

Wednesday August 28th



Percussion Artists

GEORGE BARTON

CRAIG APPS

Trad.

Kumpo

A Dance for Percussion from Senegal

Keiko Abe

Prism

Keiko Abe's contributions to the contemporary marimba repertoire have been a milestone in the development of the marimba as a solo concert instrument. Apart from improvements to the sound quality, she has established the five octave instrument as standard.

Britten

Little piece for Jimmy

Composed in 1955 for the legendary James Blades, percussionist extraordinaire and friend.

Frederic Rzewski

To the Earth

For speaking percussionist and four tuned flower pots. Text is from a Homeric hymn.

Eugene Novotney

A Minute of News

A snare drum solo demonstrating 11 ways of playing:

Turn Snare on - perform as a percussive gesture

Brush - strike head with brush

Brush - slide brush across head

Timpani Mallet

Drum stick - rim click

Hand

Turn Snare off - perform as a percussive gesture

Drum stick - basic strike

Drum stick - 'press' or 'buzz' roll (one handed)

Rim shot

Rim

Bach

Two part inventions

F major

C major

E major

B flat major

Steve Reich

Clapping Music

This minimalist work was written to create a piece of music that needs no instruments beyond the human body. One player claps a basic rhythm throughout while the other claps the same rhythm but adds just one beat to the pattern at regular intervals, producing interesting syncopation!



George Barton has been playing percussion since the age of 12. He has given performances on cacti, nuts, water and his body - 'he beat out the rhythms on his bared chest and laid on the floor and moaned – in the style of a student having to get up in the morning'. In his spare time he enjoys horror films and the writings of Wittgenstein.



Craig Apps is a percussionist currently studying in his last year at the GSMD. He is a very keen orchestral and chamber musician who enjoys playing in different ensembles throughout London. Outside music Craig enjoys cooking and is a big follower of football, holding a season ticket for West Ham United!