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Ensemble-in-Residence



KEMBANG SUNDA **West Javanese Gamelan Degung**

Kembang Sunda is a San Diego based *gamelan* ensemble that performs traditional Sundanese music from West Java, Indonesia. The ensemble specializes in *gamelan degung* music, but has also been exploring West Javanese *gamelan salendro* and *kacapi-suling* (West Javanese zither and flute chamber music) repertoire. Gamelan ensembles developed in the ancient courts of Java and Bali, and primarily consist of tuned bronze percussive instruments. Many different dance and vocal styles are accompanied by gamelan ensembles, as well as puppet plays and important ceremonies. Kembang Sunda's mission is to entertain, educate, and expose an international audience to the beauty and diversity of Sundanese traditional music and culture. Kembang Sunda, directed by Amy Hacker, has performed throughout Southern California since 2007.