**STEVEN MACKEY** TIME RELEASE [1068] URBAN OCEAN | TONIC | TURN THE KEY Colin Currie, percussion

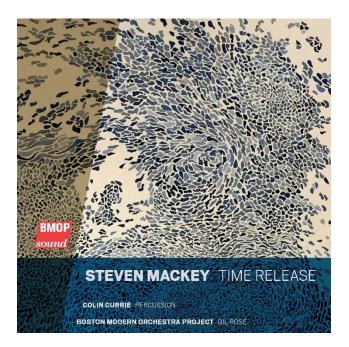
## **BOSTON MODERN ORCHESTRA PROJECT**

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Growing up playing in rock bands in northern California, Steven Mackey brings those influences to his classical concert music writing on his second BMOP/sound CD, *Time Release*. The disc opens with *Urban Ocean*, which explores the coexistence of marine life with the city life of Southern California. The title track features Scottish soloist Colin Currie showcasing the marimba along with a coterie of what Mackey calls "timbral extensions" in this percussion concerto. *Tonic* takes its inspiration from the composer's idea of "Shadow Chords," his son's seizures, a lullaby for his daughter, and an improvised guitar tune. Closing the CD is *Turn the Key*, drawing on the idea of the *clave* rhythm in some Latin dance music.



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"The well-balanced and masterful orchestration of Mackey's music is handled equally masterfully by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project's performance of the work."

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