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

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 Matamoro .......................... Nadezda (1A,4,6, 7)
Kristin Foster .................................. Milena (1b), Vojin (8)
David Fournier .............................................. Vojin (1A, 7, 10)
Kevin Friedberg .................................. Andrija (1A,2,9,10,11)
Tara Gerlich-Fitzgerald ........................ Nadezda (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 Walji ........................................... Nadezda (1B,4)
Andrea Watson .................................. Vojin (1B), Andrija (7)

Crew:

Director................................................. Aleksandar Lukac
Technical Director ................................. Mat Kensett
Production Stage Manager .......................... Kaela Beth Gillan
Assistant Stage Manager.......................... Doris Poirier-MacIver
Set Designer ........................................ Claude Guilmain
Head Carpenter .................................... Erin Rowe
Video Editing & Projection ................. Heather Burke &
......................................................... Jennifer O’Brien
Light Design & Operation .................. Gabriella Rackoff
Sound Design & Operation ................. Julie Sousa
Costumes & Makeup ....................... Angela Rodriguez-Saavedra
Props ........................................ Angela James &
......................................................... Akila Walji
Special Effects ..................................... Sarah Bay
Publicity ........................................ Meredith Marr
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Written by: Biljana Srblanovic
Directed by: Aleksandar Lukac

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