

MANIFEST

Aurora Caja



creation
2022

manifest

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Circus / dance

Indoor - Outdoor - Unconventional spaces

Circular / Semi-circular / Frontal

For all audiences

Duration: 20 minutes

Touring team: 1 / 2 persons

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Manifest is a flow of stirring emotions. It is the runway of rebellion, the dress that doesn't let you breathe, the continuous fight to shut down the noise.

It is to let go the weight, to lose the center, to enjoy the simplicity of sensations and to celebrate oneself in movement.

It is a fragment of the piece *No verbal*.





abstract_

Manifest is a contemporary circus solo that is inscribed in a visual art universe.

The **body** has a central place in the piece and it is from this physical language that the story is built. The circus disciplines that are part of this vocabulary are **hand balancing, acrobatic movement and contortion**. **Dance and theater** are also presents.

In *Manifest* Aurora appears with a phrase written on a piece of paper that serves as a dress: ***we create our own prison***. From this message she goes through different states and conflicts, thus achieving transformation.

These conflicts are expressed through circus technique and movement. There is a physical research with a chair and a scene of free body acrodance.



Artistic_

Conception and interpretation: Aurora Caja.

Creation assistants: Alejandro Dutra and Chiara Marchese.

Collaboration: Núria Curcoll.

Costumes: Aurora Caja and Eulàlia Roca.

Set design: Miquel Giol and Aurora Caja.

Administration: Les Thérèses.



AURORA CAJA (Palma de Mallorca)

She studied **visual arts** at **Escola Massana** in **Barcelona** and **Fine Arts** at the **University of Barcelona**.

She trained as a circus performer at the **Flic Scuola di Circo** in **Turin, Italy**. There, she specializes in the discipline of handstands.

Her first creation work is entitled **"In danger of extinction" (2016)**. She participates in **different creation laboratories** with professionals such as Semolina Tomic, Jean Michael Guy and Volmir Cordeiro, Roberto Magro, Marta Torrents, Eva Ordoñez, Cristian Coumin and Pau Portabella.

In 2019 she begins the creation of her first show **"No verbal"**. In October 2021 she participates with **"No verbal"** in the professional formation **"FOCON"** of **Ésacto'Lido** (École Supérieure des Arts du Cirque Toulouse-Occitanie, FR). In 2022 she presents an **in situ version of "No verbal"** at the **Picasso Museum in Barcelona**. Produced by La Central del Circ and the Picasso Museum and part of the programming of the Grec Festival of Barcelona.

The same year she presents **"Manifest"** and *La Red Española de Teatros* includes **"No verbal"** in her 5th catalog of recommended circus shows. In 2023 she premiered the piece in the circus tent of the collective Nilak.

She also continues to work as a visual artist, in collaboration with **Cia.Eia**, **Joan Català** and independently. In 2022 she creates the exhibition **"Out of the Box"**.



CHIARA MARCHESE (Sicily).

She begins in art through painting. After her studies in decoration and scenography at the Academy of Fine Arts in Catania, she discovers the tightrope. That's when she decides to leave Sicily to grow artistically.

For three years she studies at the Vertigo circus school in Turin, where she learns the basics of the technique with Arian Miluka. She enters CNAC (Centre national des arts du cirque de Châlons-en-Champagne) and graduates in 2014. She participates in the show "Over the cloud", directed by Jérôme Thomas. During these years at CNAC, she takes up visual arts again and is initiated in the art of puppetry with Morgane Aimerie Robin and Chloée Sanchez, students of l'ESNAM (École Nationale Supérieure des Arts de la Marionnette de Charleville Mézières).

After finishing school, Chiara works in the new creation of the Belgian company Théâtre d'un Jour, Les Inouïs and collaborates with the multidisciplinary project Bibi, of the company Ruska. In 2016 she creates Mavara, a choreographic form mixing circus and puppetry, with which she performs in numerous festivals abroad.

Chiara develops her research from the crossing of different disciplines: circus, puppetry, visual arts, dance, theater. As in her latest creation "Le Poids de l'âme- tout est provisoire"; winner of the European competition CircusNext 2019/2021. Since 2020, she is part of the Collectif Porte27, with Marion Collé and Vasil Tasevsk. She is currently starting a new creation, entitled Wonderwoman.



ALEJANDRO DUTRA (Montevideo)

Musician and composer since the age of twelve, he follows several formations in Uruguay where he learns to play drums, guitar and sing. Since 2015 he focuses on electronic and experimental music and starts juggling at the age of seventeen, in Montevideo.

In 2009 a trip to South America allows him to develop his juggling technique and gain experience on stage. In 2011 he trained as a juggler in Buenos Aires, with Pablo Perasso.

Between 2014 and 2015 he follows the preparatory training at Lyon circus School (France), where he learns with Julien Clément and Olivier Burleaud. Between 2015 and in 2017 he follows the professional formation at Le Lido (Centre des Arts du Cirque de Toulouse, France). In 2018 (also at Le Lido) he follows the formation year of professional integration.

It is at that time that he forms Cia.OLGA_CirqueAnalogique together with Catalina Aguayo, and they start working on their project "LP (Long Play)" where they mix their two passions: circus and music.



TECHNICAL DATA

"Manifest" cia. Aurora Caja

SCENIC SPACE

Ideal dimensions: Opening 7m - depth 6m - height 4m. (Adaptable to smaller spaces).

Floor type: Linoleum. Flat and smooth floor (Consult with the company in case of other options).

Audience arrangement: Preferably close to the stage. Semi-circular or frontal. Communicate in advance the layout of the audience to the artist.

REHEARSAL TIME

Rehearsal time in the stage space: 1 hour.

Technical testing time:

Sound only: 20 minutes.

Sound and lights: 45 minutes.

TO BE ARRANGED AT THE VENUE

A technician from the host venue must be present for sound and lights (if there are lights).

Equipment

Linoleum

Sound

sound system.

Minijack connection.

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Creation support:

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Creació (CAT), Museu Picasso de Barcelona (CAT), Café de
las Artes Teatro (Santander, ESP).

Residences:

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Creació (CAT), La Verrerie d'Alés Pôle National de Cirque
Occitanie (FR), Museu Picasso de Barcelona (CAT), Café de
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