

R A D J A P A L AA Legend of a Balinese Dance.

"Radjapala" is a new creation of a Balinese dance-drama performed by a group of people, depicting the story of a lucky hunter named Radjapala. The dance and the accompanying music were composed 14 years ago by two well-known Balinese dancers, Njoman Ridet and Wajan Bindi.

The first act shows Radjapala becoming exhausted from a long unsuccessful hunting mission. Thinking about his bad luck he suddenly heard the sound of splashing water nearby. Approaching the source of the noise he found out that 4 beautiful nymphs were playing in the water of a pond in a park. The desire to catch one of the nymphs came to his mind. He stole the clothes of one of the bathing nymphs' and went hiding behind a shady tree.

Realizing that there was somebody in the park, the nymphs hurriedly put on their clothes and flew up to heaven. But one of them by the name of Sulasih could not do so, because her clothes were missing. At this opportune moment, Radjapala appeared and offered to help her on the condition that Sulasih was willing to marry him. Sulasih had no other choice but to accept the offer. She got a son from this marriage.

The last part of the play shows how happy Radjapala and Sulasih lived as husband and wife. Sulasih flew back to heaven after she had given birth to her first son who later became king, by the name of Durma.

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Music: Djakarta Saraswati

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Conducted by Captain DHIASA.

English Narration : Zus Pudjo

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D u r a t i o n : 14'49"