

# Mp3 Debu - Palace Troubadour

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western and Turkish folk music interspersed with the multi-cadences of traditional Indonesian marawis. The listener may be roused by the fierce rhythm of a marching song or soothed by hints of European classical music. Often members of the audience are brought to their feet by soulful rhythms. Shunning the trite rhythms of most popular music, DEBUs percussionists play an eclectic array of meters, leaning heavily on Eastern beats and Middle Eastern dance rhythms like the zafin. From Indonesian marawis and hajir drums to the Egyptian hand held tar drum, tambourine and finger cymbal, the percussion ensemble plays intricate tempo and counterpoint. While DEBU incorporates a varied ensemble of instruments, it doesn't shy away from modern elements of pop and rock music such as the bass guitar, trap drum set and keyboard. DEBUs music - while incorporating a wide range of musical styles, instruments, and languages maintains its originality. Whether playing the Indonesian song Lautan Hatiku (Sea of My Heart) which has Oriental and Bollywood elements, or performing a pop-style English song like Where Does It Come From?, DEBUs music has a unique signature. The perfect melding of exotic and familiar elements attracts a wide range of listeners and fans, who appreciate DEBUs music as entertaining and artistically expressive. The music has a rounded world music feel to it their panoply of instruments evoke Egyptian, Irish, and Turkish sounds David Kennedy, The Jakarta Post

Some Instruments in DEBUs eclectic ensemble:

- Irish Lap Harp: a 22 string model of the instrument that has been played since antiquity.
- Santur: a very old instrument that was often played in the Persian royal court. There are 1000 year old poems which mention this Persian dulcimer.
- Saz: Turkish long-necked member of the lute family; has an ancestry that can be traced as far back as the ancient cultures of Babylon and Sumeria.
- Yaili Tamboura (or Tambura): Another Turkish long-necked instrument resembling a lute; frequently used to produce a drone accompaniment to singing.
- Gendok-gendok: traditional Indonesian Bugis instrument somewhat similar to a carved wooden xylophone, stroked with two mallets. DEBU obtained this instrument from a Bugis mountain man in Southern Sulawesi.
- Kemanche: a bowed string instrument held in the lap; its round gourd body, slender neck and sound board originally of fish scales.
- Bamboo Sax: Hawaiian reed instrument with a sax-like sound.
- Tablas: small two-sided hand drums used in Indian music and Indonesian Dangdut.
- Oud: instrument which has been played in Africa and the Middle East for over 500 years, either plucked or played with a plectrum. In some cultures, it was the most important musical instrument. It is noted for its expressive similarity to the human voice yet its ability to blend with other instruments. Along with the violin it plays a major role in Middle Eastern music.
- Sundanese Flute: a long

bamboo flute from the Sunda people of Java Island, played at its extreme end like a recorder. Bansri Flute: an Indian bamboo flute played from a side hole. Dumbek: an Egyptian drum used in disco music in the Arab world. Its pitch is the higher end of the bass range. Jembe: a tall drum made in Indonesia patterned after an African drum, used as a bass drum. Marawis: small hand held drums used to play syncopated beats in intricate call and response patterns. Hajir: a bass drum that accompanies the Marawis.

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