

My Tricksy Spirit

My Tricksy Spirit is a group founded by composer Nick Gray. It fuses the shimmering sounds of Balinese gamelan instruments called *gendér wayang* with dub, electronic, ambient, trip-hop, and psychedelic rock.

The group is a collective, based around a core consisting of: Nick Gray (*gendér wayang*, violin, vocals), Charlie Cawood (guitars, bass, sitar, tsouras), and Rob Shipster (drums, electronics and production). The group has recently been joined by Roxanne Aisthorpe (vocals). The album also draws from a pool of guest musician friends.

Gendér wayang is a duo or quartet of metallophones used in Bali for shadow puppet plays and rituals. The paired tuning gives the sound a particular, shimmering quality and the instruments play in an interlocking style. Nick studied this music for many years in Bali and also runs a traditional *gendér wayang* group called Segara Madu.

The debut album *My Tricksy Spirit* was released on 1st September 2017 by Bad Elephant Music <http://www.badelephant.co.uk/> and can be found here: <http://mytricksyspirit.badelephant.co.uk/album/my-tricksy-spirit>

Track listing:

‘Always with you’
‘Free of stars’
‘Coming down again’
‘Winter story’
‘Time to go’
‘Circle of light’
‘Dub of stars’

Words and music by Nick Gray

Roxanne Aisthorpe: vocals on ‘Always with you’
Charlie Cawood: bass guitar, guitar, sitar, tsouras
Joe Chapman: production, drums and electronics on ‘Free of stars’ and ‘Dub of stars’
Bella Copleston: backing vocals on ‘Time to go’
Tomoya Forster: bass synth on ‘Circle of light’
Nick Gray: *gendér wayang*, vocals, violin
Anna Lau: vocals on ‘Winter story’
Sirishkumar Manji: tabla on ‘Always with you’
Kristian Marr: vocals on ‘Circle of light’
Polly Murdoch: backing vocals on ‘Always with you’
Rob Shipster: production, drums and electronics
Julian Vicary: keyboards on ‘Circle of light’

Produced by Rob Shipster

Mastered by Howie B at HB Recordings

The album is dedicated to Nick’s teacher, the late I Wayan Loceng of Sukawati, Bali, Indonesia.