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#### Fulgor

Indo-European roots \*bhleg'. From the Latin *fulgere*:

1. Lightening: Fulgorem cernimus antequam tonitrum accepimus, "we see lightening before we hear thunder", Lucretius.

2. Shine, radiance: from there "splendour, glory, honour".

3. **To shine, to shimmer:** referring to the stars or luminous phenomena in the sky in particular lightening.

4. **Uses:** *fulgidus* (shining), *fulminare* (to flash like lightening), *fulgurare* ("to flash or dart, as in "fulgurating" shines intensely) and also *flagrare* ("to burn or be in flames", from where we get "to be excited, enthusiastic"). Regarding the latter, sometimes you hear of someone being caught *in fraganti* it's a distortion of *in flagrante* (*delicto*), the idea being that it is a visible and intense act.

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# Synopsis

*Fulgor* is the flash given off by a body, its footprint, its path. This staging brings to life the experience set in motion when individuals move from one country to another in the south-south axis, between the homeland and the desired land. This is the story of the Night Shift Workers, the Persecuted, the Crammed, the Fugitives, the Despised, the Damned, the Hidden, and the Undocumented: it is the story of an itinerant world, a national-international story that is hidden and pushed out to the edge. To migrate is to bring more than just a body: it moves objects, modifies identities, mobilizes work forces, and drags along exclusions and vulnerabilities.

*Fulgor* is to wonder: what happens to the experience of these movements? How are they traced in our personal cartography? Since when has the other become a danger?

Humans and animals have moved freely since their beginnings, meeting each other, being others in travel, building a homeland in their languages and a territory that is their body. *Fulgor* is made up of personal stories; it invokes a paradise of mythical lands or imaginary worlds where you can be whatever you want. Bodies that face lack of opportunities, being uprooted, partying, love and loneliness.

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"....the rotation of celestial bodies in being perfect, encompass and contain imperfect things. Do you see the enflamed sphere of the sun? Even though the moon tries to block out the sun, it always flares up again. You are the sun."

# **The Process**

Creating *Fulgor* meant studying the immigration issue from a multidisciplinary perspective (sociology, literature, art and history), taking into account the movement of human beings from centuries ago up to the precarious border conditions that today's migrants face. Information, testimonials and contexts helped us reconstruct people's journeys throughout the world. *Racism, Intersectionality, Transnational Families, the Southern Dream, Undocumented, Illegal Aliens and Stateless:* they are all labels that become a new border putting pressure on the dominant claim of cultural homogeneity in Chile. On stage the images take position questioning the stereotype. *Fulgor*, like a flash lighting up our surroundings, makes us take a look at ourselves in a loving, but at the same time challenging, gesture.

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Back home we say "yes" and here they say "yep" Back home we say: Hiya, how are you? And the other person responds. And here they say: Hiya, how you doing? And nobody answers.

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## Cast and Creative Team

#### Cast

Luz Jiménez, Paola Lattus, Ema Pinto, José Soza, Rodrigo Velásquez, Manoj Mathai, Cristian Flores

Director: Luis Guenel Soto Assistant Director: Francisco Medina Costumes and Set: Catalina Devia Lighting: Ricardo Romero Research and Archives: Pía Gutiérrez, Valentina Cortínez, Katharina Eitner Original Score: Jaime Muñoz Graphic Design: Alejandro Délano Águila Press: Lorena Álvarez Audiovisual Recording: Juan Francisco González Photographs: Paz Errázuriz Assistant to Costume and Set: Nicolás Jofré Production: Lorena Ojeda, Francesca Ceccotti

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