

Laraaji

“Laraaji” (Edward Larry Gordon) pursued his dream of becoming a Musician and humanitarian artist from a very early age in the Coastal town of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Learning to play Piano, Violin, and Trombone, along with singing and performing in church and school choirs, bands and orchestras. His high school scholastic talents and enthusiasm for creating new music won him scholarships to study music at Howard University School of Fine Arts in Washington, DC during the mid 1960s.

Following 4 years at Howard, he moved to New York city to pursue a double career in comedic acting and music. During these several years of mild success in both careers, he received a strong inner call to explore alternative spiritual practices including transcendental meditation, mind science, yoga-meditation, trance journeying and contemplative creativity. Eventually, his lifestyle became one of devotional inner practice and creative inspiration.

During the mid 70's, following an inner sound vision he set out to create a new musical sound involving a modified 36 string AutoHarp, alternative tunings and innovative music Electronics. This new musical sound captured the heart and stimulated the imagination of a very appreciative and warm new age following.

He has since travelled internationally sharing his musical sound vision in Solo and collaborative adventures, many of which have been documented in classic quality recordings. In the fall of 2013 several major retrospective releases of his materials were made available through WARP and All Saints records out of the UK. A wonderful brief Vimeo documentary, entitled Eternity or Bust, complements this resurgent enthusiasm for his work, and the continuing great contributions being made by this stellar visionary artist.

He has also developed over the past 25 years his signature style of Meditative Laughter Playshops, presented in the USA and abroad. Laraaji serves as senior faculty presenter at the prestigious International Healing Sounds Intensive founded by pioneer sound healing musician Jonathan Goldman, held annually in Colorado, for most of its 19 years.

His blogspot ([HTTP://LARAAJI.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://LARAAJI.BLOGSPOT.COM)) contains most of the currently available titles and lists many of Laraaji's current and upcoming performances and events.