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# Inaugural Performance Concert for the Shakuhachi Chamber Music Composition Competition 2008

*Enjoy the expressive and exciting sounds of the shakuhachi  
in ensemble with classical instruments.*

Hear the three winning compositions from Derrik Jordan (USA), Doug Gibson (Australia) and Satoru IKEDA (Japan) performed by Australia's leading Shakuhachi masters and instrumentalists, and take part in voting for the "Audience Prize".

Melbourne based shakuhachi player Andrew MacGregor is passionate about introducing shakuhachi music in Australia. For more than two decades, he has taught and performed shakuhachi, a simple bamboo flute. Hear the shakuhachi of Andrew MacGregor and Anne Norman together with Kanishka Karunaratne classical guitar, Geoff Hughes electric guitar, Silo String Quartet, and percussionists Eugene Ughetti and Peter Neville.

Experience the premiere of a new work by Brenton Broadstock, A Song Cycle on Poems by Ern Malley, conducted by Barry Bignell and featuring Andrew MacGregor with celebrated soprano Merlyn Quaife, brilliant young pianist Stefan Cassomenos and percussionist Eugene Ughetti. A new work by award-winning Melbourne composer Johanana Selleck will also be premiered.

Brilliant classical guitarist Antony Field will lead a guitar ensemble from the Victorian College of the Arts and with shakuhachi player Andrew MacGregor they will present a famous contemporary classic from Japan.

*Andrew says..... "In western countries, people often focus on spiritual aspect of the shakuhachi, as it has been used by Zen monks. However, I particularly want to promote the musical aspect of shakuhachi. It has a great possibility to be used in any music situation, just like any other instrument."*

Reserve your seat for this very special event now.

**MELBA HALL** The University of Melbourne

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**3.30pm \$39 / \$30 conc**

**Bookings: [www.shakuhachichambermusic.net](http://www.shakuhachichambermusic.net)**

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