

Friday April 18, 2003 Tishman Auditorium 66 West 12th Street, NYC
New School's Diversity Initiatives presents

"Woman's Song: The Story of Roro Mendut"

Features from the work-in-progress

Conceived and created by Lisa Karrer
in collaboration with:

Gamelan Son of Lion: Barbara Benary, Mark Steven Brooks, David Demnitz, Stephanie Griffin,
Daniel Goode, Bill Jacobs, Laura Liben, Lisa Karrer, Marnen Laibow-Koser, David Simons

Song Texts by Sitor Situmorang and Walt Whitman

Kate Yourke - Wayang puppet design and Shadow screen lighting

Jenny Lynn McNutt - Video projections

Performing in order of appearance:

Nyoman Saptanyana - "Hands" in opening video

Toshinori Hamada - Wirogno

Deena Burton - Spy, Servant, Roro Mendut's Assistant

Ayu Armini - Roro Mendut

Lisa Karrer - Pronocitro

Bill Schorr - Stage Manager

Sarah Ballard and Christopher Martin - Interns

Song of Myself Walt Whitman (Roro Mendut's Entrance Song)

I celebrate myself, and sing myself.
And what I shall assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

Kecapi Strings and Clarinet text: Sitor Situmorang
Translated by Harry Aveling; arranged by Lisa Karrer

This is the story of our love
Which began in the flower market

And the room glowed
With the brightness of your body

When all have forgotten how to mourn
Surrender to the open window

I used to think that like my shadow
You would always be with me

Woman's Song Sitor Situmorang
English translation by John H. McGlynn

Hearing you sing
with no hope in your voice
I believe that victory will be had
by those who mourn

Oh, faithful woman
no doubt it is your song that stirs my body
from the welter of grief
that raises a new dawn

and some day, when all this is past
that is you will accept my love
stiff and bloodied
prostrate at your feet.

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