



COMPAGNIE  
TRANSE EXPRESS  
DES ARTS

# Transe Express Company

INVENTEURS D'IMAGINAIRE





# Street Art – Celestial Art

Big Aerial Formats

Fantastical Parades

Performance Theatre

Creations Made to Measure

Participation of local volunteers





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# The Company

Pioneer of street art and celestial art, the Transe Express company have been performing around the world for 40 years. They have many varied creations from street entertainment to large aerial formats.

The company likes to get close to their audience, take over the street or captivate the public with giant mobiles and machinery.

The combination of theatre and music serves as a melting pot of performing arts: pyrotechnics, machinery, dance, art and circus acts amongst others.

The Transe Express currently performs six big format shows, six carnival procession shows and they also create ephemeral scenes to order.

They currently employ 120 performing artists and technicians based at the Gare à Coulisses in the Drôme in the South East of France.

They are renowned for their participation in the Olympic Games at Albertville in 1992, for 'Roues-Ages' on the Champs Elysées in Paris in 1999, for 'Les 2000 Coups de Minuit' in Beaubourg, Paris, 31st December 2000, for the opening of Sydney Festival in 2002 and 2005, for the opening of the biggest festival in South America, Santiago

Festival at Mil in Chili in 2011, for a 'Concerto Celeste' in 2013 at Aix en Provence, for 'La Chevauchée Fantastique' for the opening of the World Equestrian Games, for the Chinese New year in Hong Kong in 2015, for their participation in the Sziget Festival in Budapest in 2016, in Montreal for the 375th town anniversary in 2017, in 2018 for their tour at the French Institute 'Bonjour India' and for the International Art Festival in Philadelphia.

In 2019 the company was invited to play for the of 800th year of the Cathedral in Metz, for the opening of Capitaine Culturelle Européenne in Matera and returned to Procida, the capital of Italian culture in 2022. In the same year they also performed in Belfast for the 60th International Arts Festival and in Hagunau for the 30th Festival l'Humour des Notes.

Transe Express shows have entertained public in 73 countries and on all 5 continents.



# Cristal Palace

Chandelier lit Ball

Transforms  
a public  
square into  
a ballroom

**BIG FORMAT  
FIXED AERIAL NIGHT SHOW**

unlimited audience size  
lasts 70 mn  
team of 28  
local volunteers :16  
crane weight: 160 T

Possibility of integrating  
a local orchestra or show

Specially designed for the  
street, this monumental  
chandelier transforms the  
public square into a ballroom.

A dance floor, a suspended  
orchestra, a bar, acrobats,  
street performers with  
strong characters...

The magic flows and the  
dance becomes a show.

The audience is invited to join  
in the dance, crossing the  
eras from waltzes to techno  
and the show becomes a  
dance.

8 amateur dancers and  
8 local volunteers will be  
associated with the show  
alongside the artists.





# Mù

## Kinematics of fluids

A fantastical  
journey  
through  
matter

### FIXED AERIAL NIGHT SHOW

unlimited audience size  
lasts 50 mn  
team of 18  
local volunteers: 19  
crane weight: 120 T

An immersion between  
sky and earth

A monumental luminous  
Celestial Art Show where  
music, visual images and  
physical and technical  
prowess will lift the heart of  
the spectator.

This show was designed  
to immerse the audience  
into matter and involves an  
original structure that opens  
up like a gigantic musical box.

Attached to a telescopic  
crane, an aerial star  
communicates with an  
articulated anemone.

A parade of beautiful lighted  
sculptures carried by 20  
local volunteers who plunge  
into the crowd to create a  
collective experience.







# Maudits Sonnants

## Celestial chimes

### Dream machine

BIG FORMAT  
FIXED AERIAL NIGHT SHOW

unlimited audience size  
Lasts 50 mn  
Team of 17  
crane weight 200 T

If we perform close to a church we could prepare a musical performance including the church bells.

#### A magical event

A celestial chime whose form evolves and opens up like a gigantic flower, incorporating an orchestra of bell players and suspended acrobats moving in time together.

This musical chandelier reminds you of a childhood music box as well as creating the dizziness of a funfair ride.

The bell players, each in their own universe, ring out a melodius passing of time. Then they come together and slowly rise to join the sky and eternity.

The bells can be heard throughout the city without any amplification required.





PARADE WITH AERIAL  
GRANDE FINALE  
FOR DAY OR NIGHT TIME

unlimited audience size  
lasts 45 mn  
team of 10  
crane weight 70 T

Imagine yourself as a child  
lying beneath a mobile of  
little characters moving and  
spinning at the slightest  
breeze ... and now these  
characters come alive, flesh  
and bone, each one playing a  
drum.

Imagine as well, a frail,  
beautiful trapeze artist  
balanced above them all,  
capturing your eyes with her  
graceful acrobatics high up in  
the sky.

Imagine the regular beats  
and high and low drum rolls  
issuing from a septet of  
celestial drummers. Then a  
syncopated rhythm brings  
the drummers to the front  
line.

At the end of the line of the  
little lead drummers comes  
a clowny character who  
prefers flirting with the  
spectators or testing the  
sonority of dustbin lids rather  
than marching in step. It's all  
there above you turning and  
drifting in the wind.



Option  
The show 'Mobilissimo' combines  
two mobiles with different formats  
and sounds for a choreography  
on a bigger scale.

Mobile homme  
An aerial event

Celestial mobile  
for 7 flying  
drummers





# M.O.B. Mobile Oblique et Bucolique

PARADE WITH FINAL AERIAL  
SHOW FOR DAY OR NIGHTTIME

unlimited audience size  
lasts 45 mn  
team of 12  
crane weight 90 T

An evolving plant-based  
carousel inspired by  
sculptures of Alexander  
Calder. An aerial structure  
whose form changes and  
evolves in the sky to carry  
the spectator on a journey  
through the luxurious plant  
world.

Without a voice or scream  
plants, when they aren't  
plastic, are relegated to a  
position of ornament in our  
world of stress.

But a battalion of botany-  
enthusiastic drummers,  
musketeers of the Earth,  
decide to give voice and  
movement to their protégés.

They will get our hearts to  
beat to the rhythm of bionics,  
our imagination will flow and  
grow a drum tree in the city.

A battalion  
of drummers  
crazy about  
botanics







# Lâcher de violons

## A magical concert

### Vertical Emotion

PARADE WITH FINAL  
AERIAL NIGHT CONCERT

unlimited audience size  
lasts 60 mn  
team of 24  
crane weight 110 T

Possibility of integrating local  
drummers in the show

The Lâcher de violons is  
an original and surprising  
concert based on an  
opposition of genres and  
materials.

With the help of the  
drummers, diverse styles are  
brought together: the electric  
sounds of rockers connects  
with the lightness of a string  
quartet and a lyrical singer.

It's a dialogue between the  
sky and the earth with the  
aerial baroque mobile flirting  
with the rock musicians on  
the ground.

The drummers play on the  
stage while the rockers  
wander through the crowd on  
a truck.

The originality of this show  
relies on its surprising and  
dramatic eclecticism.





# Les Tambours

Shake off your daily dullness and get down to the beat of the drums

DAY OR NIGHT SHOW PARADE

lasts 2 hrs - can be split up into  
2 sets of 1 h or 3 of 40 mn  
team of 7  
7 different sets of costumes to choose from

## Septet Comedy

One foot in tradition the other in provocation, a gleaming clique of drummers sows a wind of madness on its path. Powerful drums make hearts beat faster and bring people together. Rhythms that open your ears and awaken your passions. Repetitive, swinging and syncopated beats that get your feet tapping and hips swaying.

Since the world began, people here there and everywhere have always vibrated to the sound of drums.

The show 'Les Tambours' is a musical street parade with powerful sound combining the roots of the famous French Drum with traditional festive beats from all around the world.







Divas perched  
high in the air  
with crystal-  
clear singing

## Les Poupées Géantes et les Tambours AN URBAN OPERA

PERFORMANCE THEATRE  
MUSICAL SHOW PARADE  
DAY OR NIGHT TIME

lasts 2h: 2 sets of 1h  
or 3 sets of 40 mn  
team of 14

Three giant dolls in oversized dresses glide through the crowd like porcelain dolls from an old toy box. They enchant the spectators with their songs from a large repertoire of original compositions, popular songs and some of the finest opera arias.

In their petticoats hide a group of colourful, energetic tin soldier drummers.

The crystal-clear voices of the divas contrast with the staccato drum rolls in a playful musical exchange accompanying scenes played out by actors as the parade rolls along.

The repertoire of the divas can be adapted to themes or events.





## Les Pervenches The Periwinkles Impertinent feminine parade

PERFORMANCE THEATRE  
DAY OR NIGHT SHOW PARADE

Unlimited audience size  
lasts 2 hrs -can be split up  
into 2 or 3 sets  
team of 7

With the energy of a battalion of warriors with drum sticks and the sensitivity of a group of poets with vocal cords, seven women create a groovy festive ambiance and play for girls revenge just for laughs.

Their themes are elegance in social and human relationships, the differences between sexes, liberty of opinion and liberty of appearance. This fun troop shake up the body and minds of their spectators who can't help but join in the dance.

Their uniform, humour and poetry add charm to their songs and whistles accompanied by the rhythm of the drums. A tribal pheromonal know-how gives these amazons of the road a way of being free of heirachy and adapting to the present moment in time.



Have you ever imagined meeting death at the corner of the street one day?

It's that ageless wild beauty, dressed to kill, with the charm of the most delicious poison.

On that day you will be in a crowd of thousands, but fear not she will make the first move, be it tango, tarantella or rumba, she will lead the dance.

Accompanied by her drummers and terrifying bodyguards she will lend herself to a lustful courtship ritual to seduce you or your neighbour.

Overcome your shyness, let yourself go and join in the dance !

Death will take you with her to her den during the parade, you will enter the afterlife whilst you are still living to witness the grand finale - a powerful pyrotechnic show (an option).

And humble mortal that you are you'll be able to spy on a world you've always feared and dreaded, the Empire of Death. And that is terrifying !



## Les Tambours de la Muerte An iconoclastic pyromaniac powerful celebration

PERFORMANCE THEATRE  
MUSICAL SHOW PARADE  
DAY OR NIGHT TIME

audience size 3000  
lasts 60mn  
team of 13

grand finale at night time with pyrotechnics on stage

Celebration of  
a fantasy world





## Les Clarines Quartet for 16 bells

PERFORMANCE THEATRE  
MUSICAL SHOW PARADE

lasts 1h30 mn in 2 sets of 45 mn  
or 3 sets of 30 mn  
team of 4

The parade can finish with an aerial finale

Four guys crazy about bells have descended from the alps to parade through the streets with their 16 prized cow bells.

This ringing choir swings between popular music which has the crowd singing and dancing to melodious pastoral compositions to charm everyone. Both intimate and full of life, the quartet interacts joyfully with the spectators, young and old.

### Crazy about bells



## The Moniks Thunder Pocket Show

WALK IN WALK OUT ROCK 'N' ROLL  
MUSIC SHOW  
INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR  
DAY OR NIGHT TIME

Audience size : 500  
20 people every 5 minutes  
lasts 4 x 30 mn  
team of 8

### Walk in walk out show with suspension

The Moniks is an orchestra in a box, a shot of Hard Rock, of collective Jump music, pogo within 12m<sup>3</sup>, a pocket slam.

This autonomous off-road truck can welcome up to 20 people to share a unique experience. Live rock by 5 musicians going wild and everybody starts jumping... jump, jump, JUMP!

Even from a distance the neon pink lights of The Moniks flicker and draw curiosity! The approaching crowd wants to enter and join in the dance.





# Made to Measure

Ephemeral creations in situ.

Let us imagine and create a unique show made to measure for you.

An idea, a place, a date, a budget, partners: five elements for the creators of the Transe Express to work with. For each event we will develop an original, spectacular and interactive solution.

- The Transe Express Company can adapt its shows by searching through its magic stockroom or creating a universe which corresponds to a theme or a precise request.
- We can propose an xxL aerial format with several celestial machinery.
- Currently more than 200 ephemeral creations exist.
- Creations made to measure can integrate local volunteers

We can propose parades with one or several floats, creating magical, ingenious or exuberant scenes pulling the public into their wake.

Aerial format XXL



## Magical Parades



### Mortibus Orgiac

King Mortibus has decided to spend his life celebrating his own funeral. His baroque float is pulled by two zebras, two large articulated mechanical toys controlled by the coachman. Two giant skeleton puppets precede them and mourners and brass bands follow behind, setting the tone for this freaky ceremony where crying turns to laughter.



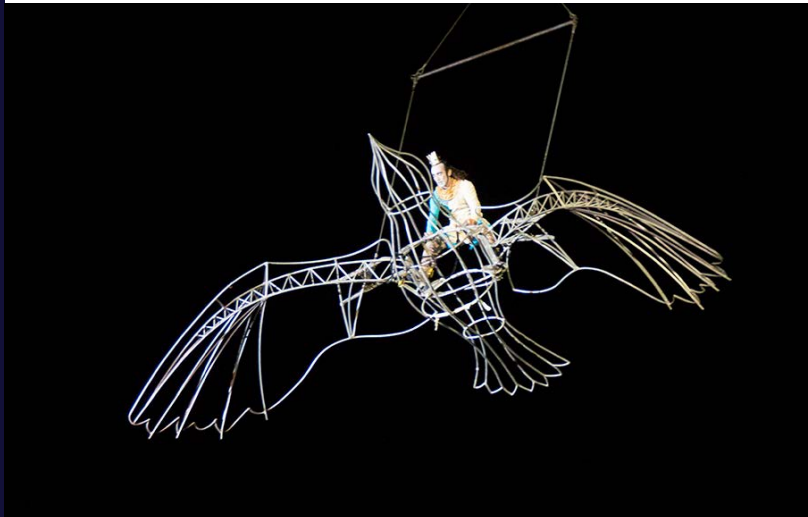
### Hiero Nemo

Castaway on luxurious tropical islands, Hiero Nemo has chosen to set up home in the shell of a giant clam. He comes out and searches for his kingdom. Musicians play on Balinese instruments, perched above an aquarium truck in which a rusty mechanical fish swims. Sea people accompany the journey of this spectacular aquatic float.



### La Ch'tite Mère à roulettes

The mythical queen, the Ch'tite Mère, proudly rides a fanciful beast, a large fish with insect legs and a scorpion's tail. As she advances she sings, perched on her float composed of large metallic wheels, a giant musical box operated by two beings half-man half-rat. A cloud of courtesan witches accompany this fanciful procession on their mopeds, singing in turn to concoct their special brew.



The bird : acrobat with aerial straps



A giant doll meets one of the fish from the Mù parade

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