

# GAMBAS CIRCUS

A piano in a suitcase, a paintbrush playing the accordion...ta RRAAAM!

Gambas Circus is a colorful explosion of fantasy, poetry, virtuosity and spirit. A geometry of sounds in motion.

Classical and brasilian music wake up the clown: with him, the balls hover, the objects hang in the air and drop as waterfalls. Diabolos and other circus items dance on the hot rythm of ragtime and old jazz. When the music casts a spell and the elements become alive, the magical journey can start. No doubt your imagination will be boosted by this artistic big bang!

Poets in action: Ernesto Lucas and Camille Phelep.

#### Performances:

Juggling (diabolos, massues, balls, rings, balances, contact ball)

Mimo

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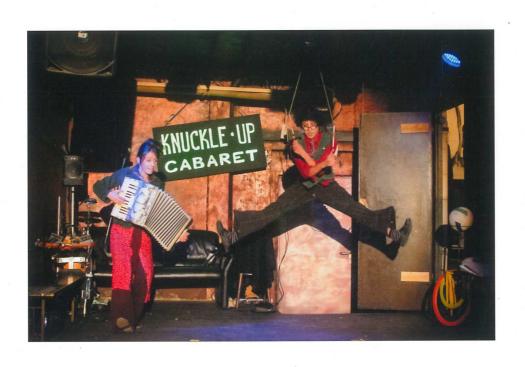
Drawings

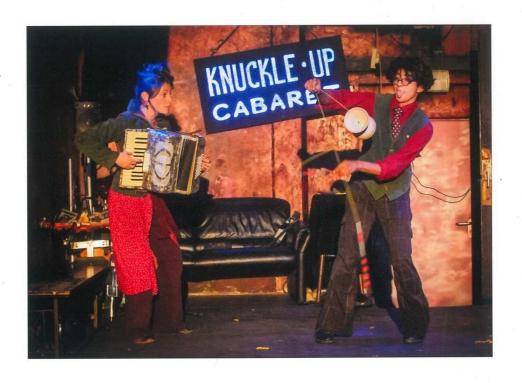
Improvisation

#### Musical repertoire:

Piano: classical music, ragtime, swing, new Orleans jazz, brasilian music (chorinhos), improvisation

Accordion: traditional music(gypsy valses, chorinhos), swing, improvisation







### Ernesto Lucas: painter, juggler and eccentric performer Born on May 10, 1986 (Mexico City, Mexico)

Coming from a constant exploration of playing and drawing since his childhood years, Ernesto is inspired with the colors and shapes of Mexico and Mexico City where he grew up. In different forms and with different media, he develops an own universe which becomes alive in those artistic expressions.

Ernesto Lucas started as an autodidact, painting and drawing his contemplative observation of life and his interpretation of books, sometimes with the help of his aunt, who is also a painter and an illustrator. He studied for one year in the Academia de San Carlos (Mexico City) and received introductory courses to academic drawing with Marco Aulio Prado and a course about techniques and procedures of painting material with Alfredo Nieto. Ernesto then started binding together watercolors as a portable and constant medium of painting. At this moment he published political cartoons and caricatures in a newspaper named "El Corredor Informativo" and in a political and social magazine in Mexico. His attending diverse circus conventions at that point proved to be a watershed in his career, for they unveiled a colorful world in movement which became a continuous source of self-development and a new sphere of possibilities for Ernesto Lucas. He attended workshops for juggling and clownery, two circus disciplines which opened the doors of the scenic arts and performances.

The combination of fine art and circus motivated Ernesto to travel and start exploring the Italian Renaissance in Rome and Naples, as well as the circus scene in Europe and the Middle East (Israel, Jordan, Germany, France, Swiss, Austria, Holland, Spain, Italy). He meticulously documented each step and every experience in notebooks "Carnet de Voyage", which are still to be filled with reports about his current life in Berlin.

Ernesto is also a specialist in caricatures. He has often painted sketches of people he encountered and with whom he got acquainted. Ernesto also ardently studies hand lettering and calligraphy, and applies his skills on restaurant menus and other creative media. Combining lettering with drawing, he has made posters for several projects, from concerts to cabarets, as well as the national tour of the giant puppet DUNDU. Several of these posters were displayed in an exhibition which was shown in Berlin and Copenhagen.

Travelling also brought him to street art performances during which he exhibits his juggling, mime and clownery skills on the concrete, develops news ways of generating close contact with the audience, and remains flexible for improvisation. He therefore often performed in Festivals (such as the Fusion Festival, the Berlin Lacht Festival, the Live Performers Meeting in Rome and the Freemote Festival in Utrecht) and Variety Shows (the ZirCouplet Variete, the Sauerkraut Variete, and the Knuckle Up Cabaret among others).

Since 2014, his collaboration with his wife Camille Phelep, musician (pianist and accordion player) has spawned the duo "Gambas Circus", a show of music and clownery. From classical influences to ragtimes, jazz and traditional music, they present numerous variety shows and scene shows, inside or in open air.



Camille Phelep: musician (pianist, accordion player)
Born on March 2, 1987 (Rennes, France)

Camille Phelep started playing classical piano at the age of 10. Her formation lead her from the music academies of Brest and Rennes, both located in Britanny, to that of Boulogne-Billancourt near Paris in which she successfully acquired her first prizes as a soloist and a chamber music performer. She completed her music studies by obtaining a Master in Musical Education at the Haute Ecole de Musique of Geneva with the pianist Dominique Weber.

As far as distinctions are concerned, Camille Phelep won a first prize at the Ile-de-France Piano Competition in 2004 and a second prize at the Chopin Competition in Brest in 2009. She was also awarded the Francois Dumont prize at the HEM in Geneva for best interpretation of a Beethoven sonata.

Due to her passionate interest in passing on musical education to others, Camille taught piano in musical academies in the outskirts of Paris as well as in the Conservatoire Populaire de Musique in Geneva. She also worked as chamber music professor on the occasion of the annual summer convention in Josquin-des-Prés in Normandie. She also performed classical recitals and chamber music pieces in Paris, Geneva, London, Berlin and many other places in Ile-de-France and Britanny.

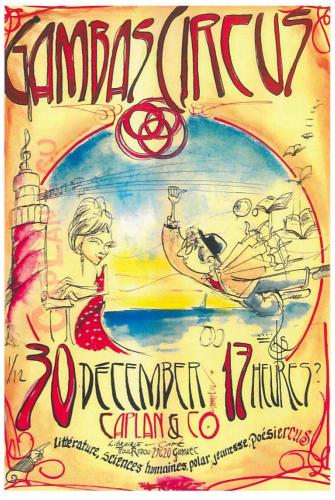
Camille actively participated and played in multi-artistic formations and projects, especially musical theatre projects: *Ah c'qu'ons'aime*at the Festival d'Avignon in 2012, *Le Renne du Soleil* directed by the theatre company Traintamarre de 7h10, *Italy Loves Me* directed by the Berlin Arbeiter-Theater, and puppet shows staged by the Berlin Puppentheater.

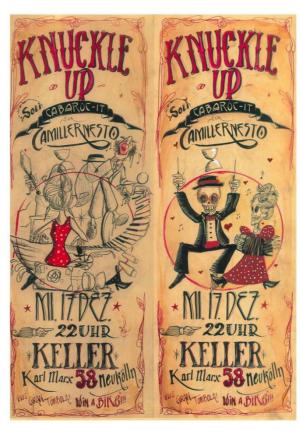
Owing to her love of Brazilian musical genres, she plays the piano and the accordion in **Olindà** together with singer-percussionist Valdir Jovenal and flautist-percussionist Hortense Rigot. Based in Berlin with a repertoire revolving around bossa-nova, samba and forro influences, the band also played in France. On top of that, Camille's passion for Brazilian tunes has led her to a trip to Brazil, during which she played with several renowned musical formations and musicians such as the Clube de Choro da Bahia or "Cacao Pandeiro".

Regarding her own creative projects, Camille Phelep and Susanna Tiertant founded a duo of pianists called **Portraits Chinois** in 2010, an original creation binding together concert and paintings projections.

In 2014 Camille met her husband, the clown, juggler and painter Ernesto Lucas. Their collaboration spawned the project **Gambas Circus**, a show of clownery and music (ragtime, old jazz, traditional and classical music, improvisation) which has already travelled in Germany, Luxemburg and France.







#### **Shows Curriculum**

- 13 february 2014: Knucle Up Cabaret, Villa Kuriosum, Berlin, Germany
- 14 february 2014: Keller Cabaret, Berlin, Germany
- 16 febrary 2014: Kokabura Cabaret, Berlin, Germany
- 2 April 2014: Show in "Mama Lou jam session" in Mathilda, Berlin, Germany
- 29 April 2014: Show for "Frida's exhibition", Berlin, Germany
- 15-31 may 2014: Charivari Festival, Berlin, Germany
- 1 June 2014: Show for "Frida's exhibition", Ludwiglust, Germany
- 13 June 2014: Show in "Jazz fest", Neu temmen, Uckermarkt, Germany
- 14&15 June 2014: Shows for "Expat expo"fair, English Theatre, Germany
- 25-30 June 2014: Fusion festival, Laars, Germany
- 4-5 July 2014: Shows for a village fest, Stralendorf, Germany
- 6 July 2014: "Buchbox Kinder Sommerfest", Berlin, Germany
- 27 July 2014: Festival "Food for your senses", Bissen, Luxembourg
- 30 August 2014: Show for a concert of "The real latinos" in "Atelier Kühl", Berlin, Germany
- 31 August 2014: Show for Roblongstaf's concert in "Tango tanzen macht schön", Berlin, Germany
- 10 September 2014: Show for kids in "Charlottenburg Kindergarten", Berlin, Germany
- 16-17 September 2014: Shows for a sport event and Gambrinus Cabaret, Suhl, Germany
- 25 September 2014: Shows in the art gallery Saarbach, Berlin, Germany
- 4 October 2014: Show for the opening of Jim Avignon's exhibition, Neurotitan, Berlin, Germany
- 17&19 October 2014: Cirque du solo, Berlin, Germany
- 31 October 2014: Show in Capito, Celle, Germany
- 17 December 2014: Cabaret, Keller, Berlin, Germany
- 30 December 2014: Show in Caplan&Co, Brittany, France
- 31 January 2015: Show for the "Ernesto Lukas's exhibition finissage", Froschkönig, Berlin
- 8 February 2015: Show for the openning of Ernesto Lucas's exhibition, Untertitel, Berlin Germany
- 12 February 2015: Show in Villa Kuriosum, Berlin Germany
- 1 April 2015: Show for Ernesto Lukas's exhibition vernissage, Hepcat's Corner, Berlin Germany
- 9 April 2015: Show mit Martin High de Prime, Wilma, Berlin Germany

## PRESS BOOK



State Samstag, 20. September 20:

## Lachsalven in Suhls neuem Showpalast

Auch zum dritten Suhler Kneipencabarét blieb beim Publikum kein Auge trocken. Vorerst ist wieder Schluss mit lustig, denn die Organisatoren vom "Kulttraum" müssen ein Päuschen einlegen.

Von Lilian Klement

Suhl – Was passiert, wenn eine mus Laulische Stätblockade sich mitstellande Laulische Stätblockade sich mitstellande Laulische Stätblockade sich mitstellande Jagedreiten Sohn; mit einem Ned um, das den alten Hessels selbshalt erscheinen lässt; mit einem hyperat twen Jongleur und einer Massische Planistin an seiner Seite; einem Me devator, in der unteren Hälfen beder erkannten Hälfen beder derator, in der unteren Hälfen beder kraulische Stätblocken der Stätblocken ums sehr nobel – weiße Handschult Zylinder, Bauchbinde und Fract Und dann singt der Mann mit der zwei gezwirbelten Bärchen auc noch rauchtig ins Mickorion, Weich und eine Heigen der Stätblocken und noch rauchtig ins Mickorion, Weich wie die legendare Liza Mirtell, ja, wenn sich das alles kanterbun.

Ja, wenn sich das alles kunterbunt und respektlos mischt, selbst das Publikum nicht davor gefeit ist, waker mitzuspielen, dann ist das Kneipencabarét. Zu späterer Stunde, mitten in der Woche und kein Plätzchen mehr frei. Höchstens an der Theke.

#### iehr frei. Höchstens an der Mexikanisches Feuer

Willkommen, ruft der Lederhosen befrackte Mattre de plaisir des Abends den jungen, jüngeren und alteren Gästen zu, begrüßt sie als "Freunde des gepflegten Lachmusselttanings". It's Showtime im neunet Showpalast von Suhl. Auserkoren dazu das Dekamte Loka "Gambrinus". Das hat zwar eher gemütliches Wohnzümmer- denn Plastsformat, aber was macht dus schon, Hauptsiaber was macht dus schon, Hauptsi-



So einen Kussmund von Andreas kriegt nicht jede, Jacqueline hat Glück.

Der stimmt, wenn der in jeder Beziehung junge Verein "Kulttraum" Suhl e.V. zum dritten Kneipencabarêt einlädt. Eine hier bis vor Kurzem noch unbekannte Unterhaltungsform, mit der die Nicht-Profi-Organisatoren um Stefan Ufrich im Umfeld des von ihnen organisierten ersten Straßentheaterfestivals dieses kleine Cabarél-Experiment wagerein

Vielleicht ist das mal ausbaufähig denn die Suhler sind begeistert Doch zunächst bliebt's bei den dre Abenden, weil die Jungen Menscher wieder ihrer eigentlichen Afreis nachgehen mitssen. Denn das, wa Freizeitenthusäsrmas. Er funktionierte auch deshalb, weil die Künst ler meist befreundet sind mit Stefan Urich, Spitzanae Uller. Er halt all Fäden in der Hand, man kennt sich von Veranstaltungen aus Berlinigen von Veranstaltungen aus Berlinigen.

mal in den Gemass eines Schinettstückhers numens, Gambas Clicus\* den junge Mestkauer Ernesto, wirden, als hatte er Magnete an den wirken, als hatte er Magnete an den Handen, dazu seine blitzschnellen Dabolo-Tirksch, untermal mit kässascher Musik von Französin Camille am Masier. Welche in Ga, wenn der Dabolo im atemberunberder Gegarischer Tanz das Bizen welter anheier. Oder die Säpstück-Nummer auf dem Klavier. Das alles wirkt ein bischen nostalgisch, wie aus der Zeit gefallen. Einzig die Shine ist etwas gefallen. Einzig die Shine ist etwas haben, das Dabolo könnte für um milke schien jedoch keine Angst zu haben, das Dabolo könnte für um

den Kopf und auf die Tasten fliegen. Vater und Sohn Busch aus Erfurt machte die kleine Bühne nichts. Sohn Andreas mit seinen charmanten Zaubertricks ließ sich trotz Nähe



Der Showmaster sagt "Welcome".

nicht in die Karten und in die Ärm gucken. Eben alles Trick, auch m viel Witz, beispielsweise der mit de hinterm Handtuch wandernde Fö Und Vater Günters Kuhschelle Nummer, sie wäre sicher nicht mit der unterhaltsam gewesen, hälte sich ein paar leicht anzügliche B

Geschenkt hat sich der Christian Lusky den Johannes Heesters nicht, er holte ihn noch einmal für eine Penodie hervor und schmachtete wic dereinst schon beim SCC "Mamisste Klavier spielen Könner, Eight Songs, die sind unverwüstlich. Und passend. Das dachte auch der Uller, als er zum Schluss wie Frank Sileratta nessimierte "My way". Leiddings ganz-ohne Lackschulb. Däfür in Opas geringeltem Badetrikot.

Das ist eben sein Weg und der v Kulttraum ... Dann bis nächstes Ja



Was macht der Mann auf dem Klavier? Ernesto und Camille, ein super Paar.



Applaus, Applaus – da zeigen sich die Suhler sehr spendabel. Fotos: fronkphoto.de

#### **Gambas Circus**

Rider - fact sheet

**2 Performers:** Camille Phelep and Ernesto Lucas

**Length:** To be defined by both parties depending on

the location, the venue and the stage. 10, 20,

45 or 60 minutes formats are possible.

Technical information:

The show can be performed anywhere (e.g. street, stage, theater, room) without requiring

any additional equipment.

If a piano is at disposition, the performers will

use it.

If needed, a microphone or two should be provided, for instance when the place is crowded or when the space is too big.

In a dark place, lights should be provided and

at disposition.

**Fee:** To be defined by an agreement with both

parties, depending on the venue.

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