



# MASS Ensemble

MASS Ensemble is a collaborative project that combines the creative forces of four artists from different backgrounds. Through their exciting blend of sculpture, music, dance and the visual arts, MASS continues to delight audiences throughout the U.S. and abroad. MASS Ensemble is known for large scale instruments and kinetic performances. The Earth Harp, "The World's Largest Stringed Instrument" and other invented instruments are unique to the ensemble, as they were designed and created by ensemble member, Bill Close. The giant sculptural instruments provide a landscape in which the artists interact. The combination of cello, flute, dance, sculptural drums and other invented instruments create a powerful musical experience balanced by the intricate symphonic sounds of the Long Stringed Instruments. The compositions explore tonal and melodic dynamics that reference classical genres and music from many different cultures and periods. They have adapted multiple compositions to be played on this cutting edge instrumentation. These, along with other works are composed, choreographed, and performed by MASS Ensemble.



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