

Midori Larsen, composer **PRESS RELEASE**

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Chamber Music Concert with Japanese Taiko Drums written by Midori Larsen

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CultureLab LIC

2pm open

2:30pm start

An unconventional mixture of Japanese drums and Western musical instruments, Midori Larsen's original chamber music "Crossing the Seas" will be performed live at CultureLab LIC on December 12, 2021. The music highlights the journeys of the composer and her grandmother as immigrant women. It will be performed by Ben Kono (woodwinds), Adam Birnbaum (piano) and Fumi Tanakadate (taiko drums).

Midori Larsen's music consists of Japanese melodies and rhythms accompanied by Western harmony, optimizing the unique characteristics of Japanese and Western musical instruments. Through her music she seeks to inspire others to celebrate their own roots and multicultural identities, and to encourage immigrant women, mothers, and young girls to keep pursuing their life goals regardless of circumstances.

Advanced tickets: \$15 (adult), \$10 (student/child)

At the door: \$18 (adult), \$15 (student/child)

Tickets available at <https://bit.ly/3FC8vK1>

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