Week 4

Traditional Gamelan Orchestra

Fall 2013 Class Notes:
An Introduction to Traditional Indonesian Dance of West Sumatra
Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School
International Silat Federation of Indonesia & America
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Indonesian Gamelan

• Traditional orchestra
• Unique to each region: Minang; Sundanese; Javanese; Balinese, etc...
• Communally owned; pieces kept together
Kendang/Gendang

- Many types of drums
- Regional differences
Gender family

• Similar to... ?
• Saron
• Different mallets...
Angklung

- Bamboo shakers
- On July 9, 2011, 5,182 people played angklung together in Washington DC & are listed in the Guinness Book of Records: largest angklung ensemble
Two examples of Gongs

- **Bonang** = gongs from Java (can be factory-made)
- **Talempong** = specifically Minang; *all hand-made*
Gamelan Minang

- *Rabab* = stringed instrument
- *Pupuik* = buffalo horn
Gamelan Minang

- *Saluang* = bamboo flute; 60 cm long
**Slendro & Pelog scales**

- Only 5 or 7 notes in the scale
- How many are we used to...?
Accompanying Randai, Tari Piring

- Music tied closely to theater, dance