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CIA HIATO - LEONARDO MOREIRA (SAO PAULO, BR)

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ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ITS EXPERTISE IN ARTISTIC CHOICES AND PRODUCTION METHODS, LIGNE DIRECTE COUNTS ON A COMPLICIT AND EVER-EXPANDING NETWORK OF PARTNER THEATRES AND FESTIVALS OVER THE WORLD (ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, INDIA, ITALY, KOREA, LEBANON, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, SERBIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TAIWAN, TURKEY, THE UK, THE USA, ...).

JUDITH MARTIN, INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDANT PRODUCER WITH STRONG EXPERIENCE IN THEATRE FIELD, FOUNDED AND MANAGES LIGNE DIRECTE. **MARIE TOMMASINI**, YOUNG FRENCH PRODUCER WITH A BACKGROUND IN COMMERCIAL STUDIES, IS HER COLLABORATOR. THEY CLAIM TO RUN AN ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL BUSINESS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

LEONARDO MOREIRA, DIRECTOR AND AUTHOR FROM SÃO PAULO, COFOUNDED CIA HIATO IN 2008 TOGETHER WITH THIAGO AMARAL, AURA CUNHA, MARIA AMÉLIA FARAH, ALINE FILÓCOMO, LUCIANA PAES, PAULA PICARELLI, AND FERNANDA STEFANSKI. REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING AND TALENTED THEATRE COLLECTIVES WORKING IN BRAZIL, THEY STAND OUT WITH THEIR RADICAL ADAPTATIONS OF REPERTOIRE TEXTS SUCH AS *O JARDIM* AND *ODISSEIA*. THROUGH THEIR COLLABORATION, LEONARDO AND THIS GROUP OF CO-CREATING ACTORS FICTIONALIZE PERSONAL LIFE STORIES AND CONNECT THEM WITH REFERENCES TO ART, HISTORY OR POPULAR CULTURE. THIS APPROACH ENABLES THEM TO TREAT THEATRE AS A PLACE TO INFUSE REALITY WITH FICTION AND FICTION WITH REALITY: THEY LEND THEIR QUESTIONS TO DRAMATURGY, THEIR NAMES TO CHARACTERS, THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES TO CREATION, THEIR LIVES TO FICTION. THE COMPANY CREATES HUMAN AND SENSIBLE PLACES TO HUMBLLY SHARE STORIES WITH THE AUDIENCE: A STORYTELLING FROM THE HEART THAT GOES BEYOND THE COMPLEXITY OF WELL-THOUGHT DRAMATURGICAL STRUCTURES. OVER THE YEARS THEY CREATED A BODY OF WORK WINNING MANY PRICES IN BRAZIL AND TOURING WORLDWIDE FROM NEW YORK - UNDER THE RADAR TO BRUSSELS - KUNSTENFESTIVALDESARTS AS WELL AS BERLIN - HAU, FRANKFURT - MOUSONTURM, DRESDEN - HELLERAU, VIENNA - FESTWOCHE, ETC. IN 2018 THE COMPANY CELEBRATES ITS 10 YEARS OF EXISTENCE WITH THE PRESENTATION OF SEVERAL WORKS OF THE COMPANY IN SAO PAULO AND WITH THE CREATION OF THEIR SEVENTH PRODUCTION *ODISSEIA* IN ONASSIS CULTURAL CENTER - ATHENS.

LEONARDO MOREIRA

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL



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PERFORMANCES

CACHORRO MORTO (2008)

ESCURO (2009)

O JARDIM (2011)

FICÇÃO (2012)

2 FICTIONS (2014)

AMADORES (2017)

ODISSEIA (2018)

CREATION

ODISSEIA

CREATION MAY 2018, FAST FORWARD FESTIVAL, ONASSIS CULTURAL CENTRE - ATHENS (GR)

PRODUCTION: CIA HIATO – ELEPHANTE PRODUÇÕES ARTÍSTICAS (BR)

COPRODUCTION: FOMENTO AO TEATRO – PREFEITURA MUNICIPAL DE SÃO PAULO (BR), PROAC – GOVERNO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO (BR), SESC SÃO PAULO (BR), ONASSIS CULTURAL CENTRE – ATHENS (GR), GRAND THEATRE GRONINGEN (NL), MOUSONTURM – FRANKFURT (GE)

Based on Homer's narrative and its main characters, six actors tell their own personal stories – some true, some false, dreams, memories and doubts - of welcoming, abandonment, eroticism, enrollment, gender stereotypes or collective acting. Similar to the poem, the play weaves and unweaves a multilayered narrative that is both simple and artful in its patterning and composition. The audience takes Odysseus' absent role to listen to these contemporary stories. *Odisseia* is the arrival point of a long journey back; a desire of homecoming; a simple and human tale told through a complex structure. Mainly, it is an attempt to think of ourselves as ancient fragments of a future archeology.

ON TOUR

O JARDIM

CREATION 2011

PRODUCTION: CIA HIATO – ELEPHANTE PRODUÇÕES ARTÍSTICAS (BR)

Inspired by Chekhov's Chery Orchard, *O Jardim* makes the audience experience the passing of time. Three stories from three generations are presented in three different tribunes organized around a same house and a same garden: buying the house, living in the house, remembering the house. This ingenious mosaic piece demonstrates how we fictionalize memories, how we forget them or how we make them up, willingly, without knowing or forced by disease. Over the course of the performance, boxes go down to show how stories from different eras are intertwined in a circular vision of time. On a turf carpet remains what we forgot along the way and what we have collected in our most secret boxes.

YAN DUYVENDAK, ORIGINALLY FROM THE NETHERLANDS, LIVES IN GENEVA. TRAINED AT THE ÉCOLE CANTONALE D'ART DU VALAIS AND THE ÉCOLE SUPÉRIEURE D'ART VISUEL DE GENÈVE, HIS CAREER AS A PERFORMANCE ARTIST BEGAN IN 1995 WITH THE STAGING OF HIS FIRST WORK OF LIVE ART, *KEEP IT FUN FOR YOURSELF*. SINCE THEN, HE HAS PRODUCED A CHAIN OF CREATIONS AND PERFORMANCES FROM PARIS TO TOKYO VIA MADRID, HANOVER OR GWANGJU. HIS ART UNDERLINES IN PARTICULAR HOW THE OVERWHELMING MASS OF TELEVISED, COMPUTER AND MENTAL IMAGES AS WELL AS OUR SOCIAL CODES AND OTHER RITUALS OF OUR FUN SOCIETY THICKEN THE CURTAIN BETWEEN OURSELVES AND REALITY. YET HIS WORK NEVER FAILS TO AFFIRM HUMAN DIGNITY AND SHOWS THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS IMPERILED BY OUR IMAGE-DOMINATED SOCIETY. HIS CREATIONS, *STILL IN PARADISE* (2008 - ONGOING), CO-CREATED WITH OMAR GHAYATT, *PLEASE, CONTINUE (HAMLET)* (2011), CO-CREATED WITH ROGER BERNAT, *SOUND OF MUSIC* (2015) AS WELL AS *ACTIONS* (2017), CO-CREATED WITH NICOLAS CILINS AND NATALY SUGNAUX, ARE NO DOUBT HIS MOST POLITICAL PIECES TO DATE. YAN DUYVENDAK'S VIDEO PIECES FEATURE IN NUMEROUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS, FOR INSTANCE THE MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS IN LYON AND THE MUSEUM DER MODERNE (MDM) IN SALZBURG. SINCE 2002, HE HAS BENEFITED FROM SEVERAL ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMS AND WON SEVERAL AWARDS, AMONG WHICH THE PRESTIGIOUS SWISS AWARD FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, THE "MERET OPPENHEIM PREIS". SINCE 2012, CIE YAN DUYVENDAK HAS RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY AND CANTON OF GENEVA AS WELL AS FROM THE SWISS ARTS COUNCIL PRO HELVETIA.

CIE YAN DUYVENDAK

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND



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PERFORMANCES ON TOUR

STILL IN PARADISE (2008 - ONGOING)

PLEASE, CONTINUE (HAMLET) (2011)

ACTIONS (2017)

CREATIONS

INVISIBLE (2019)

VIRUS (2020)

CREATIONS

invisible

CREATION OCTOBER 2019, ARSENIC - CENTRE D'ART SCÉNIQUE CONTEMPORAIN, LAUSANNE (CH)

PRODUCTION: DREAMS COME TRUE (CH)

COPRODUCTION: ARSENIC - CENTRE D'ART SCÉNIQUE CONTEMPORAIN, LAUSANNE (CH), COMÉDIE DE GENÈVE (CH), GRAND THEATER, GRONINGEN (NL), STAYING HERE WITH YOU, BELGRADE (RS), ... IN PROGRESS

Sending citizens into their own public space to carry out minuscule interventions of which they are both initiators and spectators. A subtle disturbance, an action in minor mode which may create, for an instant, a certain poetry of the absurd. Another way to look at citizenship, community and public space through a legal but exciting disarray.

VIRUS

CREATION 2020

PRODUCTION: DREAMS COME TRUE (CH)

COPRODUCTION: ARSENIC - CENTRE D'ART SCÉNIQUE CONTEMPORAIN, LAUSANNE (CH), ... IN PROGRESS

Based on real scenarii used by the World Health Organisation, *VIRUS* is a simulation game conceived with scientists and game developers. Spectators receive guidelines to assume professional duties of a minister, police chief or hospital director. Each decision they make will increase or limit the number of ill people and deaths. Will they manage to contain the crisis? Will they collaborate to survive?

ON TOUR

STILL IN PARADISE

CREATION 2008 - ONGOING, DER LÄNGSTE TAG, KUNSTHOF, ZÜRICH (CH) - RECREATION 2016, THÉÂTRE FORUM MEYRIN (CH)

PRODUCTION: DREAMS COME TRUE (CH)

COPRODUCTION: ARSENIC - CENTRE D'ART SCÉNIQUE CONTEMPORAIN, LAUSANNE (CH), DAMPFZENTRALE, BERN (CH), THÉÂTRE DU GRÜ, GENEVA (CH), LA BÂTIE-FESTIVAL DE GENÈVE (CH)

Since 9/11, Europe's answers to the Arab world are mainly fear and the erecting of inner and outer barriers. Yan Duyvendak and Omar Ghayatt, artists and performers from Switzerland and Egypt respectively, stage their encounter, their doubts and their differences through a series of scenes - chosen each night by the audience. Shared space, time and dialogue gradually undo cultural and ideological a priori.

PLEASE, CONTINUE (HAMLET)

CREATION 2011, THÉÂTRE DU GRÜ, GENEVA (CH)

PRODUCTION: DREAMS COME TRUE (CH)

COPRODUCTION: LE PHÉNIX SCÈNE NATIONALE DE VALENCIENNES (FR), HUIS A/D WERF, UTRECHT (NL), THÉÂTRE DU GRÜ, GENEVA (CH)

What's your verdict? How does your personal conviction take shape in the theatre of the courtroom? Real-life legal professionals are recruited locally to play for real in Hamlet's mock trial. Eye-witness statements, pleas and counterpleas, expert witnesses - *PLEASE, CONTINUE (HAMLET)* brings the spectacle of the legal to the stage to create a courtroom drama that explores the eternally elusive question of what is truth.

ACTIONS

CREATION 2017, INTEATRO FESTIVAL - ANCÔNE (IT), LA BÂTIE-FESTIVAL DE GENÈVE (CH), FAB FESTIVAL - BORDEAUX (FR)

PRODUCTION: DREAMS COME TRUE (CH)

COPRODUCTION: LA BÂTIE-FESTIVAL DE GENÈVE (CH), FAR° FESTIVAL DES ARTS VIVANTS, NYON (CH), MARCHE TEATRO / INTEATRO FESTIVAL, ANCONA (IT), POUR-CENT CULTUREL MIGROS (CH)

Who does what in order to respond to the violence and the urgency of the great European migration crisis? In each city, the project gathers refugees, representatives of the local authorities and volunteers into a circular parliament. Their testimonies show the complexity and the lacks regarding local refugees' reception. With a local nonprofit organization, it lists the needs and invites citizens to take action.

MALLIKA TANEJA IS A THEATRE ARTIST LIVING AND WORKING IN NEW DELHI. THROUGH PERFORMANCES AND INTERVENTIONS, SHE ATTEMPTS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT 'EQUALITY' MEANS, HOW IT OPERATES AND HOW EACH BODY MAY DEFY THE UNJUST POWER STRUCTURES. MALLIKA TOURS HER SOLO PIECE *BE CAREFUL* THAT SPEAKS OF VICTIM BLAMING, THE NEVER ENDING RESPONSIBILITY ON WOMEN AND THE UNFORTUNATE AND IRONIC CONFLATION BETWEEN WHAT WOMEN WEAR AND THE VIOLENCE THAT IS METED OUT ON THEM. SHE IS CONSTRUCTING A NEW WORK *ALLEGEDLY* THAT EXAMINES THE CROSS SECTIONS OF CONSENT, LAW, TRUTH, BELIEVABILITY AND MEMORY. IN INDIA, SHE ALSO ORGANIZES 'MIDNIGHT WALKS' IN WHICH WOMEN STROLL AROUND THE CITY PAST MIDNIGHT, A TIME AT WHICH MOST WOULD NOT DARE TO VENTURE.

MALLIKA TANEJA

NEW DELHI, INDIA



PERFORMANCE ON TOUR

BE CAREFUL (2014)

ON TOUR

BE CAREFUL

CREATION 2014, TADPOLE REPERTORY, NEW DELHI (IN)

Caution is central to a woman's experience of life in India. It is prescribed, imbibed and practiced with rigour, so that women can be 'safe'. Thoda Dhyaan Se (*Be Careful*) is a satirical piece that challenges this notion of safety. Rooted in a widespread anger against the everyday violence against women, the performance confronts the unfortunate conflation between the manner in which women dress and the atrocities committed against them. Stripping down a culture hiding behind its ignorant, prudish mores, Mallika Taneja exposes the contradictions at the heart of India's stunted social progress. *Be Careful* resonates with women and men all over. Although rooted in India, the multilayered issues that the piece addresses has found in many other contexts: United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Slovenia, Italy, Australia, Japan.

PRESS RELEASES

« *Be Careful* by Mallika Taneja bruises with its silence and mocks with its black humour. »

The Hindu Businessline

« *A testament of a woman's willingness to place herself in the middle of a very important conversation.* »

The Hindu

« *Against those who blame the woman for every act of sexual assault on her.* »

Open Magazine