

Summergarden The Museum of Modern Art

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EAST MEETS WEST: OREGON IN NEW YORK'S SUMMERGARDEN

Grammy nominated jazz group OREGON combines traditional Eastern raga, Western classical, and jazz & rock forms in original free-form compositions presented in 8 PM performances, Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, in The Museum of Modern Art's SUMMERGARDEN. Free admission is through the Sculpture Garden gate at 8 West 54 Street.

OREGON's Vanguard album, MUSIC OF ANOTHER PRESENT ERA, was nominated for a Grammy in January 1974 as best jazz performance by a group. Vanguard released a second album, DISTANT HILLS, this spring.

Most of the group's compositions are by guitarist-pianist RALPH TOWNER, who has recorded with Weather Report and Tim Hardin, and has performed with The Indianapolis Symphony and with The Elizabethan Consort. The three other members of the group also have diverse backgrounds: GLEN MOORE built his reputation as a jazz bassist, pianist and flutist with John McLaughlin, Kenny Burrell, Bill Evans, Chico Hamilton, Marion McPartland, Zoot Simms, Airta and many others; PAUL McCANDLESS is a former symphonic oboist and English horn player who in addition to playing with symphonies in Manhattan, Pittsburgh, New Haven, Springfield and Duquesne has toured the country with The Winter Consort; COLLIN WALCOTT studied sitar with Ravi Shankar and tabla with Ustad Alla Rakha, and in addition to recording with many notables, has been Music Coordinator for the films CHARLY and RAGA, has composed and performed music for the films RAGA, LAST SUMMER, and BEEN DOWN SO LONG IT LOOKS LIKE UP TO ME.

Summergarden presents EMMETT CHAPMAN and friends on September 20 and 21. Chapman plays compositional-improvisation on his patented "electric stick" and is backed by cello, flute, sax, latin percussion and a 'light' artist.

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