

WAYANG ESTHER: A JAVANESE PURIMSPIEL

A shadow puppet operetta

by Barbara Benary
with Obie-award winning puppeteer
Barbara Pollitt

in which the Book of Esther,
the story of the holiday of Purim is
retold with Javanese wayang kulit
shadow puppets and gamelan music

For adults:

Sat. March 10th 2pm
at Yoga Mountain Wellness Center,
132 Park Ave. New City, NY
Call (845) 639-0736 - donation \$10.

and in Manhattan with

Javanese puppeteer Joko Susilo
Fri, Sat and Sunday
~~March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25~~
February ~~March~~ 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25
evenings 7:30pm and Sat. 3pm
at Here Arts Center
145 6th Ave. between Spring and Broome
212 647-0202 or www.here.org
tickets \$12.



For children:

A short version Esther introducing the puppet characters of Java
and scenes telling how Esther and Mordechai outwitted Haman. Admission free

Sunday February 25th, 2:30pm at **Pomona Cultural Center**

584 Route 306, Pomona NY - 362- 8062

Sun March 4th at **JCC-Y of Rockland - Purim Carnival**

900 Route 45, New City - 362-4400



Gamelan Son of Lion is a composers' collective which for over 20 years has explored and invented musical bridges between Indonesian traditional music and experimental new music styles. Composer-librettist Barbara Benary is the ensemble's Artistic Director.

Her collaborators on this production are OBIE award winning puppeteer Barbara Pollitt, Terra Vandergaw and (in NYC only) Javanese shadow puppet master Joko Susilo. The gamelan and a quintet of opera singers retell a story both comic and thought provoking through the format of an ancient theatre tradition whose puppets are in themselves works of art..

Vocal ensemble: Phyllis Clark, Jody Kruskal, Clifford Townsend, Yanni Amouris and Lisa Karrer
Gamelan ensemble:

Mark Brooks, David Demnitz,, Laura Liben,, David Simons,, Jon Gibson, Darryl Gregory and Peter Zummo.

This is "The whole megillah " in a version for adults and older children.