

Family Stories: Belgrade

Controversial Serbian playwright, activist, and artist Biljana Srbljanovic portrays her native war-ravaged city in "*Family Stories: Belgrade*" in what has been called a "slapstick tragedy." The audience is introduced to a myriad of adult actors portraying children playing house in a violent and dysfunctional family amongst the ruins of Belgrade. The children mimic the domestic brutality that is present in their own unseen homes. Srbljanovic's absurd and farcical account of Serbia depicts the devolution of a society that has been destroyed and degraded by war. Biljana Srbljanovic's work has been translated in over 20 languages and has been performed in over 80 theatres. Her work has provoked diverse reactions ranging from being accused of being "a Serb Hater" to being "a leader of young intellectuals".

Director's note

It was a great challenge working on a script that had recently been celebrated through both Serbian and European theatre. In our rendition we have added more "children" to the equation in order to stress the collective side of this exorcism. The events depicted, albeit exaggerated through a child's eye, still remind us of the sad truth that whenever violence is present it is the weakest amongst us who suffer the most.

Aleksandar Lukač, February 2004

A short dictionary of terms used:

Jegulja	- Eel	Jelacic Square	- famous square in Zagreb
Grob	- Grave	Mirogojska 3	- street in Zagreb
Rak	- Cancer	Vozdovac	- borough of Belgrade
Tumor	- Tumor	Palilula	- borough of Belgrade
Rat	- War	Zemun	- borough of Belgrade
Zrtve	- Victims	Vracar	- borough of Belgrade
Pacovi	- Rats	Autokomanda	- borough of Belgrade
Zulj	- Corn	Czar Lazar	- Serbian king who died at the battle of Kosovo
Pistolj	- Gun	Dusan the Great	- Serbian king
Privredne Sankcije	- Economic Embargo		
Vranje	- small town in Serbia		
Zagreb	- Capitol of Croatia		

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Cast:

Enza Bambina..... Andrija (1B), Nadezda (5)
Elizabeth Butterfield..... Vojin (5)
Melissa Couture..... Nadezda (2,9,11), Andrija (3,4)
Kenia Del Toro MatamoroNadezda (1A,4,6, 7)
Kristin FosterMilena (1b), Vojin (8)
David Fournier.....Vojin (1A, 7, 10)
Kevin Friedberg.....Andrija (1A,2,9,10,11)
Tara Gerlich-FitzgeraldNadezda (6), Andrija (8)
Aline Kerim..... Milena (3)
Naomi Knight Milena (1A,10)
Marina Long Milena (7)
Meredith Marr Andrija (5)
Monique Moses Milena (5,8)
Mu Jie Vojin (3)
Gala Theriault.....Nadezda (3), Andrija (6)
Akila WaljiNadezda (1B,4)
Andrea Watson Vojin (1B), Andrija (7)

Crew:

Director..... Aleksandar Lukac
Technical DirectorMat Kensett
Production Stage Manager..... Kaela Beth Gillan
Assistant Stage Manager.Doris Poirier-MacIver
Set Designer.....Claude Guilmain
Head Carpenter..... Erin Rowe
Video Editing & ProjectionHeather Burke &
..... Jennifer O'Brien
Light Design & OperationGabriella Rackoff
Sound Design & Operation..... Julie Sousa
Costumes & Makeup Angela Rodriguez-Saavedra
Props Angela James &
..... Akila Walji
Special EffectsSarah Bay
Publicity.....Meredith Marr

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Directed by: Aleksandar Lukac

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