Umbrella Theatre Company

Press Release

What is Umbrella Theatre?

Umbrella Theatre is both a performing arts company and a pop up theatre space. The venue is an intimate portable theatre suitable for festivals, functions and events. The company produces a variety of performances, including installations, puppetry, interactive sideshow and more.

Why is it called Umbrella Theatre?

The structure itself folds out of a base like an umbrella. The top of the theatre is a colourful vinyl umbrella and the theatre curtains hang from its sides. Inside the stories of a rainy day unfold.

Who is Umbrella Theatre?

Umbrella Theatre is run by Sydney based artists Natalia Ladyko & Shani Moffat. The company also benefits from several locally based artistic associates whose talents span from design, acting, stilt walking, aerial, puppetry, film making and dance. Other core members include: Matina Moutzouris, Aesha Henderson, and Samantha Hickey

All the artists involved have extensive and diverse experience, having worked both in Australia and Internationally.

History

The Umbrella Theatre was born as part of an Underbelly Arts Lab residency in a reclaimed Sydney warehouse space in July 2010. The residency culminated in the company's debut performance at the Underbelly Arts Festival. Audiences were delighted by a dark 'choose your own adventure' style puppet show where anyone could be guilty of murder. Since then Umbrella Theatre has also appeared at Peat's Ridge Festival and the Red Rattler.

Future

The members of Umbrella Theatre Company are working on several creative development projects to expand its repertoire. A variety of different experiences, performances and installations will be programmed inside to bring excitement and intrigue to its audiences at upcoming festivals and events.

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Recent Activity

- Gallery Burlesque 2012
- Winter Magic Festival 2012
- Subsonic Festival 2012
- Corporate Function – Halloween Party
- Harvest Festival 2011
- Jurassic Lounge 2011 - 2013
- Underbelly Arts Festival 2010 (debut)
- Cabinet, Red Rattler 2010

- Peats Ridge Festival 2010 - 2012
- Pyrmont Festival 2011
- Fraser Studios Open Day 2011
- Sydney Fringe Festival 2011 and 2012
- This Is Not Art Festival 2011 and 2012
- The Rocks Village Bizarre 2013
- Festival of the Winds, Bondi, 2013