

# **PRESENT**



THE S.W.A.T.

Special Wasters And Tanglers

Street comedy performance – non verbal family show THEIR GOAL: TO FIND A PROBLEM TO ANY SOLUTION!

CARNAGE Productions is a French street arts company based in Toulouse, South-West of France.

Since 1989, CARNAGE Productions have created and performed street theatre shows more than 5,000 times in France and throughout the world.

"Les Frères Grumaux", "Horizon Boucher", "Les Extensibles" are the previous creations. In 2004, Carnage released "Domi and Claude", a nearly-fairground comedy. In 2006, "Derapage" was launched in the major French Festivals. In 2010, "Les Trefort" invaded French Streets.

In 2000, CARNAGE produced a street show that can be performed in any language:

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Mute comedy, abseiling, stunts and clowning

4 committed Commando members go off in search of an unlikely training mission.

Their goal: To find a problem to any solution...

Their Mission: Impossible to remember...

#### The SWAT Tour :

Since 2000, they appeared in many International Street Arts Festivals such as CHALON DANS LA RUE, AURILLAC, NYONS (CH), LAUSANNE (CH), STOCKTON (GB), LONDON Watch this Space, DETMOLD (D) Strassentheater, RASTATT (D) Tête à Tête, PORSGRUNN (N) Streets of Fool, QUEBEC (FEIQ), LIMBURG (NL), ROCHEFORT (B), HASSELT (B), GRAZ (A), ZARAGOZA (E), REUS (E), BARCELONA (E)..., providing each time an hilarious moment.

In 2001 they were in OTTAWA, CANADA and in SHIZUOKA-City, JAPAN where they entered the Daidogei World Cup for the best humorous show.

In 2002, GIGN officially opened the International Street Theatre Festival of AURILLAC

Since then, they have been warmly welcomed in Spain, Belgium, Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Great Britain,

Austria, Switzerland, Quebec, Italy, Japan, and recently in South Corea, Turkey and Australia ...

more than 700 missions

Since 2003 the CulturesFrance office and Institut de France (former AFAA : Association Française d'Action Artistique) has been promoting and supporting CARNAGE Productions street art performances abroad.

Fix & mute show

Audience capacity: 300-900

55 mn

Many clown situations and gags stand along between each step.



### 1. Abseiling:

The commando starts from a window on a facade, a flat roof, a balcony... Before the action, the SWAT is attempting NOT to attract attention but they fail. They absell one by one, each one with his own manner. Leader #1 is first on the rope, quite ill-at-ease. Next, the 3 team members try to score points over each other.

- Putting away of the material and lining up of the S.W.A.T. commando.

The Mission begins. But what is it exactly? It doesn't matter, Leader #1 gives the directions and he doesn't expect to be questioned about them.

2. Barrier jumping:

A metallic security barrier is necessary for this first step. The audience stands around; Leader goes first, hits the barrier and falls off. The rest of the unit tries to pass the obstacle, some without thinking (down again), some with cunning or athletics jump... everybody's challenging for the best jump.

3. Candy Break and litter bin exercise:

Leader #1 orders the team to make a candy break close to a trash bin (see pictures below). While everyone is sipping his fruit juice with a straw, number 4 is doing his best with no straw!

To get rid of the empty packages, Leader #1 uses the litter bin as an aim-skill exercise target. While the Chief keeps opening and closing the container to make it harder, each member of the team offers us their own "special try" from the singing of Queen's great hit "We Will Rock You" to a big Bang head first in the bin!

4. Teddy Bear Rescue Operation:

The S.W.A.T. unit steps forward but Leader quickly stops and stares up at a Teddy Bear which appears to be in jeopardy: hang to the upper edge of a wall, the small and touching Teddy Bear is seeking for help! The S.W.A.T. unit finally found its Mission!

But the little stuffed animal is out of reach and the attempts to catch him down fail one after one. Hopefully, number 4 will find 4 metal bars pieces and they will at last find the way to put them together in order to assemble a pole. One of them will walk up to the Teddy Bear while the others are pushing him up: a real commando technique borrowed by the S.W.A.T. Unit!



## Technical Requirement:

1 mission / exhibition of 50 mn (abseiling, climbing, barrier and rubbish bin practicing, daytime or evening time)

Set up: 2h - get out: 1h

The "mission" is to be played in a open air urban area, a square, a big yard...

No parks, shopping malls, Leisure parks,... The location should be checked the day before acting.

You should provide:

- a. An accompanying person from the festival crew during the show.
- b. A dressing room for 4 people with shower and restroom close to the start place (The spectacle begins with the facade abseiling). Sweet and salted food, dry and fresh fruits, water and sodas.
- c. A security metal barrier and a trash container (240 liters capacity): see the Synopsis and technical video (see below) for details and pictures
- d. 5 hotel rooms
- e. 2 hot meals a day for 4-5 people (arriving at least day before)

# Important :

Facade is necessary for abseiling of maximum 15 meters high (45 feet), 8 meters (30 feet) as a minimum and legal clearance.

If there are no anchor points available, you should provide 2 wooden bars/poles (6 inches X 6 inches) and small pieces of carpet to protect the walls.

Please, email us pics of the place you will choose.

Videos <a href="http://youtu.be/QXNdwCjsTcU7">http://youtu.be/QXNdwCjsTcU7</a> http://vimeo.com/7245821 **Carnage productions:** 

innocence in carnage, strictness in production

The company turned 25 in 2014.

Born in Avignon at a time where the streets were still free, this name and this star, brought luck to more than fifty people that worked or still works for the company.

The C of carnage stands for Connerie universelle (universal stupidity) in all forms, burlesque stunts, clowning, absurdity and of course, causes less damage than alcohol or religion.

The A, stands for Autonomous (independent). Carnage productions receive no subventions and creates shows with their own financial means.

The R, stands for Rapid. Time is a factor that rings just once, there are so many shows to create... But don't mix being rapid and hasty, it's all about ... enthusiasm

The N stands for Normal. We get inspiration out of human situations, we twist them, and like a clown exercise, we turn them into a non expected form, so we could say « We are not crazy, you are too normal, that's it ».

The second A: Allergic to stupidity, the real one, the one that survives, unknown to those that pretend to know The Thruth or The Solution, the one we subtly use in our shows, as a reflection of this world that works upside down.

G like Genious... An old dream, I confess

and finally, **E** as Energetic, Elevating, Explosive, Emotional, Enchanting, Enamoured... It's amazing what you can do with E, immense endless possibilities...

