



What to expect when attending a performance of
THE MUTABLES
at
HERE Arts Center

SYNOPSIS: What can be said cannot be unsaid. What cannot be said, can be said with indirection: can be alluded to, implied, wrapped in metaphor, joked about, layered in allegory, gestured at. And what can be gestured at is never silent.

The Mutable weaves cutting edge technology for speech production with mythographies of the feminine monstrous to expand and reorient our intuitions for what can be put into language. Using a unique sensor-based instrument for embodied speech called BodyMouth, this eerie performance intertwines bodies and vocals as dancers sound out words phoneme-by-phoneme by enacting specific gestures in sequence, turning the body quite literally into a mouth. Situated at the edge of experimental opera and dance, the piece is inspired by female forest creatures in Balkan folklore called ielele whose voices were said to lead men astray and who could render listeners instantly mute. The project is a meditation on the question What does it mean to have a voice?—a provocation to the bleak histories of totalitarian rule where alternate modes of speech became an urgent form of survival and resistance.

MORE ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE:

The run time, or expected length, of this show is 90 minutes.

This show will take place in the Mainstage at HERE Arts Center.

There will be a limited number of seats reserved for Seats on the Spectrum, indicated by paper signs marked as "reserved." There will be fidget tools available for patron use. They will be located in a container in the lobby, as well as in a container downstairs in the designated break area. Please return the fidget tools to the container after the performance.

Shows use different theatrical elements to help tell the story. In this show, you can expect:

Loud and/or Sudden Noise

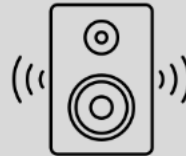
At times during the show, there will be loud noises which may be unexpected



⚠ Be Aware: Loud or sudden noises will take place, especially within the second movement.

Loud music and/or Bass

This show will contain loud music or bass elements. You may feel the vibration from these elements.



⚠ Be Aware: The soundtrack contains some bass moments that may cause sensory arousal.

Blackout

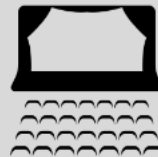
At one or more points during the performance, lights will turn off completely. This is a part of the show and the lights will turn back on momentarily.



⚠ Be Aware: A blackout can be expected at the start and end of the show.

Actors Interacting with the Audience

In this performance, the actors may talk to or come close to the audience.



⚠ Be Aware: Performers will not come into the audience, but performers will be in close proximity to audience members and will interact via intense eye contact.

Sensitive content includes:

Minimal use of cursing.

What To Expect from Your Experience at HERE:

The box office is located in the lobby at HERE Arts Center. Feel free to direct any additional questions not covered by these narratives to the box office staff.

Seating information: All seats are general admission. However, there will be a limited number of seats reserved for SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM, indicated by paper signs marked as "reserved." In order to reserve a SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM ticket, please select your desired ticket price, then select SEATS ON THE SPECTRUM as an add-on at checkout.

There are two all gender bathrooms, one containing only stalls and one with urinals and stalls, located down the stairs and to the left.

Venue information:

The lobby and box office will open two hours before the show starts.

In the lobby area you can also find:

- The box office.
- Couches, tables and chairs to sit.
- A bar with alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and snacks available for purchase.
- There will be a house manager present who can answer any questions. They will not be inside of the theater throughout the performance — should patrons need anything during the show, please exit the theater and find the house manager.

The mainstage theater is located on the ground floor. Please alert the box office manager or the house manager should an accessible entrance be needed. For reference, the accessible entrance is located on 6th ave, just around the corner from the main entrance on Dominick St.

Lobby activities:

The red couch downstairs (across from the restrooms) can be utilized as a designated break area. Please note that people will likely pass through the area to use the bathrooms or file in for a show in our downstairs theater.

If there are any questions about these elements of the show or additional information is needed, please contact the box office by calling (212) 647- 0202 or emailing tickets@here.org.

We look forward to seeing you at
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