

Tomoko Omura

Branches Vol. 2

Tomoko Omura Violin
Jeff Miles Guitar
Glenn Zaleski Piano
Pablo Menares Bass
Jay Sawyer Drums

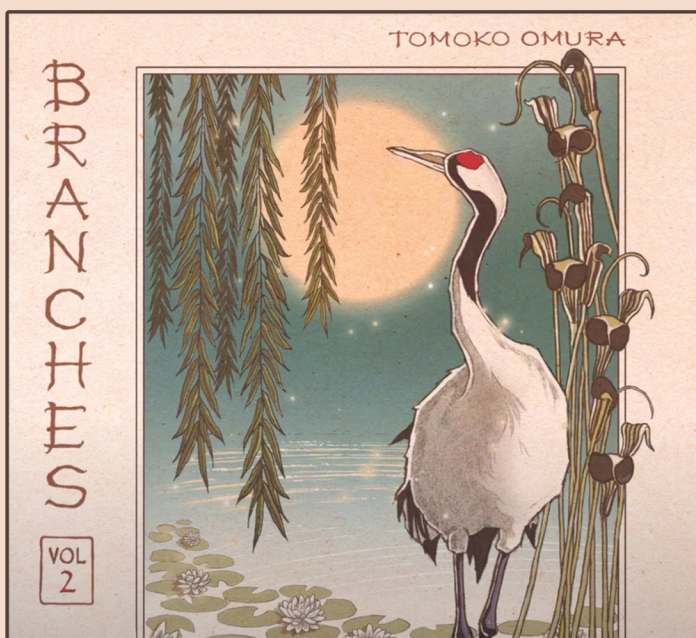
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“...a gifted composer and passionate instrumentalist.”
- Strings Magazine

Branches Vol. 2 is the eagerly-awaited new installment in imaginative violinist-composer-arranger Tomoko Omura’s *Roots* series. A companion to last summer’s critically acclaimed *Branches Vol. 1*, this vibrant issue features six more of the Shizuoka-born artist’s original compositions inspired by Japanese folktales, and arrangements of Japanese popular songs.

In 2015, New York-based Tomoko Omura released *Roots*, a ten-track collection of well known Japanese songs rearranged for a modern jazz quintet. Since then, the violinist has made a concerted effort to intertwine her Japanese heritage with her virtuosic jazz artistry on each subsequent recording project.

On *Branches Vol. 2*, the synergy between the ensemble’s five members has been fortified by their continual collaboration. Omura deepens her compelling tribute to Japan with evocative material that builds a causeway between deeply rooted tradition and contemporary invention.

Tomoko Omura is among today’s leading voices in jazz violin. Including *Branches Vol. 2*, she has released five albums as a leader and all have gone on to garner universal praise. For five years, she has been selected as one of Downbeat Magazine’s Rising Star Violinists in its annual Critics Poll.

1. **Come Firefly** 5:41
Japanese Traditional
2. **Melancholy Of A Crane** 7:11
3. **To Ryan Se** 6:44
Japanese Traditional
4. **Bow’s Dance** 6:47
Ainu Traditional
5. **Tomie’s Blues** 5:40
6. **Urashima Suite** 6:38

All music composed by Tomoko Omura unless noted.
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