

# PREFACE

**Accidentals.** Accidentals govern only one note. Because of this no natural signs appear in the score: G $\sharp$ 4 G4 should be played G $\sharp$ 4 G $\flat$ 4.

**Scordatura.** The violins are tuned as usual. String IV of the viola is tuned to A $\flat$ 2 (a minor third lower than the usual tuning of C $\flat$ 3). String IV of the cello is tuned to A $\flat$ 1 (a minor third lower than the usual tuning of C $\flat$ 2).

**Akasha** was written for the JACK Quartet. The piece was premiered by the JACK Quartet on 6 February 2016 in Paine Hall on the campus of Harvard University.