

PROGRAM NOTES

Tonight's program will feature original compositions by multi-instrumentalist Todd Green, drawing on a variety of styles of world music. The selections will be a combination of composed pieces and improvisation.

Using various combinations of his many unique and unusual instruments from all over the world, which he will explain throughout the concert, Todd will take you on a musical journey you will not soon forget, inspired by the styles of many different countries and cultures.

This evening's concert will be a blend of solo guitar performances and what Todd calls his "solo-ensemble pieces", which are created by using today's latest technology to sample and loop the various string, flute and percussion instruments. By using four synchronized digital samplers, controlled with custom-built foot pedals, he is able to record and overdub himself live on stage. In this manner, Todd creates unique, multi-layered tapestries of music as he adds instruments one by one.

Just as improvisation is an integral part of not only Todd's music, but that of many different cultures, so it is with the specific content of his concerts. Think of it rather as an unfolding of events, where one piece leads to another and one mood is balanced by the next. No two concerts are ever the same.

Regardless of your musical interests, what you see and hear tonight will be a unique experience with elements of both the familiar and unfamiliar. As a follow-up, you may wish to visit Todd's web site www.toddgreen.com, which features photos and descriptions of his many instruments (in "Instrument Gallery",) with recommended listening for each one, a study guide for children that explains how instruments work (in "Elementary Schools" under "Educational Programs",) many quotes, poems and links as well as his touring schedule.

As part of his concert engagements, Todd visits local schools to perform interactive clinics, demonstrating and explaining his many instruments. Along with Todd, the teachers, students and parents thank you for your sponsorship.