

**'RAYMOND SCOTT REIMAGINED', An Unprecedented Musical Journey  
Arrives July 21 via Violinjazz Recordings**

***Project Is A Collaboration Between Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin,  
Take 6 and The Raymond Scott Archives***

**EPK: <https://youtu.be/7LaU98EfJDs>**

***Two-Song Single, "Powerhouse" and "Toy Trumpet," Set for June 9  
"Toy Trumpet" session video <https://youtu.be/cBteQNGNj5Q>***

***Raymond Scott Reimagined Celebration Concert Set for June 11  
at Yoshi's in Oakland***

San Francisco, CA: Violinjazz Recordings, the label of acclaimed Grammy-nominated musician **Jeremy Cohen**, principal violinist and founder of Classical Crossover specialists **Quartet San Francisco**, has announced the release of '**Raymond Scott Reimagined**,' an unprecedented new collaboration teaming **Quartet San Francisco** with accomplished Grammy/Emmy Award-winning composer/producer/arranger **Gordon Goodwin** and revered Grammy-winning a capella group **Take 6**.

The thrilling 14-track collection, which includes Goodwin's fresh arrangements of eight Scott classics, including mainstays "Powerhouse," "Twilight in Turkey," "Huckleberry Duck," "The Quintette Goes to a Dance" and "In an 18th Century Drawing Room," also introduces an entirely brand new composition, "Cutey and the Dragon," which was crafted from an unfinished sketch Scott made in 1982 with Goodwin completing the composition in a manner that honors the great composer's style and verve.

To introduce the project, a two-song single ("**Powerhouse**" & "**Toy Trumpet**") will be released digitally on June 9 with the full album arriving via Violinjazz/The Orchard/Sony on July 21.

The album, which also contains several interstitials of Raymond Scott's voice, along with spoken word from audio historian Art Shifrin and Grammy-winning conductor John Williams, excerpted from the documentary film, '**Deconstructing Dad**' (directed by Raymond's son, Stan Warnow), has been two years in the making but, in actuality, is a journey of nearly 50 years.

Cohen, the project's Executive Producer, explains, "I grew up during an era when a simple turn of the television dial could bring one's world from Leonard Bernstein to animation and cartoons. Escape, creativity, and whimsy fueled my imagination where animation offered a

humorous view of the world. As a kid studying classical violin, I was fascinated by Carl Stalling's incorporation of iconic classical music into the Warner Brothers cartoon soundtracks.”

“Raymond Scott, who never actually wrote music expressly for animation, was widely quoted in Merrie Melodies cartoons featuring Bugs Bunny, Daffy and pals. Scott’s music sat right alongside the world's most recognizable classical music and became part of the soundtrack of my imagination. Scott's ‘Powerhouse’ brings musical shape to emotions.”

“In the 1990s, I was introduced to Raymond Scott with the album ‘The Music of Raymond Scott: Reckless Nights and Turkish Twilights’ (Columbia, 1992, Irwin Chusid, producer) and let's just say that at that moment, the lantern was lit for a longstanding quest. Scott’s music found its way into arrangements for my group, Quartet San Francisco. We found boundless passion and energy for bringing this music to our audiences.”

While the basis of the album would be an alliance between Quartet San Francisco and Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band, Jeremy and Gordon decided to engage a variety of ensembles to partner with the string quartet. These include pairing the string quartet with the big band on “Powerhouse,” “The Quintette Goes to a Dance,” “Twilight in Turkey,” and “Cutey and the Dragon,” incorporating a smaller ensemble of three horns on “Toy Trumpet” and a saxophone quintet on “Yesterday’s Ice Cubes.” Two pianos enhanced “Huckleberry Duck” with the gorgeous vocals of Claude V. McKnight III, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chea and Khristian Dentley (of the group Take 6) joining on “In an 18th Century Drawing Room” and “Serenade.” The results are spellbinding.

Gordon Goodwin, co-producer, composer, arranger, and bandleader of The Big Phat Band, recalls his introduction to the iconic composer and approach to the project, “I took a deep dive into the music of Raymond Scott when I was working as a composer for Warner Brothers Animation. His music made quite an impact on me, so when Jeremy approached me about collaborating on a project featuring Scott’s music, the answer was an immediate and enthusiastic yes!”

“There is a long list of great Raymond Scott songs from which to pick, but we knew that were some tunes we had to include, such as ‘Powerhouse’ and ‘Toy Trumpet,’ but we were excited when the Raymond Scott Archives presented us with an unfinished lead sheet to a song called ‘Cutey and the Dragon’ that Scott was working on with, and for, his granddaughter Kathy. They asked if I wanted to arrange it, but as I examined the lead sheet, I realized that it really wasn’t a finished composition, but rather a work in progress. So the Scott family gave me the honor of finishing the composition. This allows us to present something rare—a previously unheard composition by Raymond Scott.”

“Another highlight was “Twilight in Turkey,” which features Don Williams on timpani, along with Wade Culbreth on mallet percussion. This is special because Don’s father Johnny Williams

was the drummer for the Raymond Scott Quintette. He is also the father of film composer John Williams. Don was able to allow us the use of his father's cowbell and tom toms, so this track has a direct and unique connection to this music's creator."

"When we considered the vocal component for this music, there was really only one consideration. Take 6 has set the bar for a cappella singing over the past three decades, and I knew that their sound and versatility would make for a distinctive contribution."

A distinctive collaboration is quite the understatement. Between the three main collaborators, QSF, Goodwin and Take 6, they've earned 60 Grammy nominations, scoring 12 wins. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of the size and scope of *Reimagined* as two dozen best-in-class musicians amplify the sound and vision including Wayne Bergeron (trumpet), Ray Brinker (drums), Joey De Leon (percussion, congas, bongos), Justin Smith (guitar), Andy Waddell (guitar), Kevin Axt (bass), Sal Lozano (alto sax), Brett McDonald (alto sax, piccolo, clarinet), Brian Scanlon (tenor sax), Thomas Luer (tenor sax), Jay Mason (baritone sax), Daniel Fornero (trumpet), Aaron Janik (trumpet), Dan Savant (trumpet), Andrew Martin (trombone), Charlie Morillas (trombone), Francisco Torres (trombone), Craig Gosnell (bass trombone), Wade Culbreath (marimba, vibes, xylophone, cowbell), Meredith Clark (harp) and Don Williams (timpani, tom-toms) with Goodwin on piano and tenor sax and esteemed accompaniment by the other three virtuosos in Quartet San Francisco, Joseph Christianson (violin), Chad Kaltinger (viola) and Andrés Vera (cello).

Also in the mix is 7-time Grammy-winning engineer Leslie Ann Jones, who's recognized for her work with Kronos Quartet, Chanticleer and Rosemary Clooney and whom Cohen's worked with on previous projects including *Pacific Premieres: New Works by California Composers*. For *Raymond Scott Reimagined*, Jones recorded the joint sessions at Lucasfilm's Skywalker Sound, the famed studio on George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch in Nicasio, California. Additional recording took place at Dragonfly Creek Recording in Malibu and Lake Balboa Sound in Los Angeles.

Reimagining one of the all-time greats is a gargantuan undertaking but one ripe to cross all boundaries of time and space and one meant for the stage. To celebrate the release of the album, Quartet San Francisco, along with Gordon Goodwin and some of the key members of The Big Phat Band, including Wayne Bergeron on trumpet and Andrew Martin on trombone, will perform live at Yoshi's in Oakland, California on Sunday, June 11. The 90-minute show will feature select cuts from the new album as well as favorites from each group's repertoire. [Tix on sale now.](#)

Buckle up 'cause the dectet is *going to a dance*. It's gonna be a mighty dynamic powerhouse in a 21st century listening room.

## ***Raymond Scott Reimagined***

1. Powerhouse (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [5:21]
2. Raymond Scott on the Creative Process (R. Scott, spoken word) [1:00]
3. Toy Trumpet (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [3:41]
4. In an 18th Century Drawing Room (Quartet San Francisco, Take 6; Gordon Goodwin) [3:36]
5. Raymond Scott on Rehearsing the Quintette (R. Scott, spoken word) [0:36]
6. Cutey and the Dragon (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [5:01]
7. Huckleberry Duck (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin) [6:12]
8. "I Remember Nothing of That" (R. Scott and Art Shifrin, spoken word) [0:37]
9. The Quintette Goes to a Dance (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [5:36]
10. Yesterday's Ice Cubes (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [3:49]
11. Quintessentially American (R. Scott and John Williams, spoken word) [1:10]
12. Twilight in Turkey (Quartet San Francisco, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band) [5:44]
13. "I'm an Experimentalist" (R. Scott, spoken word) [0:36]
14. Serenade (Quartet San Francisco, Take 6) [4:58]

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