

# Carnegie Room Concerts

The Nyack Library, Nyack, New York May 20, 2012 at 7:30 pm

# GAMELAN SON OF LION

# Performers

Barbara Benary, David Demnitz, Daniel Goode Lisa Karrer, Jody Kruskal, Skip LaPlante, Laura Liben Denman Maroney, Larry Simon, David Simons

### PART I: A MEETING OF TUNINGS

# Barbara Benary

Aural Shoehorning

- i. Plainsong
- ii. Smudging
- iii. Amtrak

# Daniel Goode

Un-Concerto

# Jody Kruskal and Daniel Goode Dan's Hubcaps

#### PART II: MEMORIAL

# From 9-11: A Memorial Suite

- i. David Simons
- ii. Laura Liben
- iii. Denman Maroney (8.1818?)
- iv. Lisa Karrer (Redux)

#### David Demnitz

Hemiola Goes East

Yamaha Piano, courtesy of Yamaha Artist Services, Inc. (YASI)

### **PROGRAM NOTES**

Aural Shoehorning

These are the words a music critic once used to describe composer Evan Ziporyn's adaptation of western genres to Balinese instruments, and the ear's attempt to understand heterophony. Aural Shoehorning, commissioned by the Schubert Club and Zeitgeist ensemble (St. Paul, MN) deals with the encounter between diatonic instruments and the two very non-diatonic tunings of the gamelan by juxtaposing them in various combinations.

#### Un-concerto

Written to welcome the advent of the family's grand piano to Goode's rehearsal studio where it now shares space our gamelan instruments tuned in slendro.

Dan's Hubcaps

A combination of ideas for parade music by the two composers summer 2011. In addition to the two gamelan tunings are added the tuning and timbre of a number of vintage hubcaps and a set of Balinese bamboo rattles called angklung.

# 9-11: A Memorial Suite

In 2002, in the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, Barbara wrote a short song for the gamelan, basically advising the country not to react to terrorism by trading civil liberties for security. She invited the group composers to each write additional sections of the piece. The first two 9-11s are from that collection. The latter two were added by other ensemble composers for the tenth anniversary of the event.

# Hemiola Goes East

A rhythmic exploration of a melody by Egyptian composer Ibn at-Wahabi including violin played in Indian style.

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Our program features a set of pieces based on heterophony: contrasting and juxtaposing the gamelan's two traditional Indonesian tuning systems (slendro and pelog) with diatonic tuning represented by piano, synthesizer and clarinet. The second half includes selections from a collective compositional memorial to the 9-11 disaster, by Laura Liben, David Simons, Denman Maroney and Lisa Karrer. We end with a joint work by Jody Kruskal and Daniel Goode featuring our tuned hubcaps and angklung rattles.

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# Gamelan Son of Lion performs

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at the Carnegie Room series at Nyack Library 57 South Broadway, Nyack, NY

Sunday May 20th, 7:30pm

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plus New York composer-performers Daniel Goode, David Demnitz, Jody Kruskal, Skip LaPlante, Laura Liben and Larry Simon

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Tickets: \$23 / \$20 - visit http://www.carnegieroom.org or call 845 608 3593

More about the Gamelan at http://www.gamelansonoflion.org