

ARCTIC HYSTERIA

a new play by
Abi Basch
and
kInDeRdEuSch pRoJekTs



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Arctic Hysteria is a movement theater performance created by German/American theater company kInDeRdEuSch pRoJekTs in collaboration with a team of renowned international artists. Merging anthropological accounts of Inuit hysteria with the story of King Lear, the performance traces a family's descent into madness as they struggle to leave a legacy in a kingdom of melting ice.

The play received workshops in August 2010 at The Jewish Theatre in San Francisco and in July 2011 at Eugenio Barba's Odin Teatret in Denmark. It will premiere in August 2012 in San Francisco, supported by Climate Theater and the Creative Work Fund. A European tour of the performance is intended for 2013 at potential venues Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum in Cologne, Theaterlabor in Bielefeld, the Hebbel Theater in Berlin and Teatret Om in Ringkøbing.

The extraordinary group of artists creating *Arctic Circles* includes: from Oslo, director Else Marie Laukvik (Eugenio Barba's Odin Teatret, www.odinteatret.dk); from Berlin, actors Thorsten Bihegwe and Stefanie Fiedler (Stadttheater Giessen, Stadttheater Hildesheim, Theater Rudolstadt, Refraction Arts Project, Theater Without Stages St. Petersburg); from Moscow, costume designer Irina Kruzhilina (Mabou Mines, Prague National Theatre, Brooklyn Academy of Music, www.irinakruzhilina.com); from London, set designer Sue Rees (Mass MoCa, Culture Project, Flea Theatre, Kadmus Theatre Poland, MoMa Dublin, www.suerees.org); from San Francisco, playwright Abi Basch (Playwrights' Center Jerome Fellowships, Fulbright and Humboldt Fellowships, Ontological-Hysteric Theater, Synchronicity Performance Group, Salvage Vanguard Theater, Estonian National Ballet, www.abibasch.com) and actor Molly Shaiken (Theatre Rhinoceros, Upon These Boards, Intransitos Gallery Berlin, Patravadi Theatre Bangkok); and from New York City, composer Paula Matthusen (Fulbright and MacCracken Fellowships, MacDowell and Yaddo Residencies, Ballett Frankfurt, Bang on a Can, Object Collection, Joyce SoHo, www.paulamatthusen.com).

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