

CALON ARANG

Performed by Olga Witte Organ Trio No 2

Olga Witte: pipe organ

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Person gallery and action

Calon Arang: Powerful woman of the village of Girah in the kingdom of Daha, who worships the goddess Durga and practices black magic. Because of this she is abandoned by her husband and forced to live in the forest. She is called **Matah Gede** (the great unripe one) as a powerful witch, and later when she becomes the most powerful witch, she goes by the name **Rangda** (widow). Several disciples follow her in her journey.

Ratna Menggali: Calon Arang's daughter. Ratna Menggali is very beautiful, but no one dares to marry her for fear of her mother. Calon Arang is a very caring and loving mother, and the lack of suitors, and the fact that she needs suitors in a patriarchic society, causes Calon Arang to become furious, to seek greater magical power, and to attack the people of the Daha.

Raja Erlangga: King of Daha who wants to keep his power and kill Calon Arang. First, he sends his troops after Calon Arang, but she strikes them back with ease, and he therefore lets a messenger contact Empu Baradah to ask for help in overcoming Calon Arang.

Empu Baradah: Priest who lives with his second wife and their common son as well as his daughter from first marriage, Wedawati. He agrees to help the king kill Calon Arang. He can only do this by grabbing Calon Arang's magic book of spells.

Wedawati: The daughter of Empu Baradah, leaving her home and settling at her mother's tomb next to the temple of death, Pura Dalem, where Durga reigns. From here, she helps those affected by Calon Arang's curses.

Bahula: Empu Baradah's disciple who marries Ratna Manggali to get Ratna to take the mother's book of spells, which he gives to Empu Baradah, who can then kill Calon Arang. After a while Calon Arang is reborn, and meeting the patriarchy again her rage grows and she seeks to become a witch once again.

1. Calon Arang Becomes Matah Gede.

2. Calon Arang Gives Births to Ratna Menggali.

3. Raja Erlangga.

4. Empu Baradah.

5. Evil is Ravaging the Land. The King is Marching.

6. Calon Arang and Her Disciples Ask the Goddess Durga for Help. Calon Arang Becomes Rangda.

7. Wedawati.

8. Ratna Manggali is Married to Bahula.

9. Bahula Gets Hold of Calon Arang's Book of Spells.

10. Calon Arang is Attacked by Empu Baradah.

11. Calon Arang Looses Her Power.

12. Calon Arang is Killed.

13. Calon Arang is Reborn. The Wrath Grows.

