

Clarice Presents

COMPAGNIA TPO: +ERBA
A Forest in the City



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KAY THEATRE

AT THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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CO-COMMISSION OF WHEELER OPERA HOUSE
IN COLLABORATION WITH ASPEN, CO-REGION ARTISTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY*

Artistic Direction: Francesco Gandi & Davide Venturini

Featuring: Běla Dobiášová & Valentina Consoli

Technicians: Massimiliano Fierli & Francesco Frosini

Computer Engineering: Rossano Monti

Visual Design: Elsa Mersi

Music & Sound Engineering: Federica Camiciola & Francesco Fanciullacci

Costumes: Annamaria Clemente

Props: Livia Cortesi

Dramaturgy & Pedagogical Support: Sandra Goos

Management: Valentina Martini & Chiara Saponari

Producer, U.S. Tour: Arktype/Thomas O. Kriegsmann & Sami Pyne

Booking: David Lieberman

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Special thanks to the company for presenting four performances for K-12 audiences, including one for the neurodivergent student population at Kenmoor Middle School in Prince George's County.

This performance is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council and The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation.



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PHOTO & VIDEO

Please note, photo and video recording of this performance is strictly prohibited.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

+Erba is an interactive show with two dancers who create together with children an imaginary city. The 'architect' dancer observes the landscape and draws the city with houses and streets. The other dancer loves the earth, the insects and draws grass and trees. The two characters move in an empty scene where projections on two large aligned screens evoke a room of wonder. Here their ideas, imagination and projects are drawn from movement and come to life. The architect creates houses full of color and light, the other dancer redesigns them by adding grass and trees. Slowly an imaginary city grows by combining their different sensitivities. The newborn city becomes a living environment and new characters and new events are added. The children come to color and populate the city. Insects appear, the seasons change and the city gets bigger, busier and more complex. Their dream of a green city is coming true. But there is also a factory that grows and grows, scaring away insects, birds, people and making greenery disappear. Together with the children, the dancers will design a new space where nature will grow and where a 'tree concert' can be expected.

ABOUT COMPAGNIA TPO

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TPO has created new methods of interaction between performers, the audience and stage spaces by applying computer sensors and triggers to images and sound, and they have found new ways to collaborate with a variety of artists: dancers, actors, directors, musicians, engineers, designers, writers and illustrators to create new works. These concepts have created fame and a reputation for TPO throughout Europe, Australia, the United States, South America and Canada.

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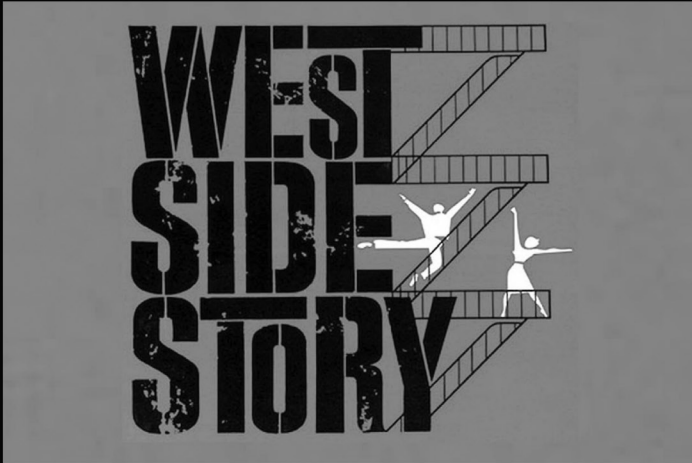
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