

RupLoops is an interactive, live looping performance, using vocal percussion, rhythmic rhymes and an arsenal of eclectic instruments from around the globe. Rup utilizes his diverse skills as a musician to create a pulsating, entertaining and engaging musical experience. He is a gifted educator and performer and has a deep passion for intercultural work and intercultural sounds. RupLoops' show will take you on a journey of sound exploring anatomy, geography and culture. With a mix of hip-hop and global sounds, RupLoops' tunes into themes of home, identity, culture, justice, dignity and celebration.

Rup Sidhu is an interdisciplinary artist, musician, producer and composer. Inspired by folk and classical forms of music from around the world, his musical expressions range from groove oriented hip hop beats, to contemporary fusions of classical ragas; scores for the National Film Board of Canada and remixes of vintage bollywood tunes, to original compositions for dance and theatre productions. Rup has facilitated and taught musical programs in universities, public schools, youth prisons, and communities throughout Canada, USA, UK, and India. Rup has produced fourteen albums with emerging artists, including Shane Koyzan's debut release *American Pie*. Current collaborative projects include: Aluma Sound, Jhalaak and Ruby Singh and the Future Ancestors.

Rup has shared stages with Fred Penner, Raffi, DubFX, Tanya Tagaq, Shane Koyzan, Delhi2Dublin and Michael Franti to name a few. Performance highlights include the Jaipur Literature Festival (Jaipur, India), Fusion Festival (Berlin, Germany), Vancouver Folk Music Festival, Oregon Country Fair (Eugene, USA), Calgary International Folk Festival, The Aga Khan Museum (Toronto, Canada), World Body Percussion Festival (Toronto, Canada), Globalquerque (New Mexico, USA), Vancouver International Jazz Festival, Indian Summer Festival (Vancouver, Canada), Mehndi, Masala, Musti (Toronto, Canada), Stern Grove Festival (San Francisco, USA), Shambhala Music Festival (Canada), Vancouver International Children's Festival, Vancouver International Storytelling Festival, New Forms Festival (Vancouver, Canada), Fete de la Musique (Berlin, Germany).

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