

Philip & Lucinda Dino-Show Company Bio

The Grand Salto Theatre, led by Zita Nyarady and Myque Franz, creates theatrical adaptations of stories, people, places, ideas and things. Inspired by their shared training at Dell'arte International School of Physical Theatre, Zita and Myque incorporate theatre, circus, clown, mask, acrobatics and dance into their shows and workshops. Whether leading a group of rambunctious dino-experts in a lively fossil dance (*The Philip & Lucinda Dino-Show*) or bringing family and world history to the stage with storytelling, song, dance and linguistics (*Szeretlek: A Hungarian Love Story*) The Grand Salto Theatre is known for creating playful, physical and thought provoking work. The Grand Salto Theatre has performed across Canada and Internationally. Highlights include HarbourKIDS, The Toronto Festival of Clowns, Toronto Buskerfest, Edmonton Play the Fool Festival, In the Soil Festival and work with Odin Teatret in Denmark. Zita and Myque are both in the Cirque du Soleil performer database.

The Philip & Lucinda Dino-Show has been presented at:

- Harbourkids Circus Weekend (Toronto ON), 2017
- Edmonton Kids Fringe Outdoor curated program, 2017-18
- Saskatoon Fringe Festival, 2017
- Storefront Fringe Festival (Kingston ON), 2018
- Word on the Street Festival (Toronto ON), 2018
- Various private functions and children birthday parties, 2017-19
- Centaur Theatre TD Kids series (Montreal) 2019

Company Members

Zita Nyarady (Co-creator, performer)

Zita Nyarady is a dance, theatre and circus artist. Zita is a graduate of Dell'arte International, holds a Masters in Environmental Studies from York University and is a PhD candidate in Performance Studies at York University. Her interdisciplinary performances have been presented at Rhubarb, Toronto Festival of Clowns, Edmonton Play the Fool Festival, Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival, NBacts Theatre Festival, Clay & Paper Theatre, Nightwood Theatre, Theatre Passe Muraille and Harbourfront Centre. Internationally she has worked with the National Gallery in Jamaica, Dance House in Scotland, Pilobolus Dance Theatre in Connecticut, Odin Teatret in Denmark and Klintkalaset in Sweden. She has participated in Director's Lab North, Circus Sessions, Native Earth's Weesageechak Festival, Montreal working group on circus research and the Auxiliary Training Program at Crow's Theatre. She was the 2017/18 Dramatist in Residence at the Heliconian Club and is in the Cirque du Soleil database. Zita is a co-artistic director of The Grand Salto Theatre.

Myque Franz (Co-creator, performer)

Myque Franz is an actor and acrobat. He holds a BA in theatre from the University of Northern Iowa and an MA in Ensemble-Based Physical Theatre from Dell'arte International. He founded *The Wonderground* and *The Wapsipincon Theatre Festival* two organizations which created and programmed a variety of theatrical activities in North Eastern Iowa. In Toronto Myque has worked for Faustwork Mask Theatre. Myque's performance creations have been shown across Canada at various fringe festivals. He has also performed internationally with Odin Teatret in Denmark and Klintkalaset in Sweden. He is in the Cirque du Soleil database. Myque is a co-artistic director of The Grand Salto Theatre.