

A WAYANG FOR CIREBON

**Adam Concert Room, NZ School of Music, Victoria University of Wellington
Saturday 30 June 2018, 7pm.**

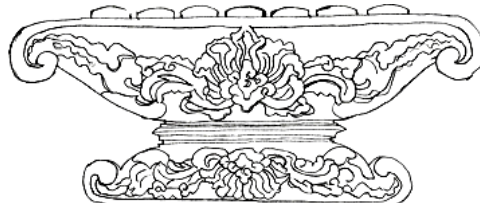
In April 2018 a gamelan rehearsal in Gegesik village, Cirebon, NW Java, was struck by tragedy when a wall adjacent to the rehearsal space collapsed on top of the players, killing seven youngsters, aged between 12 –15 years, and their teacher, dhalang Mas Herman Basari.

Allan Thomas brought the first gamelan to New Zealand from Cirebon in 1974. Later named *The First Smile*, the ensemble is still played by a local Wellington group who are embarking on a fund-raising campaign to send support to Gegesik village and families affected by the tragedy. Plans are already underway there to purchase a new gamelan, and dedicate it to the memory of those who died.

The programme will include:

- A wayang kulit (shadow puppet show), *The Fall of Gathutkaca*, performed by dhalang Ki Joko Susilo, accompanied by Gamelan Padhang Moncar of the New Zealand School of Music, Victoria University of Wellington.
Dr. Joko Susilo is a celebrated dhalang, Indonesian traditional shadow puppet-master, the eighth generation in his family. He has lived with his New Zealand family and taught gamelan in Dunedin for over 25 years, but is often in demand for wayang kulit performances and gamelan teaching abroad.
- Ambassador Bapak Tantowi Yahya will also perform as part of the event.
- Refreshments

You are invited to attend what promises to be a spirited occasion, and to contribute generously to the funds.



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Tickets are \$30 per adult. School children are free. **SEE OVER FOR BOOKING AND TICKETS**

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