

THE COMPANY



Zen del Sur are a recognised company on an international level within the performing arts sector, fruit of their extensive investigation and connection between skills such as dance, circus and live music. Their work transmits sensitivity through skilled physical control as well as a creative dialogue between movement and sound.

Zen have established their own unique artistic identity, pushing forward with multidisciplinary artists and a work model based in the exploration of new artistic paths.

Principally their work is best enjoyed in theatres and other indoor venues, this is due to the intimate nature, sound quality and lighting that these types of spaces provide. However, the company can make adaptations for outdoor performances and cabarets.



Zen del Sur is formed by a team who pursue the same objective: to emotionally empathise with the audience and generate reflections about the ideas and feelings that the artists share on the stage.

In parallel with their artistic productions the company maintain a commitment to society through a scientific investigation divulging the positive effects the performing arts has on the health of the general public, revealing empirical data that supports the importance of art and culture for social and personal development.

ÓRBITA - SYNOPSIS



ÓRBITA

Trajectory of a physical object as it moves around another, guided by the influence of a central force.

This phenomenon represents the relationship that is established between Carlos López and Noemí Pareja, two multitalented artists who interact through different contemporary styles of movement, circus elements and live music under the gravitational attraction of their roots: Cadiz, the sea and flamenco.

Órbita is pure poetry in movement. A work of art charged with strength and sensitivity which offers the audience an integrated vision of a true artistic fusion.

The performance invites the audience on a dreamlike journey that guides us towards our origin, a metaphor which describes our path through life's aspirations under the constant attraction to our roots.





The beginning of the show is contextualised within the origins of the artists themselves, helping the audience to empathise with their feelings of attachment to their place of birth, their source, acting as a prologue which entices the audience to discover the second layer where the characters find themselves in the raw reality of the here and now but always with their gazes and hearts facing towards their roots.

The interpretation is enriched by the use of certain objects with significant symbolic attributes, for example a fishing net that represents attachment to the feeling of being "imprisoned" as well as its practicality as a tool for basic survival. Cajones flamencos (flamenco percussion drums) stacked liked the "Pillars of Hercules" that, in Greek mythology, delimit the end of the world as we know it and the border between the past and the present for the interpreters of Órbita.

ARTISTIC SKILLS DEVELOPED

Physical: acrobatic dance, urban dance and contemporary flamenco.

Circus skills: cyr wheel, boleadoras and acrobalance.

Music: Spanish guitar, piano and percussion.

ELEMENTS OF ÓRBITA



MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS

The identity of this company is marked by their musical creativity, following this thread the music of this new production has been composed by the interpreters of Órbita themselves and the melodic sounds of the piano, Spanish guitar and percussion instruments can be enjoyed live. The musical composition parts from an extensive investigation of a diverse range of flamenco styles with a strong classical influence and traditional styles originating from other cultures. This unique fusion elaborates an ensemble of original pieces, a rare musical score, from which appears a leitmotif that contributes coherence and a sense of completeness to the dramaturgy.



In addition, they use electronic devices to generate different ambient sounds thus creating a modern style, as well as folkloric instruments from the Iberian Peninsula to conserver their traditional roots for example the square tambourine from Peñaparda (Salamanca), extracting these instruments from their habitual context and integrating them into other musical registers like flamenco.

The essence of this production is the inseparable nature of dance and music which differentiates it from other shows in which the music's main function is accompaniment.



SCENERY AND COSTUME DESIGN

The development of the scenery and the costume designs were inspired in elements that are largely related with manual trades and artistic expression typical of the cities of birth of the two artists (San Fernando y Algeciras). Some of the decorative elements were hand made by members of the artists own families who maintain direct relations with the art of net fishing.



CIRCUS EQUIPMENT



We have selected circus skills which maintain a direct connection with the concept of this production. The Cyr Wheel and the Boleadoras (percussion/performance apparatus originally from Argentina) are objects that describe circular movement driven by physical force and a spinning axis hence establishing parallelism with the term Órbita.



ABOUT THE ARTISTS

CARLOS LÓPEZ ARAGÓN



Originally from San Fernando (Cádiz). Currently director of the company Zen del Sur - Contemporary Arts. Carlos is a multi-skilled performance artist whose great versatility and technical abilities make him stand out from the crowd. His creative nature and expressive capabilities have enabled him to work with many nationally recognised companies (Danza Fernando Hurtado, Orquesta Ciudad de Granada, Albadulake - circo contemporáneo, Teatro Laví e bel), as well as international projects with companies such as Circo Interior Bruto (Cirque Jules Verne – Amiens). Furthermore, he has received a diverse array of prizes in acrobatic gymnastics, dance and performing arts competitions.

For Carlos this production is the culmination of nineteen years of intense work within the art of movement which have created the foundations for him to create his own unique style and expressive language. This is characterized by his impressive domination of acrobatics, his fluidity and plasticity in contemporary dance, as well as his strength and originality in urban dance furthermore his notable control and command of different circus apparatus such as the cyr wheel. Flamenco, in this occasion, is the main art form which unites the different skills that he dominates encouraging exploration and interaction between them.

What's more Carlos demonstrates his musical qualities as a pianist and rhythmic skills playing percussion instruments like the Cajón Flamenco amongst others.

NOEMÍ PAREJA MUÑOZ

Originally from Algeciras (Cádiz), Noemí is a multi-skilled artist and professional musician with a superior grade in classical guitar that has enabled her to learn and control different styles and musical instruments. She has worked in companies such as the Granada City Orchestra (Orquesta Ciudad de Granada), Teatro Laví e bel and La Tetera Impro. One of her greatest achievements is to be the first female guitarist in the III International Festival of guitar Paco de Lucía.

She possesses an admirably rich rhythmic talent and a special sensitivity for creating fusion between music, circus and dance as well as mastering physical abilities related to the art of movement and different circus skills. A versatile artist that shows in this new creation an extensive musical investigation in which she transports her skill as a classical flamenco guitarist, her qualities as a dancer and her control of the boleadoras with which she has given an innovative focus by taking them out of their traditional Argentinian context and creating a modern fusion with flamenco dance. Her great talent has enabled her to create a special relationship between music and dance, she has found an invisible equilibrium between these two art forms.



ARTISTIC DATA



Company:

Zen del Sur

Show:

Órbita

Duration:

55 min

Recommended audience:

All ages

Format:

Theatre/indoor venue (possibility to

Team on tour:

adapt for street show)

2 artists + 2 technicians

Direction:

Assistant Director:

Carlos López Aragón

Noemí Pareja

Choreographer:

Music:

Carlos López y Noemí Pareja

Noemí Pareja y Carlos López

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Light Design: Sound design:

Scenery:

Almudena Oneto

Oskar Vizcaíno

Carlos Monzón, Almudena Oneto y

Zen del Sur

Costume:

Laura León

Special collaborations:

Karen Lugo (assistance in choreo-

graphy flamenco)

Antonio García (constructor of cajones flamencos KATHO)
Antonio Muñoz (decoration)

Photography:

Promotional video:

Graphic design:

Tomoyuki Hotta Photography Victoria García - Madrid

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Production: Zen del Sur



TECNICAL DATA



STAGE SPACE:

Smooth surface (linoleum, parquet, dance floor, marble floor or similar) without inclination where it 's possible to realize contemporary dance, slides and acrobatics.

MINIMUM DIMENTIONS: 8 meters wide, 8 meters deep and 5 meters high.

In the street it is important that the show is programmed in the late afternoon/night or in a place with adequate shade to protect the musical instruments.

SET UP TIME FOR INDOOR VENUE: 7h

Unload and set up scenery: 1h

Lighting set up: 1'5h

Fixing apparatus directions: 1'5h
Fixing sound equipment and sound

checks: 2h Warm up: 1h

SET UP TIME FOR STREET SHOW: 5h

LIGHTING FOR INDOOR VENUE:

55.000 w power

41 dimmer channels 2.000 w for each channel

LIGHTING FOR STREET SHOW:

39.000 w power

25 dimmer channels 2.000 w for each channel

SOUND:

Microphones Monitors

Monitors

P.A. system capable of 120 db in the whole audio range.

Digital table, minimum LS9 16

TAKE DOWN: 1h

All lighting, sound equipment and structures can be reduced and/or modified depending on the technical requirements of each venue.

For more specific technical details refer to technical rider: tecnica@zendelsur.com



PRESS RELASE



PROVINCIA 14 AL LADO DE LAS COMPAÑIAS PEQUEÑAS

Zen del Sur emociona a un cálido público de Alcaudete

La "Residencia de Artistas" sigue con su apuesta por las artes escénicas

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Ibérica Contemporánea está en Querétaro. 12 de diciembre de 2019 - 🚱

Gracias a tantos artistas, maestros, alumnos y especiadores, actualmente nos posicionamos como el festival de Flamenco más importante de Latinoamérica. En escena Nazaret Reyes y Compañía "Zen del Sur" Fotografíado por @isoptica y @felix.vazquez_buenasombra Feliz Vázquez.

Zen del Sur, un circo nacido para emocionar

La compañía granadina pudo presentar su espectáculo en el Teatro Alhambra finalmente dentro del Festival de Circo y Artes Urbanas

Más flamenco que circo y casi tanta danza como teatro para conformar una creación granadina original y seductora. Entre el público muchos universitarios pues la compañía, con esta representa

participa en un proyecto de investigación de la Facultad de Cir Deporte, en la que se trata de evaluar la relación entre circo y e Una relación que está fuera de toda duda, a la vista de la bellez ZIRKOLIKA conseguida en el escenario y de los aplausos cosechados desd de butacas.

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Martes, 8 de diciembre 2020, 00:00 | Actualizado 00:27h

El hecho es que Zen del Sur ha estrenado una nueva pági na de su colección minimalista en la que aúna unas gotas de circo, una vena de danza v tando en el humo del plácido discurrir de la música. Esta compañía se hermana con otras, también meridionales, que hogaño se devanan en ha-

cer un circo nuevo, una ex-



El nombre de la compañía le sienta como anillo al dedo porque por un lado logran que el público haya suyo este principio budista de paz interior y por el otro conecta con sus raíces andaluzas. Carlos Lópex y Noemi Pareja consiguen con 'Órbita' seducir al espectador/a, cogerle de la mano y acompañarle a un viaje intemporal por su onírico Cádiz en el que el sonido de las olas del mar se fusiona con las ráfagas de viento, el flamenco con las artes del circo, la danza contemporánea y la música nacida de las teclas, las cuerdas de una guitarra española y el eco de un cajón. Uno no se da ni cuenta y con su arte consigue que todo fluya sin prisa y sin pausa, dirigiéndonos hacia un final poético que cierran como dos enamorados mirando ensimismados el dibujo de un círculo arenoso que brota de una botella de cristal cual reloj de arena de playa. Aquella pista redonda que no utilizan nace al final para recordarnos que aquello que hemos visto era circo, circo con mayúsculas.

Los espectadores del Teatro Municipal se quedan "fuera de órbita" con el nuevo espectácu Zen del Sur

10 de diciembre de 2019

Gracias al proyecto cultural "Residencia de Artistas Villa de Alcaudete" pudimos disfrutar ayer del preestreno de "Órbita", un espectáculo de la compañía Zen del Sur. Este proyecto pone a disposición del elenco de artistas y equipo técnico todo el potencial de un espacio escénico como es nuestro Teatro para concluir el montaje de la obra, para lo cual, antes, deben de presentar una breve memoria del mismo. Durante toda una semana Zen del Sur ha trabajado arduamente junto al personal del teatro para concluir el montaje de su nueva obra: "Órbita". El resultado es un bellísimo espectáculo cuyo desarrollo orbita entre distintas modalidades artísticas: danza acrobática, música en vivo o circo contemporáneo. Pero no solo toca varias modalidades, sino que además lo hace desde un punto de vista propio: el flamenco, dando una increíble vuelta de tuerca al género.

Tras el preestreno, los protagonistas mantuvieron un coloquio con los asistentes, en el que presentaron al resto del equipo técnico responsable de la espectacular puesta en escena: iluminación, realización en el sonido, vestuario, coreógrafos etc. También hubo palabras de agradecimiento hacia el personal del teatro y hacia la iniciativa cultural de "Residencia de Artitas", representada por la Concejala de Cultura De Yolanda Caballero Aceituno, que transmitió de parte de los espectadores la estupefacción por "Órbita"





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