

Hippana.Maleta

Tunnel



"Emilio Zapatero - Mejor Espectaculo de Circo" TAC Valladolid 2022



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2022 awarded the Emilio Zapatero Prize
at the TAC Festival, Valladolid, ES

In TUNNEL, two jugglers dream of experiencing a moment of recognition and greatness and make the utopian demand for a poetry-filled society. In their search for this, they face the challenges of revealing their personal ideals, fears and idiosyncrasies to their counterparts. Tunnel tells of the relationship between two people caught between friendship and rivalry, the desire to rise and the fear of falling, about the genius of the impossible and the belief in fantasy.

The two performers act to perfection with juggling balls, a bench, a small box and two boards. They play with and against each other and challenge the audience's imagination and viewing habits with speed, humour and poetry.

TUNNEL is a performance in which juggling is interwoven with aspects of dance, theatre and classically inspired music. Contemporary circus art for the street and special places

Hippana.maleta are Jonas Schiffauer (DE) and Alex Allison (IE). The two jugglers have been sharing their vision of circus, poetry and performance since 2018. Tunnel is their first joint production, which premiered in 2019 and has been travelling throughout Europe ever since.

Premiere: 2019 Barnes Crossing / Alte Wachsfabrik Cologne DE
Duration: 35 minutes (2 x per day possible)
Stage: best 8 x 8 m (height 6 m), outdoor and indoor
Floor: solid, flat, levelled
Audience: all ages / family audience

[Trailer TUNNEL \(2023\)](#)
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Team

Authors + performers

Alex Allison
Jonas Schiffauer

Director

Benjamin Richter

Juggling coach

Eric Longeque

Sounddesign

Moisés Mas García

Organisation

Ute Classen

Production

Jonas Schiffauer / Hippana.Maleta

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Technical requirements

The performance conditions for TUNNEL are simple. The piece is conceived as street theatre and can be adapted for the stage and other venues (e.g. gyms, foyers, industrial halls and also theatre stages).

Stage	best: 8m x 8m (x 6m height) okay: 6m x 6m (x 5m height) doable but not so nice: 5m x 5m (x 4m height)
Floor / stage	solid, flat, levelled. No gradient. No cobblestones, no meadow. Dance floor or wooden floor preferred. Please send us photos!
Sound	PA set according to venue and space. 35 mm mini jack + technician
Licht	Simple lights at dusk, night or indoor performances
Preparation time	30 minutes (if stage / sound is prepared))
Duartion of performance	ca. 35 minutes 2 x oer day possible
Team on tour	2 people. Usually travelling by train.

Accompanying programmes (e.g. workshops) possible

More on request!

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Tour

2024

May 25	Leuwarden, NL	Fries Straatfestival
June 14 + 15	Dessau, DE	Kleinkunsttraum Oranienbaum
June 23 – 25	Munich, DE	Tollwood Festival
July 5	Bilbao, ES	Kalealdia
August 18	Eupen, BE	Haaste Töne
August 27 – 30	Dresden, DE	Zirkustheater-Festival
September 20 + 21	Sines, PT	MAR (option)
October 11 + 12	Lustenau, AT	Freudenhaus + workshop

2023

Nordstadt Sommer, Dortmund, DE,
Za Dveřmi Festival, Praga, CZ
European Juggling Convention, Lublin, PL
Darmstadt, DE, Festival Just For Fun, Darmstadt, DE
Comedia Theater, Cologne, DE
FARA, Anderlecht, Brussels, BE
Festival Oeverloos, Zutphen, NL
MadN Festival, Madrid, ES

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TAC Festival, Valladolid, ES
Friccc Festival, Ciruelos De Cervera, ES
Festival Perspectives, Saarbrücken, DE
Nordstadtsommer, Dortmund, DE
Sommerfest Rheinenergie, Cologne, DE
Neuhardenberg, Neuhardenberg-Nacht, DE
Festival Roter Hund Festival, Münster, DE
Schloss Strunkede, Herne, DE
Kempen, DE
Festival Mein Sommer, Meine Stadt, Herford, DE
Spraoi Festival, Waterford, IE
ManegeFestival, Gelsenkirchen, DE
Straßentheaterfestival Idar-Oberstein, DE

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Comedia Theater, Cologne, DE

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Festival Just For Fun, Darmstadt, DE

T-Werk, Potsdam, DE

Festival ZirkArt, Forchheim, DE

National Circus Festival, Tralee, IE

2020

CircoFest, Puerto Rico, US

SommerKöln, Cologne, DE

2019

VarietyExtra, Darmstadt, DE

City Of Wings, Ieper, BE

Kulturelle Landpartie, Wendland, DE

FITS, Sibiu, RO

P'tit Cirq'en Palc, Wavre, BE

Pflasterspektakel, Linz, AT

Just For Fun, Darmstadt, DE

Spoffin Festival, NL

At.Tension Festival - DE

Ehrenfeld Studios, Cologne, DE

Barnes Crossing / Alte WachsFabrik, Cologne, DE - Premiere

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Hippana.Maleta

Hippana.Maleta are Jonas Schiffauer (DE) and Alex Allison (IE). Jonas Schiffauer is a juggler and performer and lives in Cologne, Germany. With his company Hippana Theatre he has realised various projects with different European partners.

Alex Allison is an Irish juggler/performer/circus writer and founder of the Maleta Company. He currently lives in Brussels. His path into the world of circus led to a degree in Celtic Studies.

In 2012, the two jugglers crossed paths at a workshop in Ibiza. Since then, they have met again and again, often by chance, at workshops, conventions and festivals. Slowly, a shared vision of circus, poetry and performance grew, leading to the idea of creating the joint label Hippana.Maleta and a piece together in 2018. TUNNEL premiered in 2019 and has since been shown at many festivals throughout Europe and beyond, e.g. in Austria, Ireland, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium, Spain, Romania, the Netherlands and even Puerto Rico, in Germany at various venues in Cologne, at.tension in Lärz, at Just for Fun in Darmstadt and at the Perspectives Saarbrücken festival. Just to name a few. One of the highlights are the performances at the TAC Festival in Valladolid, Spain, where TUNNEL was honoured with the Emilio Zapatero Award for best circus performance. "We transform ordinary places in public spaces with our acrobatics," says Alex. "That's what street art is all about."

The company is based in Cologne.

Other actual projects:

2024 Premiere
2021

[INSIDE JUGGLING \(AT\)](#)
[RUNNERS](#)

Cie Maleta in collaboration with Cie Balancetoi BE
2024 Premiere

[CLAUDETTE](#)

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[Trailer TUNNEL \(2019\)](#)

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