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**From:** Bill Alves

**This Sunday, March 31, 2024 7:00 p.m. at Harvey Mudd College**

## ***Bird Song: A Contemporary Shadow Play***



**Harvey Mudd College presents the premiere of “Bird Song,” a collaboration with HMC composer Bill Alves, Scripps writer Adam Novy, and other performers and designers. This one-act theatrical and musical performance is in the form of a shadow play, in which characters are depicted through their silhouettes cast on a rear-projected screen, a form inspired by ancient theater traditions and modern technology. Performers**

**will include the HMC American Gamelan together with singers and actors. The program also includes a new work for microtonal keyboard, cello, and gamelan instruments by composer Akshaya Avril Tucker.**

Bird Song

Music by Bill Alves

Words by Adam Novy

Alexis St. John, *set and mask designer*

Emily Dauwalder, *stage direction*

Anne Dorothy Harley, *dramaturge*

Ursula Maria Kleinecke, *soprano*

Grace Stewart, *mezzo-soprano*

Raul Valdez, *tenor*

Andi Dana, *baritone*

Rachel Rudich, *shakuhachi*

Gamelan musicians: Bill Alves, Kenneth Cotich, Gus Gil, Robert Welding

Shadow actors: Aubrey Schoeman, Emerson Dauwalder, Julian Santos, Julia Santos

*My Soul, Soul of All*, Concerto for Microtonal Keyboard, Cello, and Gamelan

by Akshaya Avril Tucker

Aron Kallay, *keyboard*

Maggie Parkins, *cello*

HMC gamelan musicians

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Thanks also to the Harvey Mudd College Maker Space, the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts, and the Louisa and Robert Miller Professorship in the Humanities.

## Free admission!

Drinkward Recital Hall  
Lower Level, Shanahan Center  
Harvey Mudd College  
320 E. Foothill Blvd.

Street parking is available along Foothill Blvd. See the [Drinkward Recital Hall location map](#).

More info: <https://arts.hmc.edu/Shadow-Play-Spring-2024>

*HMC Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts*  
*HMC is deeply grateful for the generous support that created the Ken Stevens '61 Founding Class Concert Series.*

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