

Rockland Angklung Society

July 13, 2002
Dragon Gallery
Nyack NY

Balaganjur Parade
Gineman
Ngedeslemah
Margapati

Janger Gegedrongan
Jalan Sirig
Nguh Ategal
Sindu Arsa

Rockland Angklung Society

Barbara Benary, Iris Brooks, Mark Steven Brooks
Lisa Karrer and David Demnitz

Rockland Angklung Society was co-founded by Barbara Benary and Iris Brooks, both Rockland residents, and has performed in the county and at large over the past dozen years. This program features the repertoire of the Balinese Gamelan Angklung, a popular percussion ensemble of Bali, Indonesia used for parades and various religious festivals

The instruments of the Gamelan Angklung are predominantly metallophones (keyboards) with knobbed gongs, drums, flute and of course the actual angklung: tuned bamboo rattles for which the entire set of instruments is named. Angklung instruments are small, compared to other gamelan of Bali and Java, having only four notes per keyboard. All the instruments are tuned to a unique non-western scale known as *slendro*.

Angklung instruments play both uptempo pieces in the *kebyar* style ("bursting into flames), and more moderate tempo music known as *lelambatan* ("slow"). Traditional Balinese dancers in mask or makeup and costume frequently join the ensemble. Composers in the ensemble have added an additional repertoire of new American music written for these instruments.

Rockland Angklung Society is a subgroup of a larger ensemble, **Gamelan Son of Lion**, also co-founded by Ms. Benary and based in Manhattan. The New York group uses primarily the instrumentation of the traditional gamelan of central Java. It is a composers' collective which specializes in new music compositions for the instruments as well as offering shadow puppet plays, dance-theatre and traditional Indonesian music of various styles.

The music of **Gamelan Son of Lion**, including new pieces for angklung, may be heard on CDs, LPs, audio and video cassettes published by Smithsonian Folkways, New Wilderness Audiographics, Tajilor Press, Leonardo Magazine, Musicworks Magazine (Canada), Radiotaxi (Italy) and by Gamelan Son of Lion.

Pictures of our gamelan instruments and further information about the musicians may be seen on our website: <http://www.gamelan.org/sonoflion>

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*Gamelan Son of Lion
presents*

*Balinese Music in Rockland
Two Concerts and a Workshop*

Workshop - demonstration:

Saturday July 27th from 2 to 4 pm

Hands on - Learn to play Balinese Gamelan Angklung Music with Barbara Benary, Artistic Director of Gamelan Son of Lion New York's new music repertory percussion orchestra

at **Edward Hopper House**
82 North Broadway, Nyack NY

No previous gamelan experience necessary and no charge. Please make a reservation with Hopper House, 358-0774 or with Ms. Benary, 354-3375.

Concert:

Sunday July 28th, 1:00 pm

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Barbara Benary, Iris Brooks, Mark Steven Brooks,
Lisa Karer and David Simons
with Balinese mask dancer Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha

at **Rockland Folk Life Festival**
Letchworth Village, Willow Grove Rd., Theills NY
sponsored by **Historical Society of Rockland**

Concert:

Sunday August 4th, 300 pm

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Music for the exhibit opening, in the garden at
Edward Hopper House, 82 North Broadway, Nyack NY



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