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THE LA MAMA PUPPET FESTIVAL

DON QUIXOTE TAKES NEW YORK

By Loco7 Dance Puppet Theatre Company



The Downstairs 66 East 4th Street, NYC, 10003 November 10 - 11, 2018

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Inspired by the novel
The Ingenious Nobleman Sir Quixote of La Mancha
by Miguel de Cervantes

Adapted from the novel by Ivan Cardozo & Beatriz Caballero

Re-imagined and Directed by Denise Greber & Federico Restrepo

Choreographed & Designed by Federico Restrepo
Sound Design & Music by Hao Bai
Costume Design by Becky Hubbert
Video Design / Animation by Laura Restrepo
Building Assistants: Leah Ogawa & Linda van Egmond

Featuring:

Federico Restrepo - Don Quixote
Zulivet Díaz - Nena / Taxi / Nurse / Judge / Puppeteer
Luis Grande Cordona - Sancho Panza / Puppeteer
Chris Ignacio - Cervantes / Bad Knight / Puppeteer
Katie Leffen - Ama / Taxi / Nurse / Ms. Paula / Puppeteer

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SCENES

- 1 The Quixote
- 2 The Transfiguration of Don Quixote
- 3 The Bad Knight
- 4 The Army / The Taxis
- 5 The Giant / The Wonderwheel
- 6 The Tavern / The Hospital
- 7 Sancho Panza
- 8 Ms. Paula's Puppet Theater
- 9 The Penances / The Courtroom
- 10 Books to the Garbage
- 11 The End for Don Quixote

Loco7 productions utilize original rhythmic music, live musicians, dancers, body puppets and larger-than-life marionettes. Restrepo's intense love and passion for the history of the Americas and his journeys in New York have been a constant source for all his work. Loco7 has premiered seventeen original pieces in New York City, with subsequent tours throughout the world. Most recently Loco7 premiered *Don Quixote Takes New York* (2018), *Undefined Fraction* (2015), *Seucy and Boto* (2014-2016), *Plunge* (2013), *Free Falling* (2013), *Urban Odyssey* (2012), *In Retrospect* (2010), *Room To Panic* (2008), *Open Door* (2006), *Bokan The Bad Hearted* (2004), *9 Windows* (2002), *Colores* (1998), *Aguirre, the Spiral of the Warrior* (1996), *Cosecha* (1990), *Loco7* (1989) and two other Gotham fantasies: *Locombia* (1986), *Carrera* (1988). In addition Loco7 premiered in Bogotá, Colombia, *Piratas de Papel* (1994) and *Mobile Urbano* (1986).

FEDERICO RESTREPO (Don Quixote/Co-Creator/Director/Choreographer/Puppet & Light Design) was born in Bogotá, Colombia and founded his company, Loco7, at La MaMa in 1986 to expand the use of puppetry in dance theater. With Loco7 he has created over sixteen original productions, acting as creator, director and designer. As a performer Mr. Restrepo appeared at La MaMa as a member of the Great Jones Repertory Company in Ellen Stewart's *The Raven, Asclepius, Herakles Via Phaedra*,

Perseus, Antigone, Mythos Oedipus, Dionysus Fillus Dei, Monk and The Hangman's Daughter, Seven Against Thebes and Draupai. He is a a resident choreographer, director, puppet designer, and performer of La MaMa. As a choreographer his credits include all Loco7 productions and Souls Acending, Everything is Different, Counting Coup; El Alquimista;

Un Arco Iris de Navidad; Homage to Garcia Lorca at his 100th birthday; Desvarios; Ilusiones of a Magician; Declaracion de Amor a Bogota, Integrating the Arts Show; Quixote o la Maquina del Disparate; Lili Blue y sus Hermanos. He recently received two NYSCA Individual Artist Grants in light design for New Stage Theatre. He has designed lights for productions in NYC as well as abroad.

DENISE GREBER (Co-Creator & Director) has been the managing director and collaborator on all Loco7 productions since 2001. She has performed in Loco7 shows: *Undefined Fraction, Urban Odyssey, In Retrospect, Room To Panic, Open Door, Bokan, The Bad Hearted* and *9 Windows*. She is an artist in residence at La MaMa, and a member La MaMa's Great Jones Repertory Company, performing in Ellen Stewart's *Asclepius, Herakles Via Phaedra, Perseus, Antigone, Mythos Oedipus, Dionysus Fillus Dei, Seven Against Thebes, Diana di Cantelmo* and Andrei Serban/Elizabeth Swados' *Fragments of a Greek Trilogy.* Her costume design credits include *Seucy and Boto, Urban Odyssey, In Retrospect, Room to Panic, Open Door, 9 Windows,* and *Bokan The Bad Hearted*. She is the Director and Curator of *La MaMa Puppet Series*.

ZULIVET DÍAZ (Nena/Nurse/Judge/Puppeteer) graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a BA in Theatre and continued her studies at the Stella Adler Academy of Acting and Theatre in Los Angeles. She relocated to NYC in 2015. Some of her favorite works on stage include: Waiting For Godot (Vladimir), Yerma (Yerma), An Enemy Of The People (Petra) and The Taming Of The Shrew (Bianca), and The Adventures of Seucy and Boto.

LUIS ANGEL GRANDE CORONA (Sanch Panza/Puppeteer) is a Brooklyn based dancer/choreographer from Mexico. He graduated from Hunter College with a BA in dance. He's excited to work once again with Loco7 after playing with them in *The Adventures of Seucy and Boto*.

CHRIS IGNACIO (Cervantes/Bad Knight/Police Officer/Puppeteer) is an NY based theatre artist, musician, puppeteer, producer and educator. He has toured nationally and abroad since earning his BFA from The Boston Conservatory at Berklee. He is a current Culture Push Fellow, and Queens Council on the Arts: Community Engagement Commissioning grant recipient for his project, Co-written, which involves songwriting with young people of color. His is dedicated to working with marginalized communities toward an empowering self-actualization through theater and music.

KATIE LEFFEN (Ama/Nurse/Ms. Paula/Puppeteer) is a performing artist from Palm Harbor, Florida. New York: Casper's Fat Tuesday (August Strindberg Rep), Metropolis (SparrowTree Theatre), National Dance Week Showcase (Peridance Theatre), Faculty Showcase (Steps on Broadway). Samford University: Merry Wives of Windsor, Cinderella, Twelfth Night, We Happy Few, Psyche-a modern ballet. Choreography: Blood Wedding and Threepenny Opera (Marvell Rep), Guys and Dolls (New Harmony Theatre). She was part of the original cast of Loco7's series, The Adventures of Seucy and Boto from 2014 - 2016.

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HAO BAI (Sound Design) works as a designer and technician in lights, sound, and video, and occasionally a photographer. Selected design credits: lighting: Shasta Geaux Pop (CAC, Cincinnati); La MaMa Moves!; Kate Bornstein; ADITL (La MaMa); The Plain of Jars; Being (NYU), Run!; YNCAST (JACK); Medusa&Oddity (TNC); lighting & set: House or Home (Park Avenue Armory); The Workroom (One Art Space); sound: The Violin (59E59), Gemini Stars/Scorpio Stars (La MaMa); video & sound: American Mill #2 (A.R.T/New York Theatres); video editing and assistant set designer for The Golden Toad and Burnished by Grief (The Talking Band); production assistant & photographer for Prophetika: An Oratorio and Can I Get a Witness (La MaMa & Harlem Stage)

BECKY HUBBERT (Costume Design) is very happy to be at La MaMa working with wonderful Loco7. Becky is a designer and stylist for theatre, commercials and films. Favorite credits include; *Ravaged by Romance* with The Francis Ethel Gumm Memorial Players, *The Jackie Look* with Karen Finley, and *Eddie Adams, Saigon 68* with Douglas Sloan. Dedicating this one to Matilda Kunin, founder of The Young Performer's Theatre in San Francisco.

LAURA RESTREPO (Video Design/Animation) is a Colombian illustrator and visual artist based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She last designed animation for Loco7 in 2012 with the piece, Urban Odyssey. She works internationally between Colombia and Argentina; her current project is centered on illustrations of endangered animals, using her art to raise awareness and open a dialogue on ways to protect them.

LEAH OGAWA (Building Assistant) is originally from Yamanashi, Japan. She is a puppeteer, actor, dancer, and model based in New York City. Her recent credits include, *Feathers of Fire* (Two Chairs), *Headless Wolf* (Nami Yamamoto), *Shank's Mare* (Tom Lee), and *Dynamo* (Target Margin). www.leahogawa.com

LINDA VAN EGMOND (Building Assistant) is a Theatre Student originally from Amsterdam where she did several shows. She moved to New York to study Fine and Performing Arts and recently joined La MaMa as an intern. Linda is very excited to be a part of this Loco7 production and discover the world of puppetry.

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