

Work title:

The Nine Jewelled Deer

Composer:

Sivan Eldar

Librettist:

Ganavya Doraiswamy

Work Description:

Inspired by three sources – the parable of the Nine-Jewelled Deer, the life-story of south Indian musician Seetha Doraiswamy, and the opening chapter of the 2000-year-old Vimalakirti Sutra – this opera tells a passionate myth about humans striving for liberation. It invites the ear to listen to voices it has learned to forget: voices that live just past the grasp of power, whose whispers offer sanctuary. This project is a collaboration between composer Sivan Eldar, vocalist and poet Ganavya Doraiswamy, co-librettist Lauren Groff, director Peter Sellars, and visual artist Julie Mehretu.

Duration:

1h30

Vocal Forces:

two vocal soloists (Ganavya Doraiswamy, Aruna Sairam)

Instrumental Forces:

six instrumental soloists (Dana Barak-clarinet, Hayden Chisholm-saxophone, Nurit Stark-violin, Rajna Swaminathan-mridangam and synth, Augustin Muller-electronics, cello TBC)

Approximate budget to produce:

20,000 per show

Production intention - what are you looking for? (i.e. co-producers):

The opera is now officially commissioned and produced by Festival d'Aix-en-Provence and the LUMA foundation in France. We are looking for co-presenters in the US. They will be renting the production from the producer.

Work page/website (if available):

<https://festival-aix.com/en/programmation/opera/nine-jewelled-deer>

Link to work samples:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOerg5o48HQ>