

MERGE



CASSANDRA CLEGHORN, POETRY / VOICE
ERIK LAWRENCE, SAXOPHONES AND FLUTES
RENE HART, ACOUSTIC BASS
ALLISON MILLER, DRUMS



“MERGE IS AN EXCITING AND HIGHLY CREATIVE NEW COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE INTIMATE AND INNOVATIVE POETRY OF CASSANDRA CLEGHORN AND THE BRILLIANT SUPPORTIVE MUSIC CREATED ON THE SPOT BY ÉRIK LAWRENCE AND MEMBERS OF HIS BAND HIPMOTISM.

IN AN ERA WHEN SPOKEN WORD HAS FINALLY COME TO FRUITION, THE SPIRIT OF ENSEMBLE AND SPONTANEITY THAT JACK KEROUAC AND I PIONEERED IN NYC'S FIRST-EVER JAZZ POETRY READING IN 1957 IS NOW REACHING NEW PLATEAUS.

MERGE IS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF POETRY AND MUSIC.”

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