

# Rue des Dames



Compagnie la Passante

Street theater with 5 umbrellas and 10 legs for a « Rendez-vous »

Since 2008





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**Marcabrune Villa** author and director & **Valérie Surdey**, director

Can we make it a date.

5 umbrellas are waiting for you.

Nicely rounded, up to the calves, hiding 5 Ladies.

Their legs talk, opening the conversation, and underneath the curtain, their eyes talk with intimacy.

When the Ladies arrive in the public space, they provoke attraction and questioning, curiosity and amusement.

The Ladies run the ball, choose their clients.

They spin an invisible spider's web, leading the whispering audience to gather themselves together, wondering what to do and how to do it.

Then, a spectator, the very first one, dares to cross the space to meet an umbrella Lady, trying out his charmes.

This adventurer lifts the curtain, holds his breath and dives into the Lady's eyes, hidden from the rest of the world.

Only legs are left to talk to the outside world.

And the Ladies defy the audience, break through the crowd, catch up with a walking companion, make a jealous situation because of a client.

The audience plays with the Ladies, rushing to them, wanting to choose.

But too late already .

The umbrellas disappear into the pavement and then straighten back up and spin into a ballet where a chorus of sensations resonates.

Titbits of intimacy, witnessing umbrella Ladies passing through your life.







Teaser of "Rue des Dames" collected by the ZAT of Montpellier by clicking on the link : <https://youtu.be/Ox0TzOX-5ps>

# Press

## **Télérama**

« This theatrical proposition by the inventive Marcabrune Villa (La Passante theatre company) is singular and daring in the middle of noisy street theatre performances. Without any tricks, only with the strength of their presence and Jean Pierre Dopagne's Texts, the actresses create a poetical break, sensual and salutary in the noisy environment of our lives. » T.Voisin

## **Le journal de Saône et Loire**

« On the town hall square a mysterious parade of women is passing, inviting people to follow them up to *Etuves* street, where they stop. The Ladies are hidden underneath an umbrella, a sort of confessionnal box on high heels. The image is strong mixing fantasy and mystery. The silence takes place in the street as the Ladies receive clients. Underneath the umbrella you can't escape intimacy, an intimate text talking about love, death, everyday life,... A text the lady whispers to you... It seems it been written just for you.» C.Louvet

## **Stradda n°9**

«The Ladies appear on the pavement, in the glow of the soft street lights... the comfortable distance between the artist and the audience disappears... They awaken fantasies, they play, they disturb... The short stories – always surprising, sometimes poetical or surrealistic – have been written by Jean-Pierre Dopagne. » A.Debatty

## **Le journal du Centre**

« It is an unexpected experience... » J.M.Joly



# The Ladies heels have been here

**In France** : Fête des Tulipes in Saint-Denis (93), Festival Echappée belle à Saint-Médard en Jalles (33), Festival Les Nocturbaines, Paris, (75) Festival Guinguettes et Compagnies, Palaiseau (91)Cherbourg (50) Festival Sorties de Bains, Granville (50) Festival Scènes de rue, Mulhouse (68), Bar-le-duc (55), Cognac (16), Metz (57)...

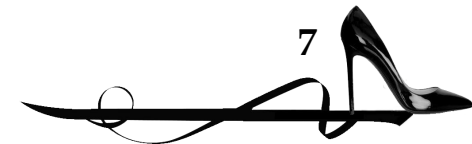
**Around the world Mexican Tour**, Festival France Atlanta à Atlanta (Etats-Unis), Festival Internacional de Teatro de Calle à Zacatecas (Mexique), Festival de la Cité, Lausanne (Suisse), Festival International de théâtre de Manizales, (Colombie) Festival umore azoka de Leioa (Espagne) Saragosse (Espagne) Paléo Festival, Nyon (Suisse) Fête de l'iris (Bruxelles)

**Events** : Ouverture de saison, Ville d'Arcueil (94), Grenay (62), ...Cérémonie des vœux, Cergy (95), Saint Ouen (95)...Nuits des musées, Fête de Canal +, Inauguration, Salon du livre...



Zacatecas (Mexique)

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# The team

**Original idea and conception**  
**Directing**

Marcabrune Villa  
Marcabrune Villa et Valérie  
Surdey

**Author**  
**Starring**

Jean-Pierre Dopagne  
Lile Cargueray, Valérie Surdey,  
Marcabrune Villa, Hélène  
Dedryvère, Lise Avignon,  
Magali Domec, Laure Bronkart,  
Anne-Catherine Regniers

**Coproduction**

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*Belgique*

**Support**

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Les Zaccros d'ma rue *France*  
Conseil régional de Midi-  
Pyrénées Mairie de  
Toulouse

**Sponsorship**

Parapluies Le Véritable  
Cherbourg, France



# Performing terms and conditions

Performance for 5 Ladies underneath umbrellas.

It can take place day or night.

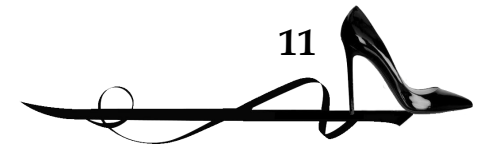
It can be performed either in english, french or spanish.

Different kinds of performances can be imagined on the same day :

- 2 x 45 minutes performances in one spot.
- 1h of performance in one spot + quirky images.

(before the performance, the Ladies can appear in town to spread a rumour announcing the show. Their black figures will leave a mark on public place.)

You can contact us for more details.



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