming increasingly known on the international stage, and has taken up appointments as Composer in Residence for the Saxophone Habanera Festival in Poitiers, France, and the Lake District Summer Music Festival, UK. Her compositions have impressed many of the world's leading ensembles specializing in contemporary music, including the Arditti Quartet, Ensemble Cairn, Ensemble Linea, Kuss Quartet, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Tin Alley String Quartet, Sounds Underground and Endymion Ensemble. Nirmali, whose artistic vision is constantly expanding, sees music wholly as an expression of the observation of social interactions, and her compositions often deal with the concept of unifying divisions. Every project to which she commits stems from the desire to give the performing arts a more humanitarian outlook, serving as a tool for education and healing. Early June 2010 she was appointed lecturer and scholar at the Society of Scholars, University of Hong Kong. She can be contacted at fennnirmali@yahoo.com.au.

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#### WINGED LINKS, string quartet



orks by two of the 20th-century's greatest painters were the inspiration behind Nirmali Fenn's String Quartet: the title comes from a painting by Paul Klee, and the structural ideas are influenced by a book by Wassily Kandinsky. 'Winged Links' is a perfect reflection of the thematic behaviour and compositional method at work within this strikingly beautiful, original piece.

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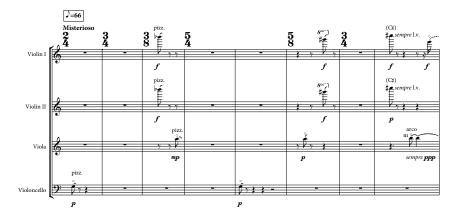
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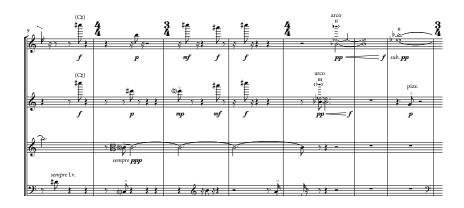
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