

Ensemble East West a.k.a. East West Continuo - (2003-2008)



Pictures L-R: Mitsuki Dazai, Dan Rouslin, Tessa Brinckman, Victoria Gunn-Pich, Jenny Lindner

Ensemble East West originally began as **Tessa Brinckman & East West Continuo** in 2003, and initially was only intended to be a recording project. However the group took off, and it was warmly received by Pacific Northwest audiences with its unique sound, often incorporating other artistic media to reach an enthusiastic and diverse audience.

Founded by **Tessa Brinckman**, the flexible highly talented and fun ensemble of flute, violin, viola, harp, and koto followed its mission to honor traditions and push the boundaries of both Western and non-Western classical music. Until 2008 they averaged eight concerts per year, and have commissioned nine new works, creating new repertoire for the less typical instrumental combinations. The ensemble made a **critically acclaimed** CD in 2005, *Glass Sky* -

Chamber Music for Flute & Stringed Instruments (North Pacific Music LDO21).

The collaborators in the ensemble were:

Tessa Brinckman – flutes

Daniel Rouslin - violin/viola

Victoria Gunn Pich - viola/violin

Lori Presthus – cello

Victoria Erhlich – cello

Justin Kagan – cello

Jenny Lindner – harp

Mitsuki Dazai - koto

Guest artists were:

Cary Lewis – piano

Dorothy Lewis – cello

Kenneth Shirk - tambura