Javanese Gamelan for Beginners

OPEN TO ALL!

The Javanese gamelan is the largest member of a family of Southeast Asian musical ensembles, and its beautiful music is one of the most complex in the world.

The music from Central Java traditionally accompanies ceremonies and dance and shadow puppet theatre performances, and it is also played by itself at informal performances qua practices for enjoyment.

Learn on one of the largest and most beautiful instrument sets in Singapore. You will master basic techniques and structures of the Javanese Gamelan in slendro and pelog tuning. In 20 hours, you will study several songs of different style and form and acquire skills on different instruments of the Gamelan.

LISTEN TO US PLAY!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2adqBUm3toc&feature=relmfu
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od-CUzvTDZM

WHEN: Tuesdays 7-9pm, 4th September – 13th November (10 sessions; break on 25/9)
WHERE: NUS, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Block AS2, room 2-1
FEES: $280 ($220 for students and NSmen); min. 10, max. 20 participants

Questions and registration: seajm@nus.edu.sg

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1st September 2012

(Upon registration, we will provide you with payment details. Course fee has to be paid in advance (cheque or transfer). In case of cancellation due to lack of participants or other circumstances from our side, full fee will be reimbursed immediately. In case of your cancellation between deadline and commencement, 50% of the fee will be refunded. No refund after the course has started.)
ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:
Dr. Jan Mrázek is Associate Professor at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at NUS, where he teaches modules on music and art, including Javanese gamelan. He has studied, performed and taught Javanese gamelan for 25 years, and he has published several books and many articles about Southeast Asian performing arts. He is also the Director of the NUS Singa Nglaras Gamelan Ensemble.

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