# OMESTRE

## synopsis

**O Mestre** (the master) is a theatre project about the transmission of knowledge and the essential figures that this act presupposes: the one who knows and the one who does not know.

It is a show that focuses on the roles that each one assumes so that the relationship can exist. And in the development of that relationship.

In **O Mestre**, the protagonist is the teacher-student relationship. Learning as a rite of passage in life, the unique and privileged moment that is to learn under the eyes of the other and the fragility of this process so intimate and beautiful of those who learn.

The actress Maria João Falcão invited the artist Michel, her tap dance teacher, to research with her this (mainly) male figure of the master and to create a performance that reflects on autonomy through a learning process.

project, text and artistic direction Maria João Falcão performance Maria João Falcão and Michel choreography and soundscape Michel set and costume design Maria João Falcão

artistic assistance Bernardo Souto and João Simões dramaturgical assistance Prof.ª Eugénia Vasques production número cinco Associação Cultural photos João Simões video Marcelo Pereira (imagem e edição) e Marcelo Tavares (som) poster and postcard Michel (drawing) and Maria João Falcão (design)

**duration** 70 minutes **M/12** 



# links

<u>site</u>

<u>video</u>

<u>fotos</u>

press (port.)

critic (port.)

## technical rider

# stage

arena stage
piano
carpet covering the floor (actors wear tap shoes)

#### set - own material

floor lamp table lamp tea trolley Mestre's chair 2 tap dance boards

lighting house light

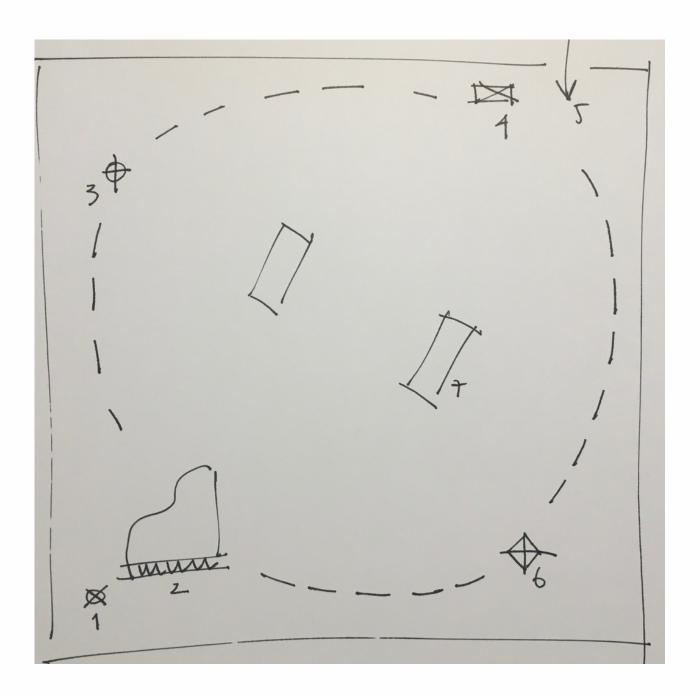
**backstage** 2 dressing rooms

setup and technical rehearsals 3 shifts

**staff needed** lighting technician and stage manager

**strike** 2 hours

# scenic space plan



- 1 floor lamp
- piano
- cloakroom stand
- tea trolley (with table lamp)
- entrance
- Mestre's chair
- tap dance boards
- --- audience



### bios

## Maria João Falcão

Lived and studied theatre in Madrid, Paris, New York and Lisboa.

Studied at ESTC (Lisboa), RESAD (Madrid), École Philippe Gaulier (Paris) and SITI Company (NY).

In 2019, finishes her Master's degree in Theatre Practices, at ArtEZ (Netherlands). As an actress, she works in theatre, television and cinema.

In theatre worked with several directors, such as Antonino Solmer, Amândio Pinheiro, Miguel Loureiro, Miguel Moreira, André Amálio, Carlos Pimenta, André Murraças, Nuno Cardoso, Maria João Luís, André Gago, Jorge Silva Melo, João Telmo, Rodrigo Francisco, Toni Cafiero, Hugo Franco and Natália Luiza.

In 2019, Maria João Falcão starts the theatre platform 'número cinco' and creates her first theatre project, On Invitation. In 2021, creates O Mestre.

Maria João Falcão is currently based in Lisboa.

### Michel

Author, actor, musician, tap master and choreographer.

Michel began to study tap dancing in 1960, in Paris, when he joined the company "Paris Claquettes Show. In the 80's he studied tap dance and worked as a dancer in the US and Portugal. Moves to Lisbon and becomes a tap teacher at the Lisbon National Conservatory of Dance School, where he has taught for over 30 years.

Creates Tap Dance Day, is artistic director and performer at Pétaouchnok, president of the Associação do Sapateado in Portugal and creator of the Tap Dance Center Lisbon.

Michel is currently a resident musician and tap dancer at the Hotel Tivoli in Lisbon and a tap dancer at IFICT.

As an actor, he has been part of Companhia Maior since 2010 and has been directed by Tiago Rodrigues, Clara Andermatt, Mónica Calle, Filipa Francisco, João D'Ávila and João Mota.



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