



Dreams of the Small Gods

Summerhall (Demonstration Room), Summerhall Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1PL

Wednesday 3rd – Sunday 28th August 2022 (not 15th, 22nd), 19:50

Dreams of the Small Gods is an intoxicating one-woman performance telling the story of the awakening of Wild Woman. Naked, unaware and unselfconscious, she explores her surroundings - more animal than human. Winner of the Autopsy Award for Summerhall 2022, and part of the Made in Scotland Showcase, this transfixing production from Zinnia Oberski has dramaturgy from Herald Angel Award winner Ellie Dubois (*No Show*).

Drawn from classic mythology, ancient practices and sacraments, *Dreams of the Small Gods* blends aerial circus, masked ritual and performance art to question ideas of holiness and profanity. It creates a world that is as hypnotic as it is surreal to explore the ever-changing relationship between animals, humans and those we name as our gods.

As Wild Woman awakens to her surroundings and becomes more aware, her developing consciousness attracts the attention of a primal deity. Existence is not enough, awareness is not enough; enlightenment requires curiosity. This creature compels her transformation: she draws arcane power from the coalition of animal, human and spirit self; she becomes something more.

Zinnia Oberski comments, *Dreams of the Small Gods* is inspired by mythology, folklore and faerie-tales. It is about the ancient power of the Earth and the natural world, and how this power is channelled through humans, in particular women. Instead of striving always for new I decided to create something very, very old, about a magic that we've forgotten but that is still tangible to us through the medium of the body.

Made in Scotland is a curated showcase of high-quality performance from Scotland. Find out more about the showcase at www.madeinscotlandshowcase.com.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Dreams of the Small Gods</i> Zinnia Oberski presented by Scissor Kick
Performance Dates	Wednesday 3 rd August – Sunday 28 th August (not 15 th , 22 nd), 19:50
Running Time	50 minutes
Location	Summerhall (Demonstration Room), Summerhall Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1PL
Performer / Creator	Zinnia Oberski (she/her)
Dramaturg	Ellie Dubois (she/her)
Movement Advisor	Tina Afiyan Breiova (she/her)
Costume Designer	Emily Martinelli (she/her)
Puppet Technician	Ant Geraghty (he/him)
Outside Eye	Mele Broomes (she/her)
Sound Designer/Technician	Chris Gorman (he/him)
Lighting Designer	Ian Cookie Brooks (he/him)
LX Support	Katharine Williams (they/them)
Producer	Nicola Lawton for Scissor Kick (she/her)
Image/Video	Paul Maguire (he/him)
Graphic Design	Scott MacMichael/Gallusness (he/him)
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.summerhall.co.uk or 0131 560 1580. Previews: £8/10 Shows: £13 (£10)
Age Guidance	Recommended for 18+, contains full female nudity.
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