

East Van Strings

East Van Strings is Gordon Grdina- guitar/oud/composition, Jesse Zubot- violin, Eyvind Kang- viola, and Peggy Lee- Cello. The music written for East Van Strings originally came out of an appreciation for the string quartets of Bartok, Webern and Berg.

Since this original inception the material has started to develop on its own taking inspiration from a wide range of sources. Everything from Berg, free jazz, to Arabic taqasim, Indian rhythmic cycles, and minimalism are included. The inclusion of a wide source of influences, group improvisation, and the unique personality of each of the members has developed East Van Strings into a unique ensemble with an extremely broad range of expression.

... Gordon is constantly reinventing himself and surprising his listeners with an ever-changing array of new sounds and concepts- Alexander Varty (Georgia Straight)

