TARGET MARGIN THEATER PRESENTS

FEAR IN THE WESTERN WORLD

Created by David Commander & Rob Ramirez
Written and directed by David Commander

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THE DOXSEE THEATER
232 52nd Street, Sunset Park, Brooklyn

Performed by Nikki Calonge, Maria Camia, and David Commander

Produced by Immediate Medium
Co-presented by The Exponential Festival

Video / Projection Design: Rob Ramirez
Set / Props Design: David Commander
Lighting Design: Takaaki Ando
Additional performances: Mikéah Ernest Jennings and Rob Ramirez
Additional puppet faces: Mike Commander, Cary Curran, Cool Curran, JJ Lind, and Rob Ramirez
Additional props: Maria Camia
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CREATIVE TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Takaaki Ando (lighting designer) is a sound, lighting and projection designer based in New York City. With over one decade of experience, Takaaki has worked in renowned spaces such as Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and MoMA; as well as cultural institutions and independent venues. Not only a veteran designer, Takaaki is also an adept technical director, stage manager and production supervisor.

Nikki Calonge (performer) a founding member of ANIMALS and had performed with artists and theater companies such as Jim Findlay, Nellie Tinder, Half Straddle, Witness Relocation, Normandy Sherwood/The Drunkard’s Wife, and The National Asian American Theater Company. With ANIMALS, she is the recipient of the Tom Murrin Award and has been presented at Fresh Ground Pepper, CATCH, Prelude, as part of Target Margin Theater’s Gertrude Stein Lab, and Under the Radar’s Incoming Series. Training: The Patravadi Theatre and Theater Mitu in Thailand; Traditional Dance and Wayang Kulit in Indonesia; BFA NYU-Tisch. nikkicalonge.com

Maria Camia (performer) is a visual theatre artist who creates spiritual-sci-fi plays, puppets, apparel, comics, and videos with the intention to globally inspire healing and play. Maria performed original work at Concrete Temple Theater’s Concrete Boom Vo. 2 Festival, Dixon Place’s Puppet BloK!, The Center @ West Park’s Object Movement Festival, Pan Asian Repertory Theatre’s NuWorks Festival, and at La Mama’s Puppet Slam. In January 2020, she will puppeteer in Dan Hurlin’s BISMARCK at Sarah Lawrence College. In September 2020, Dixon Place will present Maria’s full workshop puppet production, New Mony! @themaricama www.maricama.com

David Commander (co-creator / set & props designer / performer) has written, directed and performed his particular style of modern toy theater since 2010, has been presented in New York City, Minneapolis (Toy Theater After Dark Festival), Portland (TBA Festival), Chicago (Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival), and Philadelphia. 2016 saw his first collaboration with Rob Ramirez (Cycling ‘74, Immediate Medium) to create Steve Of Tomorrow, a puppet performance about time travel using newer, more cutting-edge technology. As well as his work in puppetry and toy theater, Commander is a long-time member of Big Art Group, a NYC theater company dedicated to building culturally transgressive and challenging new works using the language of media and blended states of performance. www.davidcommander.org

Rob Ramirez (co-creator / video & projection designer) is a performance artist, DJ, and computer programmer based in Brooklyn, New York. He has performed and exhibited works at SAT (Montréal), MANCC (Tallahassee), EMPAC (Troy), Borusan (Istanbul), and the festivals Novelum (Toulouse), Fusebox (Austin), Push (Vancouver), and COIL (NYC). Rob has collaborated with several multi-disciplinary artists, including Phil Soltanoff, Joe Diebes, Kurt Hentschlager, Koosil-Ja, David Watson, and David Commander and is a member of the NYC based performance group Immediate Medium. He holds an M.S. in Integrated Digital Media from Brooklyn Polytechnic University, and is a developer on Cycling ’74’s Max media software. Rob was born in Asheville, NC.

Immediate Medium (producer) is an anti-disciplinary artist collective committed to the creation of works that challenge formal distinctions between performance, dance, film, and visual art. Through a unique cooperative producing model, we offer comprehensive support and professional development to artists making vital, experiential art that provokes creators and audiences alike. Our programs offer artists a home for experimentation and risk-taking within a supportive community dedicated to creating hybrid performance. Since 2013, IM’s AGENCY program has supported IM’s affiliated artists with an array of services and artistic support. Fear in the Western World is our eighth production to receive AGENCY commissioning funds, joining Lisa Clair’s The Making of King Kong, Royal Osiris Karaoke Ensemble’s The Art of Luv, Jim Findlay’s Vine of the Dead, Jillian Sweeney’s Arrows and Errors, JJ Lind’s The Electric Indian, David Commander and Rob Ramirez’s Steve of Tomorrow, and New Saloon’s Minor Character. www.immediatemedium.org

The Exponential Festival (co-presenter) is the only month-long January festival dedicated to New York City-based emerging artists working in experimental performance. The participants in this multi-artist, multi-venue festival are committed to ecstatic creativity in the face of commercialism. Exponential is driven by inclusiveness and a diversity of artists, forms, and ideas coupled with utopian resource-sharing, mentoring and the championing of risky, rigorous work in eclectic fields to keep theatre kicking.