



Hesperidien puutarhasta pohjoiseen

North of the garden of Hesperides

North of the Garden of Hesperides is a visually mesmerizing performance combining contemporary dance and circus, exploring the relationship between humans and plants. The piece brings plants to movement and invites the audience to experience their quiet and hypnotic world.

How does a spider orchid live? What kind of sense of time does the silk floss tree's trunk have? What kind of movement is evoked by the surface of a whisk fern?

The piece is a unique initiation from the freelance dance field in Pirkanmaa, Finland and it offers local freelance artists a space to shine..

Choreographer: Diina Bukareva

Dancers: Essi Koivula and Tuulia Soininen

Circus artist: Merri Heikkilä

Lighting designer: Teo Lanerva

Sound designer: Markus Tapio

Costume designer: Laura Lipiäinen

Photography: Ville Kurki

Videography: Tuulia Soininen

Production: Tuulia Soininen and WonderWhy Group

The work has been supported by Pirkanmaa Cultural Fund, Arts Promotion Center Finland, city of Tampere, Pirkanmaa Dance Center, Dance Theatre MD and Old Mine residency.

Premiered in 9.1.2025 Hällä-näyttämö, Tampere

Duration: 50 minutes

Age recommendation: 10+

Language: works for all, no speech or text

Stage size: min. 8m x 8m/ Height: 4.5m to grid

Touring crew: min. 5 people

Technical information:

North of the Garden of Hesperides is a contemporary dance and circus performance with three performers and two tour technicians. When needed the choreographer and producer are included in the tour.

Can be played in theatrical conditions.

Can be played once or twice a day.

Full requirements are listed in the technical rider. Please contact to get your copy.

Watch the video recording [here](#).

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR // LIGHTING DESIGNER

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★★★★★ Kulttuuritoimitus 9.1.2025, Johanna Peltola:

"North of the Garden of Hesperides is an interesting, airy and breathable piece. The presence of flora is felt in the essence of the show; it is as if the plants are speaking to the audience with the help of performers."

"Tuulia Soininen and Essi Koivula's personal movement expression, rhythm changes and imaginative use of space are impressive."

"The juggling is wonderfully organic, not as performative and striving for success as in circus performances in general."

About the makers:

The working group comprises a diverse team of Finnish freelance artists and high level professionals who bring together expertise from dance, circus, light and sound design. Their combined skills and creative visions contribute to creating a hypnotic and multidisciplinary performance.

The piece is the first co-production of Wonder Why Group, which is a Tampere based dance collective founded in 2023.

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