

presents

La MaMa Kids: Marvelous Metamorphoses



The Downstairs 66 East 4th Street, NYC, 10003 November 5 - 6, 2022

Marvelous Metamorphoses

By Sova Dance & Puppet Theater
Divised by the Company Members

Performed by Adelka Polak and Kendra Garnett

Puppets, Set and Props Designed and Created by Justin Perlman and Adelka Polak

Felted Lily Flower by Robin McCahill

Music by Rick & Cynthia Quintanal, and Paul Opalach

Lights by Federico Restrepo Tech Crew: Juan Merchan

Special Thanks to our performance mentor Marilyn O'Connor Miller who donated the snake puppet to us. The snake was created under the direction of John Miller with gifted and talented high school students at Northern High School in Detroit, MI.

We would also like to thank Denise Greber and Federico Restrepo.

Running time 35 minutes with no intermission

A full program with information on this production can be found on the

Marvelous Metamorphoses
page of the La MaMa website.

In addition you can scan the QR code Poster located in the theatre lobby for access to the digital program.

Sova Dance and Puppet Theater celebrates humanity and the environment by engaging audiences through live performance combining the moving body, puppetry, mask, video, dance, and artistic installations. The combined ingredients communicate that which cannot be described in words, and therefore are accessible to communities around the globe. "Sova" means "owl" in Slovak and also refers to an asteroid belt named by a Czech astronomer.

Adelka Polak, founder of Sova Dance & Puppet Theater, based in CT & mainly serving schools, arts venues and community organizations in New England and NYC, including recent performances at Madison Square Park and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Adelka is a dancer, puppeteer, mask-performer and movement director whose work has brought her to Denmark, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Taiwan, Scotland and Turkey. In an original theatrical production of "Ajijaak on Turtle Island" at the New Victory Theater she worked with puppets from the Henson Creature Shop in a show led by artists Heather Henson, Jim Henson's youngest daughter, and Grammy-Award winner Ty Defoe. She also worked with Squonk Opera who went "from junkyards to Broadway" and performed at Lincoln Center Outdoors and LaMama, E.T.C. with the Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theater of NYC. Ms. Polak was featured on CPTV's "Spotlight on the Arts" with Masque Theatre & Larry Hunt in a segment nominated for a cultural Emmy in 2010 and produced by Ed Wierzbiecki. She shares her knowledge of dance, puppetry and crossing artistic disciplines with audiences across the U.S. and abroad. She has worked with children across CT to make more than 5,000 frog puppets since 2016 mainly through Hartford Performs. She also teaches with Z. Briggs and the Jim Henson Foundation in a contract with the VSA Kennedy Center program in order to train educators how to use puppetry in the classroom. She has worked as a professional puppeteer now for nearly two decades, since she graduated from Chatham University with honors with a B.A. in Theatre and Cultural Studies in 2002.

Kendra Garnett is an actor with a BFA Theatre Performance degree from Central Connecticut State University and a 14 year background in dance. She has recently acted for films for New Zenith Theatre & UConn Health and has been in recent theatre productions such as Marvelous Metamorphosis, She Kills Monsters, A Midsummer Nights Dream, and Tuck Everlasting. She is a company member of Sova Dance and Puppet Theater and is also a teaching artist for Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theatre. You can follow Kendra and her acting journey through her instagram @kendradaisyg.

Sound Artists **Cynthia and Rick Quintanal** of Crystal Cymbalogy create intentional sounds to lead attendees into a state of present awareness, using crystal sounding bowls, drums and voice. It is in this state of presence where we might receive more fully our complete experience of nature, our food and the gifts of our environment. Lifelong musicians, Cynthia and Rick bring their passion and expertise to the idea of inquiry into intentional sound. Rick has toured performing with The Don Ellis Orchestra, Kenny Rankin and Jorge Santana's Malo. Part of the recording scene of LA and San Francisco, now plays with multiple New York Metro area groups in a range of genres. A lifelong singer and performer, Cynthia has performed in a range of settings from concert venue to the spiritual. She is currently with Crystal Cymbalogy and working in New York City theater. She has kept a vibrant healing practice in Connecticut for well over 20 years, combining Sound, energy work, Craniosacral and other forms of body work.

LA MAMA





La MaMa's historic, landmark building at 74 East 4th Street is undergoing an urgently needed complete renovation and restoration to preserve the historic façade, create building-wide ADA accessibility, and provide much needed performance, exhibition and community space for decades to come.

La MaMa, founded by Ellen Stewart in 1961, has been on east 4th Street since 1967. La MaMa embraces every person in its community and is legendary as the place where new artists of all nations, cultures, races, and identities are given opportunities. It is the place where art begins.

To learn more about the renovation, or to make a donation please visit www.lamama.org/remakeaworld

La MaMa Staff

Richie Adomako

Digital Marketing/Website

Armando Arias

Building Superintendent

Masanori Asahara

Technician

Braulio Basilio

Front of House

William Electric Black

Poetry Electric Curator

Niels Blum

Crew

Murielle Borst-Tarrant

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Playwright in Residence

Marc Bovino

Graphic Design

Zac Branciforte

Crew

Rocco Candela-Michelus

Crew

Theo Cote

Photographer/Videographer

James Dewhurst

Technician

David Diamond

La MaMa Umbria Coordinator

Gilberto Diaz-Flores

Front of House

C. Finley

La Galleria

Nathan Fosbinder

Box Office Supervisor

Kaori Fujiyabu

Deputy Director of Development

Mary Fulham

Managing Director

Michal Gamily

Coffeehouse Chronicles Curator

Sophie Glidden-Lyon

Archive Digital and Special Projects

Manager

Kylie Goetz

Archive Metadata/Digitization

Adrienne Gomez Box Office Supervisor

Arthur Gorlorwulu

Front of House

Denise Greber

Director of Artistic Operations

Goldstein Hall PLLC

Attorneys

Yael Haskal

Producing Associate

Jerelyn Huber

La Galleria

Allison Hsu

Digital Marketing Manager

Begum "Begsy" Inal

Artistic Associate

Joyce M. Isabelle, CFRE

Development Director

John Issendorf

Director of Audience Development

Thomas Linehan

IT Support

Andrés López-Alicea

Front of House Staff

Kenneth Martin

Operations Consultant

Matt Nasser

Experiments Reading Series Coordinator

Izzy Olgaard

Lighting Supervisor

Nicky Paraiso

Programming Director-The Club La MaMa Moves! Curator

Beverly Petty

Producing Director

Diana Pou

Front of House

Pearse Redmond

Technician

Federico Restrepo

Puppet Series Producing Director

Jack Reynolds

Assistant Technical Director

Johanna Ring Grant Writer

Ozzie Rodriguez

Director Of Archive

Will Rossiter

Technician

Sam Rudy Media

Press Representative

Devina Sabnis

Front of House

Kiku Sakai

Accounts Manager

Jane Catherine Shaw

Front of House Staff

Melissa Slattery

Capital Accounts Manager

Studio Jg Lecat/Jean-Guy Lecat

Theatre Consultant

Shigeko Suga

Archive Associate

Mark Tambella

Technical Director

Ursula Tinoco

Front of House Supervisor

Danny Ursetti

Front of House

1101110111003

Martin Valdez

Building Superintendent Asst.

Madai Valdez

Porter

Miciah Wallace

Front of House

Taylor Wood

Development

Mia Yoo

Artistic Director

Sasa Yung

Front of House

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES ART HAPPEN

We thank our supporters who are indispensable to La MaMa as we continue to expand and strengthen our artistic community. You help make space for artists to create and share new stories, present diverse perspectives, and keep us all connected in our 61st Season!

61st Season Sponsors:

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and The Howard Gilman Foundation





Public support provided by:

National Endowment for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Governor Kathy Hochul, and the New York State Legislature, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the City Council.







Council on the Arts

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 LA MAMA GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF:

\$100,000+

The Roy Cockrum Foundation Doris
Duke Charitable Foundation
Dr. Gerald J. & Dorothy R.
Friedman Foundation
Howard Gilman Foundation
New York City Department of
Cultural Affairs
Mellon Foundation

\$50,000-\$99,999

National Endowment for the Arts New York State Council on the Arts Save America's Treasures/ U.S. National Park Service/ Institute of Museum and Library Services The Shubert Foundation

\$25,000-\$49,999

Mertz Gilmore Foundation Cheryl L. Henson Lise Olney and Timothy W. Fulham Trust for Mutual Understanding Wendy vanden Heuvel/ Distracted Globe Foundation

\$10,000-\$24,999Asian Cultural Council

Lilv Auchincloss Foundation **Don Capoccia and Tommie Peques** Frank Carucci and David Diamond Con Edison The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation The John Fulham Family Fund Jeffrey Haley Marta Heflin Foundation The Jim Henson Foundation Steven B. Malkenson/Malkenson Foundation The Jerome Robbins Foundation The Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation The Spingold Foundation

The SQA Foundation

Candice and Joel Zwick

\$5,000-\$9,999

Axe-Houghton Foundation

Eugene "the poogene" Chai Ruth Epstein and Richard Pinner Jill Hanekamp Karen Hauser and Warren Leight Bayard Henry The Hyde and Watson Foundation van Itallie Foundation Diane Lane Mary and Richard Lanier The Curtis W. McGraw Foundation Mary Rosie Richard Memorial Fund New York State Office of Children & Family Services

\$1,000-4,499

Page Ashley

Anonymous The 1848 Foundation AT&T Foundation Jody and John Arnhold Marina Arsenijevic and Donald Bronn Scott Asen/The Asen Foundation

\$1,000-4,499 (continued)

Christina A. Back

Claudia Doring Baez

Winsome Brown and Claude Arpels

Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP

The William C. Bullitt Foundation/

Christy Pennoyer

CEC Arts Link

Peggy Chane

Jacqueline Chu

The Durst Organization Renee and Jeffrey Epstein

First Peoples Fund

Fiordellisi Williams Family Foundation

Elise Frick and John A. Garraty

Laurie Goldberger and Leslie Kogod

Yorke Construction Corporation/

Robert Goldberg

The John Golden Fund

Matthew Hall/Goldstein Hall PLLC

The Harkness Foundation for Dance

H.B. Henson Fund/The Puppet

Slam Network The Jane Henson Foundation

Buck Henry and Irene Ramp

Charitable Trust

Gerald Herman

Jacqueline Judd and John Papanek

Lawryn LaCroix

The Lambs Foundation

Sarah Lederman

Lucille Lortel Foundation

Gregg McCarty and Timothy Wang

Mary McMahon

The Ima Miller Foundation

Mary Mullin and Frederick Lough

Leslie Morioka

Wendy O'Neill

Margaret H. Parker

Estelle Parsons

Michael Pressel/RPO Inc.

Susan and James Quimby

James E. Reynolds

Joan A. Rose

Wynn Salisch

Arleen Sorkin

Karin and John Strasswimmer

Deborah Tolman and Luis Ubiñas

Board Of Directors

Frank Carucci

President

Joan Rose Vice President

Donald A. Capoccia

Treasurer

Richard Pinner

Secretary

Byung Koo Ahn

Eugene Chai

Jane Friedman

Mary Fulham

Timothy W. Fulham

Matthew Hall

Steven B. Malkenson

Wynn J. Salisch

Luis A. Ubiñas

Scott Wittman

Mia Yoo

Joel Zwick

To receive information regarding upcoming events at La MaMa or to make a donation, please go to lamama.org

La MaMa, 66 East 4th St., New York, NY 10003

If You Like It, Share It We want to hear from YOU!

SEARCH FACEBOOK.COM:
LA MAMA EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE CLUB







FOLLOW US ON TWITTER **@LAMAMAETC**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM **@LAMAMAETC**FOR TICKETS

VISIT LAMAMA.ORG OR CALL 212-352-3101

NOW PLAYING

The History of Empires

Oct 27 - Nov 6, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

La MaMa Kids: Marvelous Metamorphoses

Nov 5 - 6, 2022 The Downstairs

Remake a World Gala

Nov 10, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

Betsy

Nov 12 - 20, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

Once Upon El Barrio

Nov 18 - 20, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

La MaMa Kids: Unga Klara: My True Selves

Nov 18 - 19, 2022 47 Great Jones Studios

COMING SOON

Coffeehouse Chronicles #167: 55th Anniversary of Rod Rodgers Dance Company

Nov 19, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

Jump Start: A Presentation of Puppet Works in Progress

Dec 1 -4, 2022 The Downstairs

Underneath the Skin

Dec 1 - 18, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre

The Weak and the Strong

Dec 8 - 18, 2022 The Downstairs

Coffeehouse Chronicles #168:

Dec 10, 2022 Ellen Stewart Theatre