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OTHELLO

William Shakespeare

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"I don't think it's possible to stage "Othello" in the traditional way today, as the tradition of staging "Othello" has been covered by layers of racism, colonialism and patriarchy which today we regard as unacceptable. These layers seem to completely obscure the real meaning of Shakespeare's "Othello", which, on a par with other tragedies by Shakespeare, is the collision between the traditional and the modern. [...] In these times, the union of Othello and Desdemona, disregarding as it does their racial differences, could be called non-traditional. Nowadays we in Lithuania are experiencing the collision between traditional and non-traditional notions of family as well as problems of gender. This is basically the collision of the traditional and the modern which has recurred in Europe since the Middle Ages, and its matrix is visible in Shakespeare's tragedies. This dilemma explains our choice of black woman to play Othello. It allows us to feel the traditional limits that Desdemona has crossed. Moreover, if in Shakespearean times it was normal for men to perform as women, today it should be normal for women to perform as men. Acting is the art of re-embodiment. Here, sex or age or other restrictions do not matter"

director Oskaras Koršunovas

stage designers

Oskaras Koršunovas, Julija Skuratova

costume designer Julija Skuratova

music Antanas Jasenka

improvisation for guitar author and performer

Džiugas Gvozdzinskas

video artist Artis Dzerve

choreographer Vesta Grabškaitė

lighting designer

Eugenijus Sabaliauskas

director's assistant

Jokūbas Brazys

literature adviser

Kasparas Pocius

cast Oneida Kunsunga-Vildžiūniene, Digna Kulionytė, Saulius Ambrozaitis, Sofija Gedgaudaitė, Karolis Norvilas, Miglė Navasaitytė, Gerda Čiuraitė, Džiugas Gvozdzinskas, Aurelijus Pocius, Džiugas Grinys, Domantas Starkauskas

 tickets 15/5 zł

 Main Stage | Rynek 10