

Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival presents

Livsmedlet Theater:

Invisible Lands

Finland

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Livsmedlet is a creative collaboration that is administrated by Grus Grus Theater, it is a duo that consists of the puppeteer and director **ISHMAEL FALKE** and the choreographer and dancer **SANDRINA LINDGREN**. Livsmedlet exists with the ambition to create relevant and innovative visual theater works that puts body and material in focus and that challenges audience's perspective of physical surroundings and everyday life. Their work utilizes a mix of contemporary puppetry, contemporary dance and choreography as well as object theater and physical theatre. Most productions by Livsmedlet are made with the purpose of international touring, thus they are designed to be light to travel with and they make little or no use of dialogue. The duo is also offering workshops and community based projects where they share their creative methods with others.

Livsmedlet have made shows including *TraFika* (2011) and *Dead Ends* (2013) in which they play with the city's traffic symbols, *Invisible Lands* (2015) that explore empathic approaches to refugee-travels and *Full Measures* (2019) that take on society's obsession for measuring. Their performances have toured extensively over the world, amongst other countries to Canada, England, Holland, Belgium, Norway, France, Germany, Russia, Cuba, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Estonia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Sweden, Denmark, Poland and Czech Republic.

In 2018 they received "The Director's Prize" for their show *Invisible Lands* at Bania Luka puppet theater festival in Bielsko Biala, Poland. In 2019 they received another prize for *Invisible Lands* for "intimate artistic grasp of current theme" at Spectaculo Interesse Festival in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

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