

Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 13.10

**Gamelan Music from West Java – The  
University of Manchester Gamelan Ensemble**



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# Gamelan Music from West Java

1:10pm, Friday 9th May 2025

Welcome to our concert gamelan music from West Java, Indonesia, also known as *gamelan sunda*.

This is the culmination of Undergraduate module: Ensemble Performance in Gamelan. Our two student groups have been learning to play a range both traditional and contemporary Sundanese music. We're excited to share this with you!

## Programme:

1. *Ngagending*
2. *Kalkun*
3. *Kararangge*
4. *Babalen*
5. *Waled*

### Ensemble 1:

Benger Kelly  
Marcus Renshaw  
Benjamin Salwey  
Sophia Southwick  
Presley Stoyanova  
Poppy Wilson  
HattyYap

### Ensemble 2:

Gabriel Longbotham  
Sophie McColgan  
Yun Potter  
Kaitlin Pragnell Biggs  
Maya Qassim  
Alexandra Smith  
Reuben Vasey-Saunders

**Course Leader:** Dr. Robert Szymanek

**Course Director:** Prof. Caroline Bithell

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.

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The ensemble is led by the Department's gamelan teacher, **Dr. Robert Szymanek**, 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.

# Coming up at the Martin Harris Centre

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## **UoM Jazz Ensemble**

**Date:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 13:10

**Price:** FREE

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## **MUMS: Sing the Musicals Sing-a-long Relaxed Performance**

**Date:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 13:10

**Price:** FREE (bookings required for groups of 10 or more)

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## **Estival: Symphony Concert – More information coming soon on our website!**

**Date:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 19:00

**Price:** £11.50 // £7.50 // £3.75 // FREE to MUMS members & UoM Music students

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