



PRACTICAL INFORMATION– NOCTURNES FOR A SOCIETY (Newpolyphonies)

Thank you for your interest for the performance Nocturnes for a Society on 18 or 19 August 2023 at Howest's gym (Klaverstraat 52, 8000 Brugge).

INTRODUCTION

Nocturnes for a Society is a good 13 hours long performance which includes an overnight stay as an essential part of it. The artists are grateful that you are committing to spending that amount of time with them, a mixed team of ten people coming from different parts of the world. As they say, "We care about ensuring good conditions for this experience in common; we like the atmosphere to be conducive to experiencing the many dimensions of togetherness and sound as we go in and out of wakefulness."

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TIMESCHEDULE

The doors open at 18:45 pm for check-in and for a smooth transition into the performance. At 19:45 the performance starts and continues throughout the night until morning 8:00 a.m. The hours are chosen to match at best natural light and to enjoy both sunset and sunrise. Latecomers are not accepted after 20:00.

PARTICIPATION

The performance relies on the participation of the audience. All forms of involvement are equally appreciated, whether it is attending, listening, witnessing or actively engaging the voice and other sound making. Several scores will suggest actions and relationships with simple verbal indications in Dutch, English, French, etc. The space is open for you to experience and try things, free of judgement, with recurring opportunities to enter at your own choice.

COMFORT

- Personal belongings can be safely stored in lockers.
- We provide standard slippers to keep the space inside clean. Shoes are left at the door. If your feet do not match standard sizes of slippers, then bring your own slippers.
- Sleeping is an essential part of the performance. One can go to sleep at any time using the mattresses that are provided in the space. There's no need to annex mattresses right from the start or hold on to a favourite place. The sleeping arrangement will come about in a respectful and organic way.
- Provided for you:

- a sleeping bag made in cotton (sheet bags),
- one cushion and a pillow case,
- A hand-made wool blanket for each participant.
- More blankets are present in case one likes an extra. In case of special needs (wool allergy, sound and light sensitivity, etc),
- You can bring your own blanket, pillow, ear plugs, towel, slippers and eye mask.
- Music will play all through the night. From midnight onwards the volume lowers and around dawn the volume is raised again.
- The space is not entirely dark.
- There's an outside area, handy for smokers or for those who like to catch some air or cannot sleep.
- Sinks are available in the toilets for a face wash to freshen up, but please note that you need to bring your own towels.
- There are gender neutral toilets.
- The building has no elevator. There are stairs to access the building, the toilets, etc.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Water and herbal tea are available throughout the night. A vegetarian soup is offered in the evening around 21:15 and breakfast in the morning at 7:00 a.m. (pastries, coffee, tea). There will be no alcohol served.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The artists wish to open the doors to all public with kindness and respect for all. Celebrating thoughtful ways of connecting is essential - in line with social struggles against homophobia, sexism and racism. When you come with other persons or in a group, then also take time to be by yourself or connect to people you do not know. The performance is for and about attentive listening in all of its respectful dimensions.

DOCUMENTATION

A professional photographer will take photos and film in a respectful way (no close-ups during your sleep).

MORE QUESTIONS?

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We look forward to welcoming you
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