

Speak Percussion Sounds Unheard

Improvisation Workshop: Duré Dara & Speak Percussion



Thursday 4 April, 2pm-4pm

Darebin Arts Centre
401 Bell Street
Preston VIC

Cost: FREE

Victorian secondary students are invited to take part in an improvisation workshop inspired by the work of Speak Percussion's Creative Director Duré Dara.

For more than 50 years, Duré Dara has been making spontaneous music and performance. She is well known for her work with the late David Tolley, in the Brian Brown Quintet and as an improvisational musician, collaborating on countless music projects with some of the most admired Australian musicians.

Duré has achieved great success as a business woman, in philanthropy and through her work with the Victorian Women's Trust. She has consistently championed social inclusion and received an Order of Australia Medal for her services to women's groups. She remains committed to working towards gender equality.

In this improvisation workshop, secondary students will hear from Duré about her fascinating career, her 'Percussion, Degustation, Conversation' project with Speak Percussion, and her advice for young artists. Duré and Speak will lead the group through a number of guided improvisations, providing opportunities for students to play and explore their creativity together in a supportive environment.

Students will need to bring along an instrument for the improvisation exercises.
All other materials will be provided.

"Really, really fun and new. Taught me how to look at music differently."

"I learnt to not be afraid and feel confident in my playing."

"I really enjoyed playing with others and learning more about improvising."

"It was magical. It felt like we were old friends when in reality most of us had never met."

- Previous Participant Feedback

Duré Dara

Duré Dara OAM is Indian by race, Malaysian by birth and Australian by choice. Since the 60s, she has frequently performed on ABC radio, recordings and at festivals and concerts around Australia as an improvising musician and contemporary jazz player most notably in a duet with David Tolley. She is widely celebrated as a trailblazing restaurateur, business woman, women's equity activist and percussionist.

Speak Percussion

Speak Percussion is a flexible line-up of Australia's finest creative percussionists that has a 23-year history of commissioning, performing and creating innovative new work. Ranging from solo concerts to massed sound events, Speak Percussion's award winning work includes collaborations with a diverse range of artists and unique hybrid projects, exploring the intersection between percussion and architecture, gastronomy, installation, instrument building, astronomy and dance.

Registrations

To register for this Performance Program, please complete the application form at:

www.soundsunheard.com/join

There is no application fee. Participation in this program is free.

Applications must be received before **5pm Monday 1 April 2024**.

For more information or assistance with your application, please contact Special Projects Producer Biddy Connor: biddy@speakpercussion.com



Sounds Unheard

Sounds Unheard is a free music education program for Victorian secondary music students, hosted by the internationally acclaimed new music organisation Speak Percussion. This program offers unique opportunities for young musicians and composers to expand their knowledge and creativity, develop their talents and explore innovative approaches to music making. Sounds Unheard is supported by the Department of Education and Training through the Strategic Partnerships Program and the Darebin City Council.

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