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I Gede Oka Artha Negara is an accomplished composer, choreographer, dancer, and musician from Bali, Indonesia. He joined Gamelan Sekar Jaya in the United States as their Guest Music Director for their 2010 Spring season. As part of his residency, he was also a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Balinese music program.

He was the Associate Artistic Director and a leading performer in Gamelan Suar Agung from 1992-2010. Gamelan Suar Agung is acknowledged as one of the finest and most influential jegog ensembles in Bali. He is a graduate of ISI Denpasar (Bali's National Academy of the Arts) where he studied music composition and dance.

Gede Oka began studying Balinese performing arts as a child in West Bali in the village of Sangkaragung, Negara under the tutelage of his father, I Ketut Suwentra, a renowned artist and the found and director of Suar Agung. He also has been training in Balinese dance since the age of 5 years old.

Gede Oka has led Suar Agung to prominent festivals throughout Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

EXPERIENCE

- 1989-1991 : Marching Band, Denpasar
- 1998 : Suar Agung opens the World Cup (*France*)
- 1990 : Suar Agung/Associate Director
- 1992 : Dance and Music Collaboration with Bunkamura, Japan Artist Association
- 1992 : Ganesha Dance Group, Denpasar
- 1994-2001 : Japanese Tour Guide, Sari Tours (Bali, Indonesia)
- 1996-2002 : Manager, Jineng Business Center / Internet, Email, Fax (Bali, Indonesia)
- 2003-2007 : Institut Seni Indoensia, Denpasar (Bali's National Arts Academy Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Music and Composition)
- 2003-2004 : Faculty Advisor for the Music and Arts Department at ISI Denpasar (Bali National Arts Academy)
- 2007 : Teaching gamelan Jegog to international scholarship students at ISI (Bali's National Academy)
- 2010 : Guest Music Director, Gamelan Sekar Jaya (Oakland, CA)
- 2010 : Guest teacher at UC Berkeley's Balinese music and dance class
- 2011-present : Teaching Assistant, UCSC Balinese Gamelan Class (Santa Cruz, CA)

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- 2011-present : Guest Artist & Composer, Gamelan Anak Swarasanti (Santa Cruz, CA)
- July 2012 : Music Instructor, Yong Siew Toh Conservatory (Bali, Indonesia)
- Fall 2013 : Drum Accompanist “Artist in Residence”, University of California (Santa Cruz)
- 2013 : TA/Gamelan Accompanist for Gamelan Class University of California (Santa Cruz)
- 2014 : TA/Gamelan Accompanist for Gamelan Class University of California (Santa Cruz)

TOURS

- 1994 : Balinese Dance in Bangkok, *Thailand*
- 1993 : Balinese Dance with the Yuskumara Foundation in *Singapore*
- 1990-2009 : Various tours to *Japan* with Suar Agung
- 2008 : Opening Performance for *World Cup, France*
- 2007 : International Gamelan Festival *Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- 2005 : Premier of New Composition at Megalitikum Kuantum, *Jakarta, Indonesia*
- 2010 : Joins GSJ as Guest Music Director for Gamelan Sekar Jaya’s Spring 2010 CA USA
- 2011 : Dance for Song Of Dharma Group