

Dossier 2023

Teaser



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The Show

Common Ground is a generous circus performance advocating respect and cooperation. On a catwalk stage with a scenery of wooden cubes the six award winning artists will push you to the edge of your seat and beyond.

This optimistic and ambitious show constantly pushes at boundaries. Conceptually, in its indictment of boxed-in lives. Technically, through a variety of circus disciplines such as human towers, swinging trapeze and Chinese pole. And theatrically, by engaging with the audience as they literally search for the 'common ground' between spectator and artist. With acrobatics, humor and live music this show is both spectacular and intimate and will touch you to your core.



Practical info

Duration	75 minutes
Stage	12 m wide x 4 m deep x 8 m clearance above floor covered with mats provided by the company
Audience	All ages - Bi-frontal set up - frontal option available in consultation
Venue	Indoor and Outdoor - structure for outside provided by the company
Tech info	tec@commonground.show General tech rider attached, sketches upon request
Booking	booking@commonground.show
Teaser	https://vimeo.com/289956982

The Company

We, Common Ground, are organized as a collective. We take decisions together about artistic choices as well as about all organizational questions. Tasks are shared between us and every one of us supports the group in the best way possible, doing what each is best at. This is a core value in our work, one we share with our audience through our shows.

We all met at the Academy for Circus and Performance Art in Tilburg, the Netherlands, where most of us did our circus studies. For quite some years we have performed in different shows, projects and companies as solo or duo artists. In 2015, we decided to bring together our experiences, visions and skills to create a performance based on the common ground of this specific group.



The artists

Andreas Bartl	Chinese Pole, Saxophone
Emma Laule	Vertical Rope, Accordion
Evertjan Mercier	Base in hand to hand, Physical theatre
Zinzi Oegema	Flyer in hand to hand, Guitar and singing
Marius Pohlmann	Base, DJ, Physical theatre
Lisa Rinne	Swinging trapeze, pole walking

Credits

Outside eye	Stefan Schönfeld
Music	Michael Strobel
Scenography	Karoline Hahn
Light design	Reynaldo Rampersad
Supported by	The Flemish Government, Landesverband Baden-Württemberg Perplx vzw, Theater op de Markt, Tollhaus, Fonds Darstellende Künste



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Press critics

"Common Ground" confirms that the bundling of competencies here has succeeded all around [...] so coherent and touching, as it rarely succeeds. An undertaking that was worthwhile!"
BNN 27.09.2019

"Humor, atmospheric music, great artistry [...] so everything about Common Ground is just right, right down to the wonderful ending."
Circuszeitung 10 / 2019

"Thunderous, standing ovation [...] you have restored my faith in humanity."
Rhein-Zeitung Idar Oberstein 15.08.2022

„It is truly impressive, overwhelming what we are seeing in the Sala Concha Velasco. These great artists are surprising for their maturity, for their judgment, for their dramatic tension, for their dry virtuosity and their drama. And also for their humor [...] To cultivate solidarity, that is why these artists are essential for the future of culture and also for the future of the people.“
Tribuna Valladolid 20.04.2023

"The audience is amazed, anxious and carried away. The artists not only offer artistic excellence, they are about more: a special understanding of community [...] in moments of top performance and moments of silence."
Echo 04.08.2023





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Technical Requirements – General version – Indoor

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Team on tour:	6 artists + 1 technician + 1 child
Duration of show:	+/- 75 minutes
Duration of set up:	Estimated duration for the set-up of the company's equipment, rigging of the apparatus (trapeze, Chinese Pole, boxes) and sound check by the Artist: +/- 3 hours (this figure doesn't include the Organizer's equipment!) Light focussing: +/- 2 hours This is a very rough calculation. The real time depends a lot on the local context. <u>Prerequisite to realise the aforementioned time-frame:</u> Light and sound equipment, audience-seating and stage shall be prepared according to the attached tech riders before arrival of company.

Please contact the technical management to agree on the exact timings!

Duration of set down:	+/- 2 hours (this figure doesn't include the promoter's equipment!)
Access with van:	Direct access for a van + trailer to the venue for unloading and loading has to be guaranteed.
Parking:	1 van + trailer plus maximum 3 cars from day of arrival
Audience:	up to +/- 1000 PAX, ideally seated bi-frontally, 500 PAX on each side

Model timetable

Day -1:	Pre-hanging of light equipment according to the attached tech rider by the local crew.
	20:00 arrival of artists and tour technician + dinner (if possible: site visit and tech meeting)
Day 0:	09:00 – 13:00 set up stage / rigging / focussing light / sound check
	13:00 – 14:00 lunch
	14:00 – 19:00 finishing focussing etc., warm up and rehearsal/run through
	19:00 stage cleaning
	19:30 preset scenography
	19:40 open doors
	20:00 – 21:15 show
	21:30 – 22:00 dinner (at venue appreciated)
	22:00 – 23:30 down-rigging / loading
2 nd day:	Morning: cleaning of costumes (access to washing machine + dryer)
	12:00 – 13:00 lunch break
	13:00 – 17:00 tech rehearsal / rehearsals on stage / run through
	19:00 stage cleaning
	19:30 preset scenography
	19:40 open doors
	20:00 – 21:15 show
	21:30 – 22:00 dinner (at venue appreciated)
	22:00 – 23:30 down-rigging / loading

Please note: this planning is a model planning with a show time @ 20:00 hrs. If travels and situation at venue allow for it, a part of the team might arrive on day – 1 in the morning. **Let's talk about necessary adaptations.**

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THE ARTIST IS MOST WILLING TO DISCUSS NECESSARY ADAPTATIONS ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL VENUES.

Please, contact the technical management (tec@commonground.show) for more details.

Anchor points: 4 anchor points needed to attach the guys of the fly-bar and the pole (WLL 500 daN).
Alternative: mobile anchor points of 1000 kg, e.g. water tanks or concrete blocks provided by the organizer (the mass can be adapted according to the circumstances: friction, type of fixation etc).

Artist provides all the necessary rigging equipment for the fly-bar and the pole.

Electricity on stage: 1×230 V 16 A Shuko is needed for the sound equipment on stage.

Clearance over stage: Minimum 8 m.

Stage Version 1 (multifunctional venues):

- equal grandstands on each long side of the stage (+/- 12 m long, 500 PAX each);
- flat and sound stage / playground - no elevation needed;
- flooring: sound, levelled and flat.
- stage size: 12 m x 4 m x 8 m (length, width, clearance);
- security zone around stage: 1,0 m;
- space including guy lines: ≥ 8 m x 15 m.

(See details in the rigging plans.)

Stage Version 2: (classical theatre venues):

- mainly frontal setting with the majority of the audience on one long side of the stage;
- seating on stage (grandstand/chairs, ...) for a fraction of the audience along the opposite side of the stage to produce a seemingly bi-frontal setting if possible;
- flooring: sound, levelled and flat.
- stage size: 12 m x 4 m x 8 m (length, width, clearance);
- security zone around stage: 1,0 m;
- space including guy lines: ≥ 8 m x 15 m.

(See details in the rigging plans.)

Light and sound systems have to be provided by the Organiser according to the technical riders.

Light:

Fixtures:

- 16 x Fresnel 1 kW
- 25 x PAR 64 CP 62 MFL
- 1 x Profiler 26deg

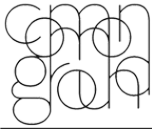
Filters:

- 17 x LEE 152 (254 mm)
- 6 x LEE 201 (254 mm)
- 2 x LEE 216 (254 mm)

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Sound: An appropriate PA must be provided including a digital mixing table with min. 7 Inputs, Hall and Delay Effects and min. Parametric Equalizing for each Channel and 2 monitors on stage.

An adequate wireless microphone system is required for the following:

- 1 guitar,
- 1 vocals,
- 1 saxophone,
- 1 accordion.

(See details in the sound plans.)

If you are not able to provide the before mentioned equipment, Common Ground can provide the wireless system including the microphones for additional renting costs of 200,00 €. This must be negotiated minimum 1 month in advance.

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Backstage area: Lockable and heated place for 8 persons available from arrival of Artist.

Backstage catering: Vegetarian backstage-catering (sandwiches, fruit, dry fruit, snacks) and hot & cold drinks. Sufficient water without gas.

Costumes: We need to wash the costumes after each show. Please, give us access to a washing machine (soap) and dryer, iron + ironing board. List of costumes available.

Local staff needed: 1 technical director (he must know about the rigging points!!);
1 sound technician for set up / rehearsal / show / set down;
1 light technician for set up / rehearsal / show / set down.
Plus sufficient staff to build up stage / seating / light / sound in advance.

Please note: show will be run by Company's technician.

Refer to the different technical plans to judge your specific services and contact the technical management about the details and time planning.

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Team on tour:	6 artists + 1 technician + 1 child
Duration of show:	+/- 75 minutes
Duration of set up:	Estimated duration for the set-up of the company's equipment, rigging of the apparatus (truss portal, Chinese Pole, boxes) and sound check by the Artist: +/- 3 hours (this figure doesn't include the Organizer's equipment!) This is a very rough calculation. The real time depends a lot on the local context, daylight or night-time performances etc. <u>Prerequisite to realise the aforementioned time-frame:</u> Stage, audience-seating and sound and light equipment shall be prepared before arrival of company.

Please contact the technical management to agree on the exact timings!

Duration of set down:	+/- 1,5 hours (this figure doesn't include the Organizer's equipment!)
Access with van:	Access for a van + trailer directly to the performance location for unloading, lifting the structure and loading has to be guaranteed. The trailer has to be placed during the whole stay near the stage!
Parking:	1 van + trailer plus maximum 3 cars from day of arrival
Audience:	up to +/- 1000 PAX, ideally seated bi-frontally, 500 PAX on each side

Model timetable

for **day shows**:

- Everything can be done on show day starting ideally 7 hours before show time.

for **night shows** (including light check the evening before the show day):

- **Set-up Day:** Arrival of the company, best around noon. 3 hours of building up (afternoon) + 1 hour of focussing the light in darkness.
- **Show Day:** 2 hours set up, sound check, technical rehearsal + public performance.

PLEASE CONTACT US ABOUT THE DETAILS AND TIME PLANNING!

The final planning of arrival/departure of the company, planning of meals, number of nights, etc. can only be done when knowing about the venue, travel distance, time of performance, etc.

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Stage:	<u>Flooring:</u> Flat, levelled and sound stage / concrete or very evenly paved playground [On uneven (cobblestone, grass etc.) or unlevelled flooring stage elements have to be provided to set an even and levelled flooring.] <u>Stage size:</u> 12 m x 4 m x 8 m (length, width, clearance)
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Security zone around stage: ≥ 1,0 m

Space including guy lines: 12 m x 15 m

(See details in the rigging plans.)

Anchor points: 4 anchor points needed to put stakes/ground nails (length: 1 m) which are provided and set by the Artist.

Alternative: mobile anchor points of a minimum weight of 1000 kg, e.g. water tanks or concrete blocks provided by the Organizer.

Artist provides truss, ground nails, guy lines, rigging equipment and enforcement for the stage elements.

Electricity on stage: 1×230 V 16 A Shuko is needed for the sound equipment on stage.

Clearance over stage: Minimum 8 m.

Cleaning: Please, provide a water bucket and wiper to clean the stage.

Seating: Grandstands, chairs or the like have to be provided by the Organizer.

Some scenes happen on the floor. If the Organiser wishes a better visibility of the show for the audience, we do advise a stage setting with an elevated stage or a grandstand to each side.

(See details in the rigging plans.)

Light and sound systems have to be provided by the Organiser according to the technical riders.

Light: An adequate light setting and competent technical support must be provided by the Organiser. Light shall ideally be installed the day before the first show.

- min. 12 x PAR 64 CP62 (1 kW) or comparable equipment including clamps & safeties
- min. 8 x Fresnel or PC (1 kW) or comparable equipment including clamps & safeties
- 4×4 m Truss on baseplate
- necessary cable lengths
- 20 Dimmer Channels

(See details in the light plans.)

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- Weather protection: Organiser has to provide equipment to cover the FOH in case of rain and/or extreme sun!
- Surveillance: The set up has to be under surveillance during the whole stay of the Company, especially at night.
- Backstage area: Lockable and dry place for 8 persons, available from arrival of Artist.
For example: Backstage tent or container right at the performance area. With enough space to do warm up, table, chairs, mirrors, plugs. Access to toilet and shower / water.
- Backstage Catering: Vegetarian backstage-catering (sandwiches, fruit, dry fruit, snacks) and hot & cold drinks.
Sufficient water without gas.
- Costumes: We need to wash the costumes after each show. Please give us access to a washing machine (soap) and dryer.
- Local Staff needed: 1 technician who is familiar with the position of the anchor points, the sound and the light system during set up and rehearsals.
Plus sufficient staff to build up stage / seating / light / sound in advance.
- Please note:** show will be run by Company's technician.

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