



COMFORT OBJECT

Created and Performed by Rotem Volk and Dana Etgar



Photo by Uri Rubinstein

Comfort Object is a participatory sound performance for three audience members. The term "Comfort Object" was coined in 1951 by the famous psychoanalyst Donald Winnicott. Winnicott used this term to describe an object that can give a baby a sense of security when separating from its parent. Now, after being deprived of touch due to Covid-19, the piece offers a reunion with our childhood teddy bear, that asks us simply: Hug me.

Excerpts from the play will be screened during the panel discussion on 18 November 2021.

Dana Etgar is an Israeli theatre director, performer, and teacher. She is a founding member of the multinational Sun Apparatus Theatre Company. Dana is dedicated to creating new performance work that tackles the personal and the political. Her work includes *Unprescribed*, performed in London and at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival with The Sun Apparatus Theatre Company (2013), *The Me*, Garage Theatre in Norwich and at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival (2015); *Raise Your Hand*, a site-specific performance, performer and dramaturge; *The Head Comes Last*, Almacén Gallery, Jaffa Theatre, Hanut 31 Theatre, Tel Aviv; and *Terra Incognita*, Tmu-na Festival, Tel Aviv (2020).

Rotem Volk is a multidisciplinary theatre and performance artist and educator based in Tel Aviv, Israel. Rotem creates both for the stage and outdoors, mainly focusing on site-specific performances. Her works are often immersive, engaging with the urban environment, and offering alternative intimate tours in the city, blurring the boundaries between private and public. Rotem has presented her work locally and internationally on various platforms, including Art Night London, Tate Modern, Israel Festival, Vadim Sidur Museum, Moscow, Tmu-na Theatre, Tel Aviv, and others. She is a lecturer in the Community Theatre and Artivism Program at Tel Aviv University, and holds independent performance workshops.

Running Time: 20 minutes

Booking:

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Narration: Chen Zausmer

Artistic Directors: Jason Danino Holt
and Nataly Zuckerman

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Striving for Touch, Habait Theatre,
Jaffa, June 2020.**



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