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The Gending "Gorompol" in the Sundanese Wayang Golek Purwa Performance: Analysis of Structure and Function

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E-mail: ridkymarsel@upi.edu Abstract: Gorompol is one of the sekar-gending repertoires that plays a significant role in Sundanese wayang golek purwa performances, particularly in the scenes of cabut kayon/gunungan, ibingan wayang, and murwa dalang. This study aims to examine the role, structure, and musical complexity of Gorompol within the context of wayang golek performances. The research employs content analysis with data collected through direct observation, audio-visual documentation, and interviews with both puppeteers (dalang) and musicians (wiyaga). The findings reveal that Gorompol is a distinctive piece commonly performed during daytime performances, characterized by a concise yet intricate musical structure. Its complexity is reflected in the flexibility of combining salendro and madenda laras systems during the murwa scene, the dynamic interaction among the puppeteer, musicians, singers (sinden), and vocal exclamations (alok), as well as the tightly regulated structural patterns despite its function as accompanying music. These findings highlight that Gorompol is not merely background music but a medium of expression that enhances the dramaturgy of the performance. The relevance of this study to contemporary performing arts lies in how Gorompol exemplifies collective creativity in preserving traditional continuity while simultaneously opening pathways for musical innovation in modern performance practices.

Keywords: gamelan, gending gorompol, padalangan, Sundanese karawitan, Sundanese wayang golek purwa

1. INTRODUCTION

Wayang is an integral part of Indonesian culture, especially in West Java, whose existence has been recorded since the royal period. In its historical development, wayang in West Java has two main functions in the form of performances, namely as entertainment and as a ritual medium known as ruwatan (Yahya, 2007). For the people of West Java, except for Cirebon and Indramayu, the term wayang purwa is better known as wayang golek. In Cirebon and Indramayu, besides wayang golek, there are also other forms of pawayangan art such as wayang golek cepak and wayang kulit purwa (Atiek Soepandi, 1984).

Wayang golek purwa Sunda is a performance art that uses carved wooden puppets to resemble humans. The term "golek" itself refers to the wooden puppet that is the main element in this performance (Foley, 2021; Kasidi Hadiprayitno, 2017). According to Sulaksono, (2013), etymologically, the word "wayang" comes from word "bayang" which means shadow or symbolic representation of humans in the performance. Therefore, wayang made of wood is called wayang golek while wayang made of leather is called wayang kulit (M. A Salmun, 1961; Maulana et al., 2025). Every performance cannot be separated from many



supporting elements. One of the most prominent is music, because music has a big role as a support in wayang golek purwa performances.

The musical repertoire in Sundanese karawitan is classified into three categories, namely karawitan Sekar, karawitan Gending, dan karawitan Sekar-Gending (Iwan Natapraja, 2003; Kusumadinata, 1989; Soepandi, 1976). The diversity of the social and cultural environment of Sundanese society creates variations in karawitan, both musically and in terms of presentation (Cahya, 2017; Foley, 2020). In the context of performing arts, Wayang Golek is categorized as part of karawitan Sekar-Gending, a musical form that combines sekar (vocal) and gending (instrumental) elements together (Akbar et al., 2023; Foley, 2005). The interaction of these two elements has complementary functions and roles in building the musical structure (Kusumadinata, 1969; Maulana & Sutanto, 2024).

The main instrument used in the presentation of Sundanese karawitan, especially in Wayang Golek, is gamelan saléndro, which is one of the gamelan instruments found in Sundanese karawitan. The presentation of gamelan saléndro in Sundanese music has its own uniqueness that is not found in other music, namely there are differences in pelarasan between the gamelan used and the song that the pasinden (vocalist), which reflects the complexity of aesthetics in the Sundanese musical tradition (Maulana & Romadlana, 2025; Saepudin, 2015).

Gamelan music or gending plays a major role in shaping the dramatic structure and aesthetics of Wayang Golek Purwa performances. These gending are known as Sejak Padalangan, which is a collection of sekar-gending that is an important and inseparable aspect of the art of padalangan (Atik Soepandi, 1998; Marsel Ridky Maulana, 2024). Examples of musical accompaniment (gending pirigan) that are often used in wayang golek performances include Gending Kawitan, Pawitan, Gorompol, Gunung Sari, Sungsang, Kastawa, and Bendra (Sopandi, 2015; Weintraub, 2001).

The repertoire of wayang golek purwa can be classified into several categories, namely Gending Tatalu, Gending Bubuka Jejer, Badayaan, Kakawen, Nyandra, Antawacana, Haleuang Tokoh, Gending Pasebanan, Ayak-ayakan, Gending Lagu Jalan, Pagedogan, Gending Sampak, and Gending Panutup. Each category has a distinctive function and role in the presentation of wayana aolek performances. For example, Gendina Bubuka serves as the opening of the performance, which generally uses a musical called composition "Karatagan". Gending Buka accompanies the appearance of the characters in the first scene. Kakawen which is the dalang's singing in the scene of a wayang golek show that uses kawi language in describing the state of the scene being played, Nyandra which is a Prologue delivered by the dalang which contains telling certain scenes (Ningsih, 2023).

There are a number of previous studies that have examined the phenomenon of Wayang Golek performances from various perspectives. Fauzi & Bahari, (2023), in a study entitled "Wayang Golek Performance as One of the Varieties of Padalangan Art in Java" highlighted the cultural meaning and symbolism in this performance and its impact on society. The results of this study show that Wayang Golek not only functions as entertainment, but also as a medium for conveying moral values, virtues, and noble philosophies through the distinctive characteristics of the dalang.



The impact is not only limited to the cultural aspect, but also affects the social, political, economic and religious dimensions.

Meanwhile, a study conducted by Agisfi & Rabbil, (2023), in a study entitled "Analysis of Wayang Golek Performances in West Java", discussed cultural inheritance strategies and the role of Wayang Golek as a development communication tool in the region. This research reveals how wayang performances are used to deliver development programs through a traditional communication approach. In addition, the study also developed a learning method to understand the characters and songs in Wayang Golek performances. The findings show that this art remains relevant as a medium of cultural preservation and a strategic communication tool through various conservation, reinterpretation and revitalization initiatives.

A further study conducted by Gunawan et al., (2016), in his study entitled "Structural Transformation of Sundanese Wayang Golek Performance", examined changes in Sundanese Wayang Golek performances, focusing on the Wayang Golek "Panca Komara" and Wayang Golek Rampak Dalang groups in Karawang, West Java. The results of this study show that the transformation in Wayang Golek performances includes reconstruction, decomposition, renovation, revitalization, and improvisation that integrates new values due to social change and the times.

Although there have been many studies on Wayang Golek that focus on contextual phenomena, studies that highlight musical (textual) aspects are still very limited. This is despite the fact that the analysis of musical phenomena has a crucial significance in the development of the artistic aspects of a work. Musical studies can be conducted through structural analysis of musical elements in a composition.

According to Tabuena, (2018) and Vlahopol, (2019) music analysis plays an important role in deepening understanding of a musical work, broadening insight into musical elements, and increasing appreciation for various types of music. Through this analysis one can understand the structure, style, and intrinsic meaning contained in a musical composition. Friberg et al., (2011) assert that musical studies enable the identification of unique characteristics in a work, such as melody, rhythm, harmony, dynamics, form, timbre, and texture.

Furthermore, musical analysis not only contributes to the strengthening of more critical listening skills but also deepens the understanding of the historical and cultural context in which a work was created. Thus, this study not only serves as an interpretive tool but also plays a role in the development of music pedagogy as well as innovation in the creation of new works that are more oriented towards complex and aesthetic musical exploration.

Gending Gorompol in Wayang Golek performances has interesting characteristics, especially in its structure and function. Wayang Golek Purwa performances are usually presented during the day and at night, but gending gorompol is specifically played in Wayang Golek performances held during the day, because gending gorompol has a proportional duration that is neither too short nor too long. In the performance structure, gending Gorompol is played after the opening gending "Karatagan" following the Sundanese padalangan performance structure. If studied based on the song group, gending Gorompol belongs to the Sekar Ageung or Lagu Gedé group with an gending form known as Lalamba (Suparli, 2010).



Sekar ageung is a form of vocal and instrumental composition that has a long and complex structure. The presentation of Sekar Ageung music has a high level of difficulty, the term Sekar Ageung or some call it Lagu Gedé is well known, especially among academics, and Sekar Ageung music is often used as a benchmark to assess the expertise of a wiyaga (musician) and a Sinden (vocalist) (Endah Irawan, RM Soedarsono, 2014).

Gending Lalamba is a type of gending that has a very diverse number of kenongan in one period, ranging from 6 kenongan (five kenongan tones and one goongan) to 12 kenongan (eleven kenongan tones and one goongan). In the gending Lalamba form, the tone of the kenongan usually falls on every 16th beat, and sometimes on the 8th beat as well. This pattern can be recognized through the song phrases sung by the sekar/song or through the rebab instrument. For example, consider the following form of gending Lalamba which consists of 6 kenongan (Suparli, 2010).

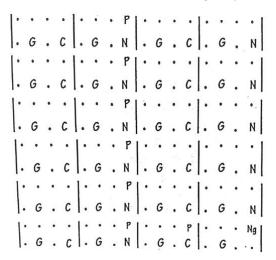


Figure 1. The form of *gending Lalamba* consisting of 6 kenongan is denoted by the letters N (kenongan) and NG (goongan) (Suparli, 2010).

Gending "Gorompol" in Sejak Padalangan is certainly different in presentation from Sejak Kliningan (Ghaniyah, 2019). According to Suparli, (2019), in Sejak Padalangan, gending Gorompol has a very important role considering that not all gending can be used in wayang golek performances. The selection of the music to be played considers the dramatic aspects and structure of the performance. However, gending Gorompol is one of the repertoires that acts as an opening element in wayang golek performances (Dedy Hernawan, 2005; Supriatna & Sutanto, 2010).

Based on in-depth observations made by the author through appreciation experiences both by watching live and listening to various recordings, an interesting phenomenon was found related to the variation of musical characteristics in the presentation of Sekar-Gending Gorompol. The complexity of musical structures and roles in the context of wayang golek purwa presentation still presents challenges in understanding the aspects of the gending. In addition, the lack of academic studies that systematically analyze musical phenomena in Sekar-Gending Gorompol has resulted in limited written references. Therefore, this research was conducted as an effort to build knowledge and enrich the scientific treasure, especially in the field of Sundanese karawitan.



2. METHODS

This research uses the content analysis method, a systematic approach to understanding text and verbal data by identifying patterns, themes, and meanings contained therein. This method helps in classifying, interpreting, and organizing qualitative data in a structured way, so that the implied message in the object of study can be revealed more clearly (Krippendorff, 2019).

Content analysis is used to examine the musical phenomena in sekar-gending Gorompol through the study of various documents, such as audiovisual recordings and documented music notations. This approach allows researchers to extract in-depth information from audio documents, including the identification of instruments used, musical structure, genre characteristics, melodic and harmonic aspects, emotional projection, and the presentation style and skill level of the musicians involved (Burred et al., 2008).

This research was conducted for two months, from March to April 2025. The research location focused on two main institutions that are the source of study and practice of wayang golek purwa art, namely the Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI) Bandung and the Institut Seni Budaya Indonesia (ISBI) Bandung. In addition, field studies were also conducted through direct observation of activities and performances by the Putu Giri Harja 2 Wayang Golek Group located in Bandung, West Java. This group was chosen because in their performances they often present the gending "Gorompol".

To make the analysis richer and more comprehensive, this study also combined observation and interviews as qualitative data collection strategies (Ratnaningtyas, 2022). Observations were conducted during various wayang golek performances, while indepth interviews were conducted with Adhi Khontea Kosasih Sunarya, a dalang, and Nana Sukarna, a maestro and practitioner, both of whom have empirical experience presenting sekar-gending Gorompol in wayang golek performances. In addition, relevant literature was also reviewed to strengthen the theoretical basis of this research.

To ensure the validity and credibility of the data obtained, this research applied source triangulation and technique triangulation techniques. Source triangulation was conducted by comparing data from interviews, observations, as well as written and audiovisual documents that had been analysed. Meanwhile, technical triangulation was carried out by using several data collection techniques, namely direct observation, in-depth interviews, and documentation studies, each of which provides a different perspective on the same object. Thus, the truth of the findings can be checked cross-methodically and cross-source (Sukmadinata, 2017).

In addition, this research also conducted intertextual corroboration of relevant literature, both from local and international academic references, to strengthen the analysis of the musical structure, aesthetics, and role of gending "Gorompol" in wayang golek purwa performances. The whole process of data analysis was conducted inductively, starting from data collection, coding, categorisation, to drawing meaning through contextual interpretation of field findings. Therefore, this approach allows researchers to reveal the depth of meaning contained in the musical presentation of gending "Gorompol" not only as a form of artistic expression, but also as part of cultural construction in the Sundanese padalangan tradition.



3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Result

Gending Gorompol is one of the sekar-gending compositions, which in Sundanese karawitan, sekar-gending is a work of art that combines the sounds of musical instruments with vocals to form a complete composition. Gending Gorompol is often used in wayang golek performances, especially in performances held during the day. Although there are some dalang who perform it at night, in practice Gending Gorompol is more often presented in matinee performances. The Gending has been widely known to the public since around 1995, when a phenomenal dalang named Dede Amung Sutarya performed it and made it popular through his performances.

Based on an interview with Nana Sukarna (interview, March 2025), a maestro and artist from Bandung Barat Regency, West Java, Indonesia, gending Gorompol initially did not have any specific pakem or rules in its presentation. However, due to the great influence of Dalang Dede Amung Sutarya, this song was later adopted by various other artists and dalang in wayang golek performances, especially in performances presented during the daytime. Thus, the use of gending Gorompol is more flexible and based on the needs of the performance, not as part of the standard rules or pakem in padalangan wayang golek arts. This shows that innovation and personal influence in traditional art can shape the way certain aspects of the performance are used, even though there are no standard rules or pakem that govern them.

Nana Sukarna (interview, March 2025) reiterates that gending Gorompol is one of the musical elements that is often used in wayang golek performances, especially during the day, because its musical character is easy to memorize. The musical structure of this song is relatively simple with periods that are not too long and not too short, making it easier for gamelan players and dalang to use it in various scenes, especially in the murwa dalang scene. In addition, according to Nana Sukarna (interview, March 2025), compared to other accompanying gendings such as Renggong Coyor, Paksi Tuwung, and Renggong Bandung, Gending Gorompol is known to have a higher level of popularity in wayang golek performances presented during the day. This popularity is related to the ease with which the gending/song can be adapted to various settings and performance needs, so it is often the first choice of dalang and artists in accompanying daytime wayang golek performances.

In wayang golek performances, the gending "Gorompol" is one of the gending jejer ngawitan, which is an opening song that is usually played to open a scene in a wayang golek performance. This gending jejer ngawitan has an important function as a marker of the beginning of the wayang golek performance. This is reinforced by the statement of dalang Adhi Khontea Kosasih Sunarya in an interview conducted in March 2025. He explained that, "Gending jejer ngawitan usually uses a type of song family in Sundanese karawitan known as sekar ageung or lagu gedé, which is usually used to open the initial scene, such as gending "Kawitan" which is often used in night performances. However, if the performance is held during the day, the gending jejer ngawitan used is usually the gending "Gorompol".

Gending "Gorompol" is the second opening and accompanying music in the murwa dalang scene. This means that



it is played during Jejer Ngawitan, the first scene in a Wayang Golek Purwa performance after the first opening music called "Karatagan". After the "Karatagan" is finished, the dalang plays the cempala and kecrek which characterize the continuation of the performance. Then the performance continues with the gending "Gorompol", usually in practice this gending begins with a composition performed by the saron or gambang instruments. At the beginning, the saron or gambang plays a short, characteristic melody, which in Sundanese karawitan is called Pangkat. In the context of Sundanese karawitan, pangkat is a sound composition that marks the beginning of a piece of music, and always ends with the sound of a gong instrument. Here is the arkuh/notation of the gending gorompol that is often presented in wayang golek performances.

Gorompol

Laras : Salendro		Irama: Khusus
Pangkat	 02 15 4 4 1	NG 1 43 5 2 2 21 2
1	PN 4	1 ^N 3
1	PN 4	5 2
N 1	PN 3	5 1
N 4	PN 3	4 5
N 3	PN 4	5 1
N	PN 3	P NG 2

Figure 2. Arkuh/notation of the gending gorompol (Source: Upandi and Hadi, 2011).

The notations in Figure 1 show the falling tones (nada iatuhan) and destination tones (nada tujuan) that make up the gending pattern. The main melody is usually played by instruments that function as the support of the song framework (balunganing gending) such as saron, peking, demung, bonang, rincik and gambang which in Sundanese karawitan is known as Amardawa Lagu, the kendang instrument functions as a rhythm regulator in Sundanese karawitan terms known as Anceran Wirahma, while the rebab instruments, sinden (female singers) and alok (male singers) function as melody accompaniment which in Sundanese karawitan terms known as Pamurba Lagu. All of these instruments are played with various variations in their playing. The falling tone (nada jatuhan) is sounded by certain instruments such as kenong or jenglong, according to their time and position in the song structure. To embellish the main melody, the rebab instrument adds typical ornaments that follow the melody, so that the overall sound that is heard forms a musical texture that is figurative (Atik Soepandi, 1975).



The performance continues with the Cabut Kayon/Gunungan scene. This section is instrumental, meaning that it only features music without being accompanied by the voices of sinden (female singers) or alok (male singers). At this time, the Gunungan or Kayon is pulled out of the jagat/pakeliran as a sign of the beginning of the lakon. It is in this part of the cabut kayon/gunungan that the author tries to analyze the musical structure based on the arkuh (song notation) or what is known in Sundanese karawitan terms as balunganing gending, as well as its tempo fluctuations. The analysis can be seen in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Fluctuating tempo changes in the "Cabut Kayon/Gunungan" scene.

	Gending Structure	Tempo Contour
1	4 1 3	
1	4 5 2	
1	3 5 1	
4	3 4 5	
3	4 5 1	

In the first four bars (see Table 1), the tempo is still stable and shows no change in tempo. Entering the next four bars, the tempo begins to rise. Usually this section is used when the Gunungan or Kayon is removed from the Pakeliran or Jagat, as a sign of the beginning of the dalang's action. Here the tempo changes begin to fluctuate, moving from slow, then fast, then back to slow. The next four bars the dalang moves the Gunungan/Kayon with a similar tempo contour, until the Gunungan/Kayon is no longer visible from the Pakeliran/Jagat. The next four bars after the Gunungan/Kayon is gone from the Pakeliran/Jagat, the tempo slows down again, indicating an empty Pakeliran/Jagat. Only then does the tempo change again when the first wayang character begins to enter the jagat/pakeliran.



Figure 3. Image of kayon/gunungan (left) and jagat/pakeliran (right) used in wayang golek purwa performances (Source: Internet).

During the cabut kayon/gunungan scene, the tempo fluctuations change spontaneously depending on the communication between the dalang and the kendang player. However, both the kendang player and the dalang know which part of the movement should be faster and which part should be slower. All these fluctuating tempo changes must be followed by the other Wiyaga (Musicians). Because of these fluctuating tempo changes, sinden and alok do not sing in the cabut kayon/gunungan scene. This is not only because it is difficult to do,



but also so that the music can focus on the accentuation of each movement. However, when the first wayang character enters, the sinden sings the song "Gorompol". In the scene where the wayang character enters, known as ibingan wayang, the sinden and alok sing a song based on the musical form of "Gorompol" with a tempo that changes based on the interaction between the kendang player and the dalang's ibingan wayang. The basic vocal melody of the song is illustrated below in Figure 3.

Notation of Sekar/Song "Gorompol"

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Figure 4. Notation of sekar/song "Gorompol" (Source: Marsel Ridky Maulana).

There are interesting things in Alok's presentation. Alok's singing style tends to use repercussion and recitative techniques, a way of singing that is more like a speaking style, where each syllable is pronounced in one tone. In practice, Alok can improvise when singing, as long as the notes produced still follow the tonal structure in the gending/song.

Lyrics or in Sundanese karawitan call it the term rumpaka. The use of lyrics or rumpaka is actually not absolute or standardized as the author transcribes. In practice, the selection of lyrics/rumpaka is highly dependent on the creativity and choice of each sinden or alok. However, from the author's observations of recordings of wayang golek performances led by the famous dalang Asep Sunandar Sunarya, an interesting phenomenon was found: the lyrics performed by sinden and alok actually contain wejangan or advice that invites the audience to continue to preserve Sundanese art, especially the art of Sundanese wayang golek purwa. To clarify the form of wejangan or advice, both from sinden and alok, the author presents the structure of the song verse as an example in the following section.



Table 2. Forms of advice in the Sundanese language in the song "Gorompol".

Sinden:	Haturan Wilujeng Tepang
	Kasadaya Kaum Dangu
	Ti Kempelan Seni Sunda
	Nyanggakeun Silaturahmi
	Seni Sunda Anu Asli
	Nu Wajib Di Pusti-Pusti
	Mangga Urang Sami Raksa
	Sangkan Ngajadi Utami
Alok:	Wayang Teh Seni Tradisi
	Mangkana Ka Luli-Luli
	Anggur Mah Geura Pupusti
	Ngan Omat Tong Di Pigusti

The lyrics in the song "Gorompol" sung by Sinden and Alok use Sundanese language and have a connection that supports each other or strengthens the verbal language information to be conveyed. The lyrics/Rumpaka are essentially an invitation to continue to preserve the art of Sundanese Wayang Golek Purwa and pass it on to the next generation. More than just entertainment, this wayang golek art is also a means to strengthen the relationship and brotherhood, and become a spectacle that is rich in guidance towards good values for the audience. Overall, the presentation of the song "Gorompol" in the ibingan wayang scene contains three layers of information that can be enjoyed simultaneously: first, the musical language that builds the atmosphere; second, the verbal language through song lyrics that contain cultural messages; and third, the language of movement displayed through dance and wayang movements in the ibingan wayang scene.

Still in the gending "Gorompol", after completing the ibingan wayang scene, the dalang begins to tell the story using a verbal language known as Murwa. According to dalang Adhi Khontea Kosasih Sunarya (interview, March 2025), Murwa is the opening part of the story or in Sundanese terms called ngamimitian. It is in the form of poems or sekaran chanted by the dalang at the beginning of the scene to describe the atmosphere and situation in the story or lakon. Usually, Murwa is pronounced in Kawi language. In Murwa performances, it is delivered recitatively, which is a combination of speaking and singing. The Dalang does not only use one tone, but can switch between tones in Sundanese karawitan terms called surupan in order to build character and express emotions in accordance with the character being performed. For example, Murwa usually begins after the final phrase of the gending, right after the gong sounds to mark the end of the gending. Since the final tone of the gong in "Gorompol" is tone 2 (Mi), the tone of the Murwa chanted by the dalang will also be adjusted to the same tone of tone 2 (Mi), as shown in the following notation.

Murwa Dalang on the song "Gorompol"

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Figure 5. Murwa dalang on the song "Gorompol" (Source: Marsel Ridky Maulana).

When the dalang presents the murwa, this is where his creativity really shows. Especially for dalang who have a sensitivity to tone, which in Sundanese karawitan terms is called laras, in their presentation dalang usually utilize two types of laras. Usually the murwa begins in laras salendro, then after reaching the final phrase of the gending and just after the gong instrument sounds, the dalang continues the murwa in laras madenda, as shown in the notation in Figure 4. However, in practice there are also some dalang who choose to use only one laras throughout the murwa.

This is where the uniqueness lies: although the gamelan played by the wiyaga (musicians) uses the laras salendro, but for dalang who have sensitivity to tone/laras, the dalang can still present murwa by combining the two laras, namely salendro and madenda. Interestingly, after the author examines and transcribes it, it turns out that in the murwa section of the laras madenda, not only one surupan of the laras madenda is used, but there are three surupan used, including surupan madenda 4: Tugu, madenda 4: Panelu, madenda 4: Singgul. According to dalang Adhi Khontea Kosasih Sunarya (interview, March 2025), the technique used in this scene is called murwa haleuang, which is a way of presenting murwa with singing techniques or in Sundanese language known as dihaleuangkeun (sung). For more details, the author presents the structure of the dalang's murwa and its falling tones (nada jatuhan) in the gending "Gorompol".

Table 3. The structure of the murwa dalang and its falling tones (nada jatuhan) in "Gorompol".

Falling Tones/Tumbuk Tones	Murwa Laras Salendro and Murwa Laras Madenda	Description
1 4	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu . 02 11 1 1 15 123 3 Kas ma-ran res Mi ning dang -ding Laras Madenda 4:Tugu and Madenda 4:Panelu Madenda 4: Panelu	Murwa falls/tumbuk on note 3 (Na) for Salendro while Madenda falls/tumbuk on note 4 (Ti) due to a
	. 05 44 4 .2 21 123 4 Kas ma-ran res mi ning dang -ding	change in Surupan or a change in Laras.

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	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu	Murwa falls/tumbuk
5 1	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	on note 1 (Da) for Salendro while
	A ling-a ling Ka sus sas tran	Madenda
	Laras Madenda 4:Tugu	falls/tumbuk on
	. 05 432 345 43 34 4	note 4 (Ti) due to a
	A ling-a ling Ka sus sas tran	change in Surupan
		or a change in Laras.
1 4	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu	Murwa falls/tumbuk
1 3		on note 3 (Na) for
	. 04 43 45 .1 5 45 43 Wi rah-ma -ning Gen ding ki la	Salendro while
	Laras Madenda 4:Tugu and Madenda 4:Panelu	Madenda falla (turnah ula ara
	Madenda 4: Panelu	falls/tumbuk on note 4 (Ti) due to a
	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	change in Surupan
	Wi rah-ma -ning Gen ding ki la	or a change in
		Laras.
4 3	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu	Murwa falls/tumbuk
4 5	. 05 443 45 .1 54 45 5	on note 5 (La) for Salendro while
	Ri neng-ka ning Wa ca na	Madenda
	Laras Madenda 4:Singgul	falls/tumbuk on
	Madenda 4: Singgul	note 4 (Ti) due to a
	Ri neng-ka ning Wa ca na	change in Surupan or a change in
		Laras.
3 4	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu	Murwa falls/tumbuk
5 1	. 0 43 3 .44 45 43 451	on note 1 (Da) for
	Di-si puh Ku-se kar pu puh	Salendro while Madenda
	Laras Madenda 4: Singgul	falls/tumbuk on
	Madenda 4: Singgul Madenda 4: Singgul	note 5 (La) due to a
	. 0 32 2 .33 34 32 345 Di-si puh Ku-se kar pu puh	change in Surupan
	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	or a change in
1 3	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu	Laras. Murwa falls/tumbuk
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	Laras Salendro 1:Tugu . 02 1.5 5 5 15 51 1 Jem bar-ko ma ra ning Sun da	Murwa falls/tumbuk on note 1 (Da) for Salendro while
	. 02 1.5 5 5 15 51 1 Jem bar-ko ma ra ning Sun da	Murwa falls/tumbuk on note 1 (Da) for Salendro while Madenda
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Nana Sukarna revealed (interview, March 2025) that in the murwa scene accompanied by Gending "Gorompol", a musical phenomenon emerges that shows how the instruments in the Sundanese gamelan interact with each other cohesively. One of the most striking things is the change in musical dynamics from loud to softer which creates a calm atmosphere, very supportive of the dalang's speech style during the murwa scene.

The three main instruments that stand out in this scene are the rebab, kendang and gambang. They not only act as accompaniment, but also form a rich pattern of musical communication that responds to each other. When played by experienced artists, the interaction between these three instruments is alive. For example, a kendang instrument's playing pattern, which initially uses a slow rhythm known in Sundanese karawitan as samyong, can suddenly change to a faster rhythm, known in Sundanese karawitan as mincid or rangkep. This shift is immediately responded to by the gambang instrument, which also adjusts its playing technique: from the rhythmic cacagan to the more melodic and complex carukan. As a result, the texture of the music becomes more dynamic and diverse. The Rebab instrument also plays an important role in shaping the atmosphere. He often improvises in a free style, such as switching the laras and surupan from salendro to madenda. This change of tone color encourages other instruments such as the kendang and gambang instruments to adjust the tempo and rhythmic character to stay in tune. These phenomena show how flexible the murwa scene is, with each instrument listening and responding to each other to produce a harmonious musical unity.

The murwa continues. After reaching the final phrase in the music and the gong instrument sounds, in the next Murwa section the Dalang continues with Murwa Galantang, this Murwa is not fixed by music or song, the most important thing is that this Murwa Galantang must fit, right at the end of the music when the gong sounds. In this Murwa, the language spoken is mixed between Kawi and Sundanese. During this section, it depends on the interpretation or presentation of the dalang, because it is flexible, it can be performed firmly or softly depending on the dalang's presentation of a story or play. The following is the murwa galantang poem used by the dalang.

Banglus Lampahipun, Gentra Bubukaning Catur Ngaguar Hiji Carita, Dina Lalampahan Pawayangan Wayang Nu Ngandung Perlambang, Perlambang Hirup Manusa Dina Bab Lakon Wayang Ngaguar Insan Di Dunya Siloka Di Pawenangan, Bacaeun Insan Di Dunya

The meaning of each vocabulary in Murwa Haleuang and Murwa Galantang can be interpreted differently by each dalang. However, both the dalang and the audience understand that Murwa Haleuang and Murwa Galantang are an important part of the opening scene of the story/lakon in the performance. This shows that the understanding of the Kawi language in the context of Sundanese wayang golek purwa is not only based on the literal or linguistic meaning, but rather the result of traditions passed down from generation to generation.

After completing the Murwa above, at the end the dalang usually performs it with dihaleuangkeun (singing) as a sign that the Murwa is finished and the music reaches the last gong. When the Murwa is finished, the dalang usually signals with Cempala and



Kecrek. Their sound serves as an important marker in the wayang golek musical structure to mark the end of the Murwa scene and to provide accents that strengthen the dynamics of the performance. It is also a signal that the performance is about to enter the main part of the story.

3.2 Discussion

From the description of the findings above, it can be seen that the structure of the gending "Gorompol" has a complex structure. Therefore, "Gorompol" is categorized as a type of gending sekar ageung (lagu gedé) (Endah Irawan, RM Soedarsono, 2014; Suparli, 2010). The complexity of the music can also be seen in various aspects, such as fluctuating tempo changes and complex rhythms full of accents and syncopations, especially during the scene of cabut kayon/gunungan and ibingan wayang, on the other hand there are also parts with a very slow tempo.

There are many interesting forms of communication between the wiyaga (musicians), alok, sinden and dalang. Overall, musical communication is led by two figures, the kendang player and the dalang. For example, when the gending "Gorompol" is first started the saron or gambang player must wait for a signal from the dalang through the sounds of kecrek and cempala. After the music begins, the tempo is controlled by the kendang player. Furthermore, when the cabut kayon/gunungan scene begins, the kendang player must follow the dalang's instructions which will show tempo fluctuations based on the speed of the kayon/gunungan movement. That is the principle of communication which basically means that when there is no scene the tempo is controlled by the kendang player, but when there is an ibingan wayang scene the dalang takes over to lead the tempo movement based on the wayang movement which must be seen by the kendang player who becomes the tempo reference for the other wiyaga. These tempo changes are done spontaneously or improvisationally so that tempo fluctuations can vary in each performance.

During the Murwa scene, sentences in Kawi or Sundanese language are performed by singing and speaking. So musically, it has principles such as impact, namely notes 1 (Da), 3 (Na), 4 (Ti) and 5 (La) that appear in addition to the final note, namely note 2 (Mi) with a recitative-style rhythmic contour. In this section, although the dalang focuses on performing the murwa, he must know when to enter and when to stop and what tone to aim for based on the form of the music. Thus, the dalang must know the beat and the falling tone (nada jatuhan) of the gending "Gorompol" (Atiek Soepandi, 1984; Atiek Soepandi, 1998).

4. CONCLUSION

The Sekar-gending Gorompol holds a significant role in the performance of Sundanese wayang golek purwa, characterized by its complex musical structure in which each section contributes uniquely to the depth of musical expression. Far beyond its function as mere accompaniment, Gorompol serves as a musical foundation that supports crucial moments in the performance, such as the removal of the kayon/gunungan, dance sequences (ibingan wayang), and the dalang's narrative opening (murwa). Its distinctive tempo, the dynamic interaction among the wiyaga (musicians), sinden, alok, and dalang, as well as its lyrical content filled with moral reflections, demonstrate its profound artistic and philosophical significance.



The contribution of this study lies in highlighting the dual function of Gorompol as both a musical medium and a vehicle of cultural values thereby affirming that music in Sundanese wayang golek purwa transcends entertainment. It operates as a cultural instrument that shapes the collective identity of Sundanese society. Through this gending, music emerges as a space of aesthetic expression, a medium of symbolic communication, and an educational channel that reinforces the continuity of tradition. Accordingly, this research underscores the pivotal role of traditional music in sustaining, reproducing, and actualizing Sundanese cultural identity within the dynamics of contemporary change.

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The first author's contribution is to initiate research and conduct observations and interviews, data processing, and conduct literature studies related to the topic to be written. Then the second to fifth authors carry out the data analysis process, and the five researchers divide the task of describing the findings and discussion.

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