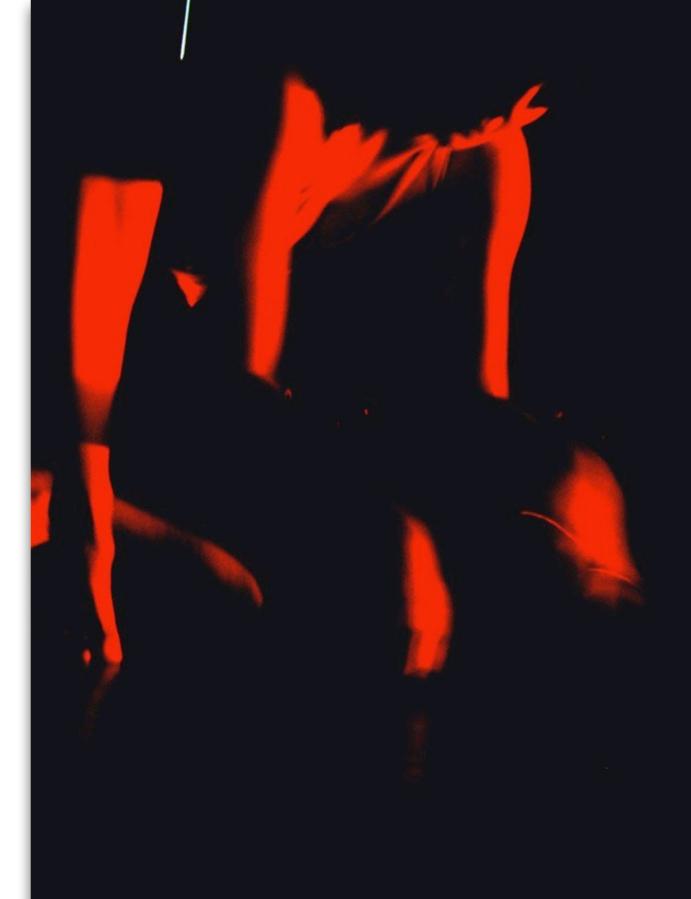


### ADRIANA LA SELVA PORTFOLIO | SELECTED WORKS

### BIO

Adriana is a theatre-maker, a performer, a networker and a researcher. Adriana is working on a practice-based Ph.D. at the University of Ghent in Belgium, in association with the School of Arts (KASK), where she is investigating contemporary performer training processes in relation to politics of embodied research. In 2009, she concluded her Master's degree in Contemporary Arts, also practice-based, at the University of Lancaster, UK, on Deleuze and Guattari's notion of becoming in relation to physical theatre. She is since 2015 member of the international theatre group The Bridge of Winds, led by Odin Teatret actress Iben Nagel Rasmussen, Adriana co-founded Cross Pollination together with Marije Nie, an international network of performers and researchers, which focusses on the dialogue in-between practices, new ways of knowledge building and understanding collaboration. She created theater m u s t, a company based in Antwerp focused in theatre for young audiences and is the cofounder of comm'on vzw, an organization focusing on artistic exchange and sustainability, based in Ghent. She is interested in artistic projects that support sustainable research and social thinking, all kinds of urban processions and parades, performances for young audiences and, yes, training.

In this portfolio you will find images from selected works I devised and performed.















SACER

Geel- 2016. Commissioned by CC de Werft. Directed and devised by Adriana La Selva







The meaning of the term sacer in Ancient Roman religion is not fully congruent with the meaning it took after Christianization, and which was adopted into English as sacred. In early Roman religion sacer, denotes anything "set apart" from common society and encompasses both the sense of "hallowed" and that of "cursed". In his main work "Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life" (1998), philosopher Giorgio Agamben analyzes an obscure figure of Roman law that poses some fundamental questions to the nature of law and power in our present times. Under the Roman Empire, a man who committed a certain kind of crime was banned from society and all of his rights as a citizen were revoked. He thus became a "homo sacer" (sacred man). In consequence, he could be killed by anybody, while his life on the other hand was deemed "sacred", so he could not be sacrificed in a ritual ceremony.

SACER is a performative street parade , where the notion of marginality (the sacred men) is used as a connecting element. A group of local and international artists, both professional and amateurs, are challenged to connect the architecture of the neighbourhood with 'being an outcast'. What is it that puts us out of the ordinary? What does it mean to be together in the margin? And shouldn't we be celebrating this position? This street performance project is a long term investigation across microcosms of small communities around Europe, which are being faced with radical transformations in its cultural and socio-political frames. With this work, I would also like to push the boundaries of artistic work beyond what is called social-artistic enterprises. Excellence in the louvre trespasses the borders of mere social collaborations, looking for consistent and rigorous poetics for the public space that do not diminish or overlook artistic quality over social interactions.

SACER aims at the transformation of a milieu. It presupposes the practice of theatre as interference, as a factor upsetting the usual daily dynamics and relationships, bringing about a constellation of unexpected collaborative bonds. It is a total use of a theatre's know-how concerning expressive communication, nonverbal information, contact and the building of relationships, physical presence and decisional skill, participation and group dynamics, tacit knowledge and its transmission, ideoplastic processes (the capacity to transform thoughts and feelings into disciplined actions and reactions), artistic and practical targeting, intracultural collaboration, planning, realisation, management and networking.

SACER had its first edition in Geel in 2016. The project was commissioned by the CC de Werft to open the cultural season 17/18. During this process, I coordinated 150 artists I gathered through a mapping of the city and its activities.

SACER is a cooperation, a collaboration, a celebration.

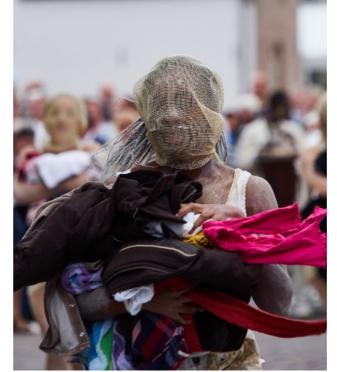






















Gent, 2018. Commissioned by De Koer/ Stad Gent, through an artistic residency.





















During the creation of this performance, song operates as the performative and organizing principle for an itinerant behaviour. The vocal exchange of the process highlights such behaviour through affects that vibrate public spaces. This results in the crafting of sound as a connective agent, a medium for intimate sharing which discloses a performative attitude that resonates with the notion of 'radical empathy'.

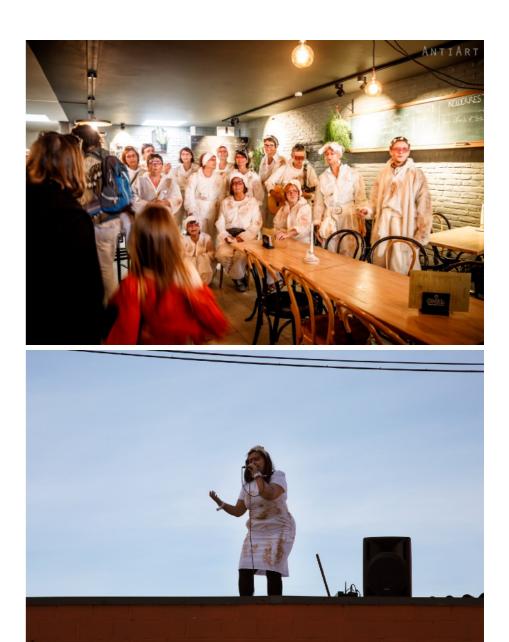
Being out of time or tune (in music) relates to what is called 'participatory discrepancies': nuances in repetition and rhythm that invite us to bodily participate. These nuances are often described using movement metaphors such as pushing, pulling, leaning, falling, etc., revealing the tensions and dynamics of a score where one is invited to actively engage. SACER explores technical tools and poetic translations to sonic discrepancies as embodied strategies in public spaces. The song as mode of acting then becomes a geography of intimacy: a meeting point, diffuse, yet pointed; a private space that requires something, an outside. For Sacer the promise of parade functions as such an outside. Because it aims to opens up the carefully built architecture of sonic affects - a constant flux, the continuous and contentious reorganisation of margins - to the city landscape.

What might the opacities and vibrancies, the multiplicity of global entanglement and its soundings, suggest or enable in terms of contemporary struggle? Can one craft a means of empowerment by way of sonic thought, a listening from below, in order to nurture the power of the unseen or the not-yet-apparent? Might sound be deployed as a weapon by way of particular tonalities and collective vibrations, a listening activism, and the force of volume, to support a culture of radical care and compassion?

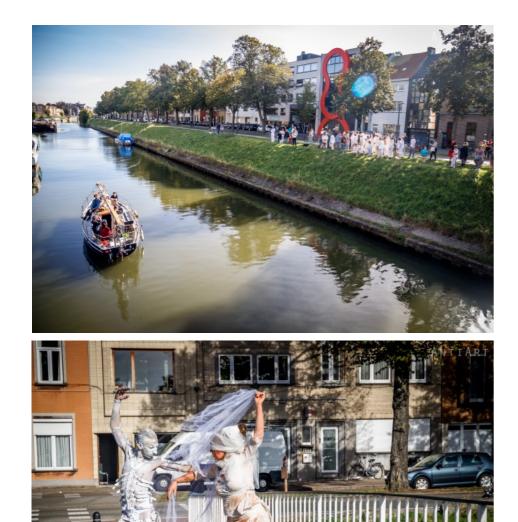
I had the determined wish to create i very good singing performance for the streets of brugse poort, i was determined to train myself and a choir to excel in this task. And so I formed my choir, began to obsessivelly study about choir techniques, poliphony....and slowly I began to realise that these techniques wouldn't be excelled as i expected, but above all, that the accidents with the techniques, when it merged with the bodies of the singers ended up bringing out their own meanings to the artistic work I was creating. The accidents shaped the project both in practice as in concept.

Being out of tune, in dissonance, in discompass, were slowly forming actions and images and relations with the architecture of the public space. The question for someone that works professionally with performance then becomes, how to remain faithful to these technical accidents? How to feed them and shape them into non accidental matters? How to give purpose for them to exist?

Through this fascination, being out of tune fell in love with the marginal figure. There was suddenly a very concrete way of speaking about it, a way we could almost hold in our hands and carry together throughout the parade.



























CEVHERERS - ONED WHENWE BUT DE BROOLE FOORT

#### DE BRUGSE POORT KOORT Brugse Poort Koort en Scoort!

SCOLY RATENIAN BROWDERL SUITE MICHELE VERREUMERN

Sinds vorig jaar zing ik mee met het koor De Brugse Poort Koort. We wragen Adriana La Selva, de oprichtster van het koor, hoe het allemaal begon.



en repetitie die in het theater van Bij du vieze datten plaatsgroep.

enthesialaste Rearillaanse vertelt vol passie en mut haar visie. "Ik mask deel uit de internationale torseel groep hildge of Winds. Remnaal per just komen de acteurs on musikanten namen in een ander land. Vorig | bij op ens gemak kommen voelen: een grote jaar heb ik uoorgesteld om hier is de Brugse Poort sames to komes. Hot concept is 'unveissetting door pang". Ik and had bet moetlijk met singen das wen ik dass iets mee doen, voor Bet plexier was het stogen. Een bijennikennst wan altegende montony, communicatie vie samp De liekate memore knigers in die week elles dag gratts workshops. Op het einde van de week gentlandernen een vouestelling. De memores die hebben mergedaan wuren enthousiast en wilden worder zingen. Sk wood zoen twee incatten son to repetation. "De Kost" en cols "Bill" De Viens Gatten', In die periode was ik mot een artistisk project 'De Parade' bezig. Het koor was de rode draaf doorheen die parale. Het is betangetik dat een groep mensen regrimatig samenaumi om artistiek te pefenen og een. descriptions manies, DR will pregnet, niet alleres where dit project, maar om het oeferien werder to evaluation. Ern websticks gebeuren, elkaat requirrent, sen struggle, een storeen. liet is over organisch. We willow autors slegen, we age with one up yours many identified titchers and manife shado was overschillende gebruiinto our realists, Marriages and Annual

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#### TAXUE BRID COPPERS

and the congress of the lichthouse was her bent and is et de mennengierigheid. Niensengierig zun are sit in loder sum cost. Hot has ern perseenachigi ingthesisters. Inderson krest het gezegde-"motgen wordt het benet". Zelf ben ik triegengierig naar dat beter worden. 'Maak ik daar deal wan out?" Dut in the senage in terretit ontersen door wat beworgt en mig meet door wat miss more bewargt in de buent waar je woent. sonat prineft. Termill hat besef overheerst dat de geschiedenia bewijst dat de jongere groet athe staffs haver op haver beweijzens will its every secretal the aget verandering the in.

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De servie stan person? le weet restit waar die shad maantow louds he want model waar own pontane questing is been brengt. Is been illeen nicoweglerig.

Dat was it before toen it mit naat "De Kouv" tergaf. Ach 1a, 1k kende die hoek in de Brugne Poort reeds long en was er ouk wel ren- of sevential 'bry golegenibeld van'. Wat die geegenheden precies staten, ben ik vergeten. Ranse scheeden waren het start, eender schuchbere stappen, one of de start mee to maken siasi aren house. Gorsar hernard, jaaren haf wan een koor en zich dan latan verleiden tot izranieuws; iets anbekends? Als iederse moderne internatgebruiker las ik jets over een pekeve Adriana La Selva. Het klonik heel buitenheuls en dat was het ook; Braziliaans. De boodschap holdde: Ik hen op zoek maar zangers voor een koor... Afspraak as rond her avendigke our vas.

Minu hies light het overdreven, maar ik ge-G loof dat ik seeds vestiefd werd op die stralende blik, Zo positief. Zo uttranligend. Adriana met de buestel in de hand de aasl aan het vegen... wachdende op, jawel, zangeral 'Kom jij om te zingen," wrong all in een euthousiante begroeting: In mits antwilleral autwoord: "Net echt. ik weni even komen kijkeri, konterven maar vonar het over gaat." Eerlijkhend, de kat uit de boom (Seal)

Men negt dat ik hen blijven plakhen op de Brughe Poort en dat is roast waarhend. Plakken in de echte alse nun het woord, wand alj krijpen mij hier niet meet weg, tenzij tusien zes darikers. Flakiters heb ik ook gedaan op die discourse commenting van het Noor Zonder Nasen, een groeppe son een half dozije zanprea-in-spe. Toen dacht ik: het kass toch niet tuik? En ja, de mannen waren deidelijk in de mander Tarial

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STATISTICS AND DE SHORE POINT GEVICZEERD

### En dan was er uiteindelijk... Sacer

#### PEALS BRIE SIPPERS

f er neu moodzaak wus enn van de sezaar - die soch van sens in - te weren wooe die ene wagen - en het was dan nog een Mercades Benz - weet & silet. Het project Sawr en alje mooi opgenette wandeling doorheren de Drugne Poort anderword dan ook het believend vingertje van de wet die de groep Brugne Fourt Knort, De Value Teeflen en de kijkdustigen, othewol het nes vergezellende publiek, doorheen de parade begeleidde. Hier en daar wend ochter mik wel door enkrien enno | kunst-oefening met een entbouniast publish buiten de itjntjes gekleurd, met gewilg, Die van : dat inn vergnorlde. Sacer draut om het misie Greet due af en toer well euroa about atjes.

Ern stralende zun begeleidde una sowr geker. on kwam one roods have young tegenoort die nationing 29 representer on sum mede in vid ermaat aanwerelg gedueende de game openingsparalement feest voor movel De Roer als hit' De Viege Gasten. Je mort roker wel grink hebben. uets dat wavergoulers wars je kunst be kriligers. Heel wat grütterenseerden waren raim op tijd opgelaagd in De Koet voor het saczale gebeuren watt het penjeux Sacer.

Visier Briggie Point Koort word mug tot her. moment suprime propertiend op wat movilyhe pinneties san one repertuice. In sets la hislikesit went zijdelings tevoorschips gehaald, ging de groep annd voor zen trug, en ilie was er voce sommigen van anar groep todig een. de value norm toch maar een beetle is verdoepelos: Langzaomaan anderging iedeteen een gedaartieverandering. De voorziene kledij was wit en de rele danses lieten aich van hurs beste kant zien in het opernikken. Ook werd er wat afgenpiegeld, so var: '211 mijn jasje goed,' of "and die attilk enn beetje leuk". Katzien stund in upper het schminken. Gezeiligheid troef

Teach new mirt vergeten dat et ven heel moon huffet met alleråri gennede voeding ter beachildsing stund can indereen. Os innerlijke reseas reseat ook en vooral eerst worden gesterkt voor de latere inspanningen?

De grone wanag die wij ness kummen shellen is of de Brugse Prost pelf klast is voor nuike po-Mieler winestellingen die waarschijnlijk in een. theater op de juline plaats zijn. Ken publiek dat west nearts kiest? Terwijl anderrijds een theater on het spyl dati ook newdaalselijkerwijs maar bulten zou moeten kumnen komen om immer bekend wurden. Naar de busyrt toe ... maar de menses un die besort.

Ann Adriana La Solva zal hot avier niet grlegen gewoood zijn. Het werd oon gevlaagde Buttern bremgen wan kunst wars de hoogsteplank, maar kunut moet wurden begrepen. En dat betekent will., marginaliteit. Den

marghtalitatt die terreseven sat ht deue me slepende uptocht. Het gemieten van de westethligheid aan klassken, aan toineel met een ultgropulars riel.

Ex is not generade: "Wat is gemint being, koste miet taying." De aanwenigen konden het wellicht niet direct bevatten toen de teart met Allumba de withesd wasi one bestaan door de khri-mennetiten wend gekleurd. Dat wij inset alts aften dat stukje marginaliteit beleven. Over dit project facer zal nog wel even worden itagepenat en zou het niet peachtig zijn mochten wij van die commentaren konden mergemieten? Ahrast één feit: de Drugse Poort liveft. and render uplevers? its is green ander wound show showing not



Ma de parade in hat Pierbarperk.



### BRUGSE POORT KOORT

Artistic social singing initiative active since 2018, supported by Goeste Major vzw and Bij' De Vieze Gasten

## Choir's manifesto (written by many hands)

#### Bridging voices

In ancient Greek Theatre, the choir would give voice to the main characters' actions, advising them and providing the audience with what could not be spoken by the them, their fears and secrets and desires. The choir would give voice to the urgencies of that particular world.

What does it mean to have or to give voice nowadays? And how could we, together, care to hear and to be heard?

Our choir is interested on practices of companionship, on learning together. And above all, we want to enjoy, to celebrate, to express, not the urgencies of any main character, but our own. We sing, but we also dance, talk, act, scream and laugh!

Each one of us come from so many different cultures that we see no use talking interculturalism.

Each one of us is an alliance of many cultures and of many knowledges. From the beginning our choir is a place where we learn with each other. Our singing sessions are slow activism and research into everyday life. We expect sustainability, a long thread of learnings through ways of becoming with each other, of becoming with songs, of creating empathy.

What are the urgencies moving you right now?





## THE BRIDGE OF WINDS

International theatre and research group, member since 2014.

#### ABOUT

The Bridge of Winds is a performative and pedagogical project directed by Iben Nagel Rasmussen since 1989. The group consists of artists from Latin America, Europe and China.

Iben Nagel Rasmussen has gathered these students, not only to make performances, but to transmit her own theatrical heritage: the actor's formation and the theatrical values, on which she has based her life as an actress.

The group meets every year in different places of the world. The work focuses on physical and vocal training; the creation of in- and outdoor performances, and so-called "barters": cultural exchanges between The Bridge of Winds and local communities.

The main characteristic of The Bridge of Winds is its long-term duration, which allows a gradual development in depth. Another feature, is to bring together artists from various disciplines (music, theater, dance, fine arts) and from different cultures, making the group a multicultural and multidisciplinary melting pot, going beyond linguistic, artistic, and cultural boundaries.

The Bridge of Winds holds open meetings in collaboration with local theatres, as well as social and cultural institutions. The group also takes theatre to the streets, makes seminars, workshops, cultural exchanges, concerts, conferences, and photographic exhibitions.

During its 30 years of activity, the members of The Bridge of Winds have spread this theatrical heritage through their own artistic work and teaching.





### Brazil | Paraty 2017





## The training





The Bridge of Winds' training consists of several different sequences of exercises. The main idea is that different kinds of exercises develop different kinds of energy. The actor comes into possession of a wide spectrum of energetic qualities, which in turn influence the characters he/she creates, and their particular ways of being present on stage.

Each exercise is composed by simple rules and structures, which allow the actor to conduct a deep and long-term research. Carrying out the physical actions and improvising with fixed elements helps to build up a constant flow, where both body and mind are engaged, revealing the actor's own memories, associations and emotional states.

The Bridge of Winds' training develops the principles of: transforming weight into energy, alternating the balance (precarious balance), precision of the actions, and relation with the space, rhythm, and the other actors on the floor.

Together, they create a scenic behavior, which obliges the actor to be concrete, effective, and connected with his/her inner paths and energies. The training gives the actor the ability to build structures and physical actions, variations, and to create precise and alive physical sequences (scores).

















## SAUDADE | HEIMWEE

Performed from 2014 to 2016 in Brazil and Belgium, Funded by Stad Gent, Provincie Oost-Vlaanderen and Vlaamse Overheid. Artistic residency at De Centrale, Gent.

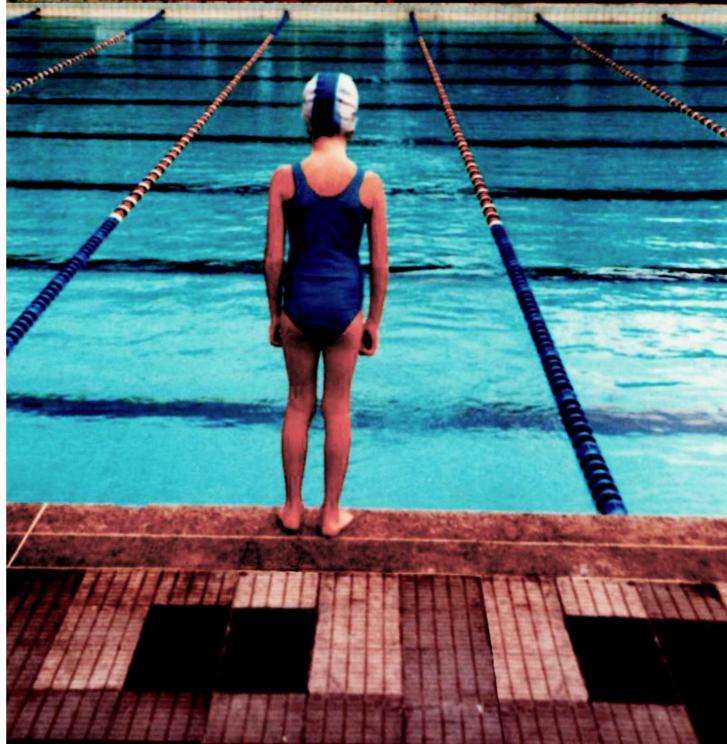
Saudade is a physical theatre work piece co-produced by De Centrale in Gent, premiered on March 2013.

With this work I step into the beginning of my research proposal, revaluating my creative process methodologies and training experiences, as well as the theatricality inherent to it. I try to confront a strong and sometimes exaggerated performance with moments of extreme vulnerability and absence of acting. A look with a certain irony to the two extremes of acting provokes the audience to think about what feels real, convincing or truthful for them. The theme, which brings me back to a very familiar feeling of being away from your mother land, proved to be a great field to experiment with this discussion.

For this project, I worked in collaboration with Vinicius Torres Machado, a director that knows my work since the beginning of my career. Reviewing both our developments and artistic paths so far brought us to discuss and re-explore much of what we have learned, done, and to confront it facing the contemporary landscape of a country which is not ours.

True to a physical approach to theater, language is not be the first and most important carrier of meaning. Language is pulled open and the body is the primary medium. Language becomes a rhythmic element that endorses the visual. The music and soundscape are of course of the utmost importance. This is provided by Fulco Ottervanger from De Beren Gieren.

# -das marionettetheatre collective SAUDADE



#### "Dear audience,

What you will see later is both a search and the result of a search. The life story of our dancer Adriana La Selva was the starting point, a Brazilian who eventually washed ashore in Ghent through wanderings in New Zealand. During the creative process, however, we became increasingly aware that the illustrious charge of the concept only becomes visible where language, body and music embrace each other's shortcomings. Saudade is a performance about that hard-to-translate word that flirts meaningfully with "melancholy" and "homesickness" but it isn't, not quite. The word is too analytical and, moreover, unreliable when spoken in a new language. Body and music, on the other hand, are too theatrical and threaten to smother the truth in all their pompousness. Then suddenly there is the performance called "Saudade". Instead of what cannot be expressed, a figure appears on the scene. She tells about her childhood, her husband and her fortunes on both sides of the world's seas. In the meantime she wanders about what she would like to call "here". It is an existential etude in which she hovers between performer and herself. Her memory determines the key, sometimes fragile, sometimes full of self-confidence. Saudade is somewhere in between."





### THE BURROW

Premiered at Nuffield Theatre, UK, supported by Mapped Contemporary Arts Festival.



"Yet it might seem that the burrow in the story of that name has only one entrance; the most the animal can do is dream of a second entrance that would serve only for surveillance. But this is a trap arranged by the animal and by Kafka himself; the whole description of the burrow functions to trick the enemy. We will enter, then, by any point whatsoever; none matters more than another; and no entrance is more privileged even if it seems an impasse, a tight passage, a siphon. We will be trying only to discover what other points our entrance connects to, what crossroads and galleries one passes through to link two points, what the map of the rhizome is and how the map is modified if one enters by another point. Only the principle of multiple entrances prevents the introduction of the enemy, the Signifier and those attempts to interpret a work that is actually only open to experimentation" (Deleuze and Guattari, 1986).





The Burrow - a cartography of a hybrid body, is an interdisciplinary physical theatre and electro-acoustic work which explores the universe of Franz Kafka's unfinished story The Burrow. Unveiling layers of Kafka's autobiographic masterpiece, the performance takes us through the mind world of an underground animal who is constantly trying to guard his burrow-structure from intruders. As the animal repeats the same procedures time and again, the author is increasingly infected by his own paranoia. The work is a collaboration with sound artist Chris Hambley, exploring the possibilities of using mapping strategies with motion tracking technologies in performative processes.















