

Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Friday 10th May 2024, 13.10

Gamelan Music from West Java

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Today's Performance

Welcome to our concert presentation of gamelan music from West Java, Indonesia – also known as *gamelan sunda* locally. A gamelan is an ensemble of instruments consisting of suspended gongs, tuned gong-pots, metallophones, xylophones, and drums. The most well-known gamelan music comes from Bali and Central Java. Sundanese gamelan is not heard so often outside Indonesia, but is a significant musical tradition in its own right with a long history.

Sundanese music can range from very delicate and intimate to vibrant and even boisterous. For this concert, we perform music across this spectrum on two contrasting sets of gamelan instruments: *gamelan saléndro* and *gamelan degung*, playing classical concert pieces as well as music for modern dance, and contemporary compositions.

Dr. Robert Szymanek is a musician with a thirst for the eclectic. As an educator, multi-instrumentalist, singer and composer, his work in music explores an array of musical styles across borders. He has been teaching Gamelan at the University of Manchester since 2016.

The Performers

Ensemble 1:

Nalni Chen
Esme MacBride-Stewart
Rory MacLeod
Mekenzie Primm
Lara Rogacin
George Stevens
Elena Strachan

Ensemble 2:

Hannah Bird
Isabelle Hussey
Naomi Isaacs
Ruby Lightwood
Seth Mazower
Rama Suphadet

Course Leader: Dr. Robert Szymanek

Course Director: Dr. Alexander Gagatsis

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