JULIE BENEGMOS

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PROFESSIONNEL PATH

2009 - 2012 ARCHITECT Graduated from the Architecture School of Paris-Belleville in 2009 Junior architect at LOG ARCHITECTES in Paris Architect at AGENCE SERIE in Mumbai

2012 - 2015 SET DESIGNER ASSISTANT OF MOVIES Feature film «Un Bonheur n'arrive jamais seul» of James Huth Feature film «Les Gamins» of Anthony Marciano Feature film «The price of desire» of Mary Mc Guckian

THEATER

2021 STRIPTEASE, A RISK OF LOVING IT Co- writed and co-directed by Julie Benegmos and Marion Coutarel Designed by Aneymone Wilhelm Financed by : DRAC Occitanie, Occitanie Region, the City of Montpellier Co-produced by : Kiasma-Castelnau-le-Lez, the National Theater of Sète, the National Dramatic Center of Montpellier, the Sorano theater of Toulouse, Puissance 4 and the Collectif en Jeux. In partnership with : Centquatre-Paris, Grand-Parquet-Theater of La Villette, National Dramatic Center of La Cité-Toulouse, Filature of Mazel Played 50 times all over France : Festival Supernova in Toulouse, Festival Wet in Tours, Festival Paris l'été, Festival Printemps des Comédiens in Montpellier.

2020 POETICAL VISIT OF THE NATIONAL DRAMATIC CENTER OF TOULOUSE Journey of Cultural Heritage in France Co-directed and played by Julie Benegmos, Marion Coutarel Designed by Aneymone Wilhelm Financed by the National Dramatic Center of Toulouse

2019 AFTER OBLIVION

Co-writed by Julie Benegmos and Frederika Amalia Finkelstein Designed by Aneymone Wilhelm Performance of Julie Benegmos Financed by the Occitanie Region, the city of Montpellier, The Rotschild Foundation Presented at : Mémorial de la Shoah, Festival Magdalena in Denmark, Theater of la Reine Blanche Paris, Médiathèque Pierres-Vives à Montpellier, Le Kiasma à Castelnau-leLez, Théâtre Albarède à Ganges, Fondation Lambert à Avignon.

CINEMA

FEATURE FILMS

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

2018 THE 7th DAY Developed at the Boost Camp of Groupe Ouest Selected by The Fondation Gan (Edition 2018)

DOCUMENTARY FILM

2015 ET MAINTENANT ? - 52'
Produced by Thank You & Good Night Productions (Belgium)
Financed by Languedoc-Roussillon Cinéma and Wallonie-Bruxelles Region
Diffusion: RTBF (January 2020)

SÉRIES

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT 2023 JUDICAEL FICTION - 6 x 45' FAIA - CONCEPT GRANT FROM THE CNC FAIA - WRITING GRANT FROM THE CNC

SHORT MOVIES

FICTION

2013 ANAÏS

15' with Sarah Adler and Isabelle Erhart Produced by Fulldawa Films Internationales sales : Gonella Productions Diffusion: TV5 Monde Price TV5 monde, Festival Paris Courts Devant Selection Festival Sacramento Film, Festival Thai Film, Festival Vaux en Velin

DOCUMENTARY

- 2018 TELL US YOUR VISION ABOUT JAFFAFEST 24' With the support of the European Convention of Theater Diffusion: Sunset Festival, Festival Magdalena - Montpellier Produced within the Festival of theater of Jaffa
- 2016 A DAY IN FONTFROIDE 12' With the students of the Maritime theater Company Financed by Languedoc-Roussillon Cinéma Diffusion: Langedoc-Roussillon Region
- 2015 WITHOUT YOUR RESPECT, IM NOT CRAZY 3'50 Contest of Infracourt_ France TV

CINEMA





THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT PAGES ET IMAGES PRODUCTION



ANAÏS

Short Movie_2013 Produced by FullDawa Films Prices : Prix TV5 monde, Paris, 2014 Festival Un poing c'est court, Vaulx-en-Velin, 2014

Casting : Sarah Adler and Isabelle Erhart

One winter evening, as she returns home, Sophie finds a refugee woman in the lobby of her apartment building. Taken by pity, she decides to bring her up to her place for one night. Then begins a strange cohabitation, full of doubt and anguish. A long reflection on the limits of generosity, on the fear of the other. Tormented in the heart of her intimacy, Sophie cannot close her eyes: what madness could have pushed her to bring a stranger into her home?

ET MAINTENANT... ON FAIT QUOI ?

Documentary film 2015 Produced by Thank you and good night & Pages et Images Directed by Jonas Luckx Julie Benegmos

Oswieçim is a city whose name has been supplanted by the one given to it by the Nazis: Auschwitz. This small town of 40,000 inhabitants which borders the camp has become a museum and seems unable to shake off the weight of the past. This city, which was once inhabited by more than 50% of Jewish people, is now a symbol of the dark part of History. As the last survivors of the concentration camps disappear, the memory of older generations of Poles also disappears. Personal stories are diluted in the great History. What is the relationship between the 2nd and 3rd generations of children and grandchildren of Poles who lived through this period? Confronted to them, how does Julie, granddaughter of two survivors of the Auschwitz camps, feels ?

JUDICAËL

Fiction Webserie_2021 6 episodes_45'

Written by Julie Benegmos Produced by Kometa Films Granted by the CNC, National Cinematographic Center for the script

Judicaël, a 20 young Jewish French man, has moved to Israël and enrolled in the army. One day, he disagrees with his chief and desobey to orders. He then runs away from the army and becomes a deserter. To understand himself, he will have to confront his memory to the attack he witnessed in a Jewish school, in 2012 in France, when he was a kid.

THEATER

LIBRE COURS COMPANY

Libre Cours is a theater company created by Julie Benegmos, author and director, living in Montpellier in 2016. Aneymone Wilhelm is the co-creator of the design and the universe of each projects of the company.

The Libre Cours company took its first steps in 2017 with the creation of the show « L'Oubli » by Julie Benegmos, adapted from the novel by Frederika Amalia Finkelstein.

This first project having been supported by the Collectif en Jeux, the Compagnie Libre Cours has woven a network of solid partners in the Occitanie region, in particular in Montpellier where the director lives.

The particularity of the Compagnie Libre Cours is not to be afraid of the hybridization and the mix of artists and media used to create innovative projects that question the place of the public and its participation in the work.

For her first creation « L'Oubli », Julie Benegmos tries to play a live video game with the public. An animated character is designed especially for the project and a fake video game is projected on stage during the show.

In her second show, Julie Benegmos continues her first creation and writes the second chapter to the first show: « Après l'Oubli ».

This time, viewers play a game of bingo live with the actress on set and can change the order of the scenes in the play. This show created for a small number of spectators experiments with a new way of telling a story in a different order each evening depending on the audience by mixing autobiographical narrative, documentary film and live recording on the set.

Today, Julie Benegmos tries to recreate the intimacy of an erotic theater via an "immersive" set installation of the public. At the end of the show, the public experiences an encounter with a client in a striptease booth via a virtual reality headset.

Unafraid of "testing" new media and using new technologies to tell stories, the Company Libre Cours navigates between experimental theatre, documentary theater and fiction.

How and with what tools do we best tell a story? This is what the Compagnie Libre Cours seeks with each new project. Each project is therefore a new adventure towards a world still unknown to the director but which she seizes to transmit stories, experiences and ideas.





« On the day of my Bat-Mitzvah, for my 12th birthday, the rabbi entrusts me with a mission which gives meaning to my life but which overwhelms me with a duty that is far too great for me. Since that day, I have only swallowed the Shoah. It flows day and night in my veins, through films, stories, novels, trips to Auschwitz and commemorations. I can't get rid of it, even if I try, it always catches me. Like that, without warning at the corner of a street, it will be there again when I thought I had detached myself from it. It sticks to my skin and gnaws at my heart despite all the efforts I have made not to think about it anymore. She accompanies me. I accepted that I couldn't get rid of it »

Julie Benegmos

Take one voice, that of Julie Benegmos, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, whose mission is to pass on the story of her grandparents. Consider another voice, that of Frederika Amalia Finkelstein, writer, who tries by all means to forget. From their born encounter, After Oblivion; A show that is not afraid to ask questions about the duty of memory and the way in which we transmit history today. At random in a game of bingo, the spectator gradually reconstructs a family story intertwined with the doubts and reflections of a new generation in search of humanity.

website : <u>https://apresoublispectacle.net/</u> Teaser : <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvaTloKz6wg&t=7s</u>

Written by : Julie Benegmos et Frederika Amalia Finkelstein Directed by : Julie Benegmos + Marion Coutarel Performed by : Julie Benegmos Designed by : Aneymone Wilhelm

Financed by : Région Occitanie, Ville de Montpellier, Occitanie en Scène, Institut Alain de Rotschild Co-produced by : La Villa Médicis à Rome, Le Centquatre à Paris, La Bulle Bleue à Montpellier, Le Kiasma à Castelnau-le-Lez, le Théâtre de la Vista à Montpellier, Théâtre de la Reine Blanche à Paris.





POETICAL VISIT OF THE NATIONAL DRAMATIC CENTER OF TOULOUSE -THÉÂTRE DE LA CITÉ

Installation and artistic performance_2020

« An entire city, even a capital or, even better, an entire country must serve stage and decor. The State itself announces the date of the performance throughout the territory. On the appointed day, at the appointed time, exactly, everyone goes home, locks itself in twice, and the outside is empty of any human being for two hours. In the streets, no one left, no one at all in the administrative offices and other public places; no one left in the countryside, everything is closed, everyone is at home and does not move. The territory must seem to the eyes of Space, for two hours, completely empty of live subjects! ... But then faithful companions will be there »

Yves Klein

Mandated by the National Dramatic Center of Toulouse to organize the visit of the Theater as part of the Heritage Days, the Compagnie Libre Cours has taken over the place by creating a poetic journey for the public.

Going from the main hall to the backstage, to the basements, to the dressing rooms and to the sets, the spectators follow a route and cross the history of the theater but also the history of its actors and of all those who work daily in the theater. National Drama Center of Toulouse.

https://theatre-cite.com/programmation/2020-2021/evenement/journees-du-patrimoine/

Created / Performed : Julie Benegmos + Marion Coutarel Designed by : Aneymone Wilhelm

Financed and produced by the National Dramatic Center of Toulouse, Théâtre de la Cité





"Teasing is a stimulus whose starting point we know, but never the point of arrival; it is a kind of first vehicle, setting the world in motion in the direction of excitement – an excitement always capable of spreading. Now there is nothing that the authorities dread more than the contagion of excitement, and its metamorphosis into ever new forms; there is nothing they fear more than the imbalance of being that excitement causes, the desire to go off the rails, to leave the paths traced by them in our place, that it arouses.»

Laurent de Sutter

The performative installation by Julie Benegmos and Aneymone Wilhelm offers spectators a dive into the world of striptease. Combining fiction, autobiographical narrative and testimonies, Strip: At the risk of loving-it disturbs the social and sexual order of our society, shifting our gaze towards the question of love.

Through interviews and real testimonies of men and women, the project restores the words and points of view of those who one day go through the experience of the strip club. The show is built in three immersive stages that offer viewers the opportunity to step into the shoes of a sex worker - and not a client.

Teaser : <u>https://vimeo.com/303532135</u> Password : STRIP2019

Press :

https://toutelaculture.com/spectacles/theatre/strip-au-risque-d-aimer-ca-paris-l-ete/ https://www.iogazette.fr/critiques/regards/2021/imprenable-nudite/ https://zone-critique.com/tag/strip-tease/

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Coproduced by Le Kiasma_Castelnau-le-Lez / Théâtre Molière_ Scène Nationale de Sète / Théâtre Sorano_ Toulouse / Théâtre des 13 Vents_CDN de Montpellier / Puissance Quatre : Théâtre Sorano/ Théâtre 13 / TU Nantes / Theâtre Olympia / Collectif en Jeux Chuck Productions

Ce spectacle reçoit le soutien d'Occitanie en scène dans le cadre de son accompagnement au Collectif En Jeux.

Partenaires : La Maison des Chœurs, Ville de Montpellier / Le Centquatre, Paris / Le Grand Parquet - Théâtre de la Villette Soutiens : DRAC Occitanie / Région Occitanie / Ville de Montpellier / Montpellier Métropole / CNC Dicréam



