





Stage Area: 15m x 8m (dimensions variable)



UNTILED MARS This Title May Change

Conceived and directed by Jay Scheib

With Performances by Karl Allen, Dorka Gryllus, Caleb Hammond, László Keszég, Tanya Selvaratnam, April Sweeney, Natalie, Thomas, Balázs Vajna with special on-camera appearances by Waris Ahluwalia, Phillip Cunio, Kofi Hope-Gund, Henrik Hargitai, Zahra Khan, and Dr. Robert Zubrin and others... Scenic Design by Peter Ksander, Lighting Design by Miranda Hardy, Costume Design by Oana Botez-Ban, Sound Design by Catherine McCurry, Video Design by Balázs Vajna and Miklos Buk, Dramaturg/Hungarian Coordinator Anna Lengyel, Assistant Director Laine Rettmer

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In his latest work for Performance Space 122, director Jay Scheib, crash-lands seven performers into a simulated Martian Environment in UNTITLED MARS: This Title May Change. The first in a trilogy of works for live performance under the banner SimulatedCities / SimulatedSystems, UNTITLED MARS is an international collaboration between celebrated theater ensemble Pont Muhely of Budapest and a team of research scientists phoning in their performance live via satellite from the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah. Sound fake? It's not. UNTITLED MARS is a mind-bending excursion into an interplanetary future defined by Scheib's signature multi-media aesthetic. This not to be missed performance is a Science vs. Fiction Simulation of Real Simulation as performed by Real Scientist in the very Real Utah desert. Rewriting Fiction with Reality UNTITLED MARS: This title may Change caps a year of collaboration with an international team of Space industry visionaries, artists and research scientists and students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jay Scheib's antic play—half lab-rat experiment and half sex farce — devolves into an orgy of greed, lust, and insanity — the over-all effect is one of happy disorientation.

Michael Schulman - The New Yorker

Using live video feeds and editing software to create the illusion of walking on the Martian surface, Scheib masterfully blends high-tech effects with his performers, who wrestle and simulate sex with gusto... this laid-back orchestrator of multimedia installations surrounds himself with strikingly attractive actors and sexy technology.

David Cote - Time Out New York

...what a pleasure to encounter an artist like Scheib, with so many ideas and so many means of presenting them... In a video clip, Dr. Zubrin insists: "We have to go to Mars simply because it's there." If Scheib's leading, we just might go along for the ride.

Alexis Soloski - The Village voice

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