

Alternative Dramaturgies Season 2022
– innovative works inspired by the practices of Tadeusz Kantor.

Presented by BA (Hons) European Theatre Arts in collaboration with BA (Hons) Creative Lighting Control, BA (Hons) Design for Theatre & Performance, BA (Hons) Lighting Design, and BA (Hons) Stage & Events Management.

Fantasy is a place where it rains



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Director **Lorenzo Montanini**
Designer **Evie Reynolds**
Lighting Designer **Lilli Fisher**
Video Designer **Sam Carver**

*Home is where one starts from. As we grow older
The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated
Of dead and living. Not the intense moment
Isolated, with no before and after,
But a lifetime burning in every moment*
T.S. Eliot

Fantasy is a place where it rains is a response to Kantor's work and thinking. It is a collection of materials born out of memories, improvisations and shared reflections set in a generic interior. A "home".

The show aims to explore the ambiguity and the state of imbalance created when private and public collide, navigating the uncharted territory between interior and exterior, individual and society, natural and artificial.

Re-telling personal stories always alters them slightly, opening up a space of uncertainty, in which facts and perceptions blur, images fade one into another, private consciousness transforms into shared memory. This led to conversations about Tinder dates and apples, whipped cream and families, wild dances and gorillas, cakes and bras, love and death.

"The truth in art exists in the tension between contrasting realities" writes Anne Bogart. The effort is therefore to work between the unknown and the specific, to jump and skip between right and left hemisphere of the brain, between intuition and analysis, between logic and imagination.

Our lives as individuals and as social beings intersect in an unsolvable puzzle of relations and interactions that, layer upon layer, build and dissolve our identities in an endless process of growth and re-invention.

We explored the meaning of an *ensemble* in this context, and made it into a theatrical object: a kaleidoscope of our personal lives, our shared histories, our differences and misunderstandings, our desires and fears.

Fantasy is a place where it rains is therefore an attempt, and consequent failure, to tame the uncontrollable chaos of life.

Cast

Laia Aragall
Gloria Berton
Allison Birt
Jess Clark
Mariana Fornari
Beth Johnson
Rooben Galbraith-Goode
Jaume Llagoster

Thomas Leonard
Norbert Metstak
Ellie McLoughlin Mejia
Shauna McSwiney
Peppe Russo
Nina Salvador
Claudia Sanchez
Georgia Taylor

Production Team

Production

Production Manager
Production Supervisor
Technical Manager

Molly Tackaberry (she/her)
Lizzie Chapman (she/her)
Finlay Russell (he/him)

Stage Management

Stage Manager
Deputy Stage Manager

Jade Roe
Maja Lach (she/her)

Lighting

Assistant Lighting Designer
Production Electrician
Lighting Programmer

Gulika Nagpal
Harvey Williams
Ryan Norcott (he/him)

Sound

Head of Video
Sound Designer

Sam Blackmore
Seisha Butler