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A **Hilariously Disfunctional Modern Family**



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These clowns do not speak yet we understand everything. Poetic eccentricity, pure slapstick, acerbic humor, creative fury.... "Semiankyi: The Family" has won over audiences around the world since 2005. The show is a beautiful tribute to contemporary and traditional clowns alike with nods to the humor and pathos of Chaplin and Keaton – all imprinted with marvelous Russian sensitivity.

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"Captivates with superbly executed trickery and mime, wildly imaginative theatrical invention, a cast who'll bound into the audience and a showstopper of a finale"
metr

THE SHOW

Think of the Addams Family meeting **Modern** Family. "Semianyki: The Family" traces the joys, the craziness, and the survival strategies of a family trapped in its own version of "home sweet home". Love and Chaos paradoxically intertwine the relationships between the pregnant yet flirtatious mother, the caring yet alcoholic father who alternates on the verge of breaking down or leaving, and their four tender yet unruly kids pushing each other and their parents to the limit. Their zany and comedic domestic power struggle extends into the audience and culminates in an emotional uniting of the family complete with a spectacular paper-flinging finale.

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Teatr Semianyki, based in Saint Petersburg, is composed of the six original creators of the show bearing the same name. The artists were part of the first graduating class of the School for Theatre and Mime founded by the famed Teatr Licedei. Russia's premier clowning school, the Teatr Licedei was formed in 1968 by Slava Polunine.

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grew from a smaller sketch the Troupe performed as the end of year creation for the Theatre and Mime School in 2003. The sketch was lengthened and fine-tuned into its current form in front of Saint Petersburg audiences at the Chaplin Club, the small theater where the students of the Licedei perform. Their success at the renowned Festival of Avignon in 2005 catapulted "Semianyki: The Family" onto the French and international touring circuit. In 2011 the show played a two-month run with 51 completely sold-out performances in the Theatre du Rond-Point in Paris.



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THE CAST

Alexander GUSAROV: the father ** Olga ELISEEVA: the mother

Kasyan RYVKIN : the brother ** Marina MAKHAEVA: the older sister

Yulia SERGEEVA: the middle sister ** Elena SADKOVA: the baby

Set designer: Boris Petruchansky

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Duration of show: 1h40 without intermission

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"With a bewildering precision, they share something intimate and universal with children as well as adults, with no need for words... This show, closely related to the first burlesque films, distributes energy, magic and poetry."

FIGARO
SCOPE

"With white faces and Tim Burton-esque spiky hair, each member of the clan grabs a caricature and runs with it, off the stage and into an ecstatic audience."

timeOut
London

"Hysterically funny"

metro

"These clowns do not speak, but we understand them immediately. There is a mix of commedia dell'arte, English burlesque, French mime, all bathed in great Russian humor. Laughter, anger, emotion."

LE FIGARO

"Its spirit of good, queasy fun hovers in the head long after the last rubber chicken has fallen from the rafters."

THE TIMES

"Incredibly wicked and totally hilarious."

TETU



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"The New Face of Russian Clowns"

Le Monde

"They tell a story, invent surreal characters tinged with russian strangeness and universal humor.... a remedy to depression, the perfect anti-blues prescription of laughter."

PARIS
CAPITALE

"An experience not to be missed"

Evening Standard

"Bizarrely Hilarious"

THE TIMES



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