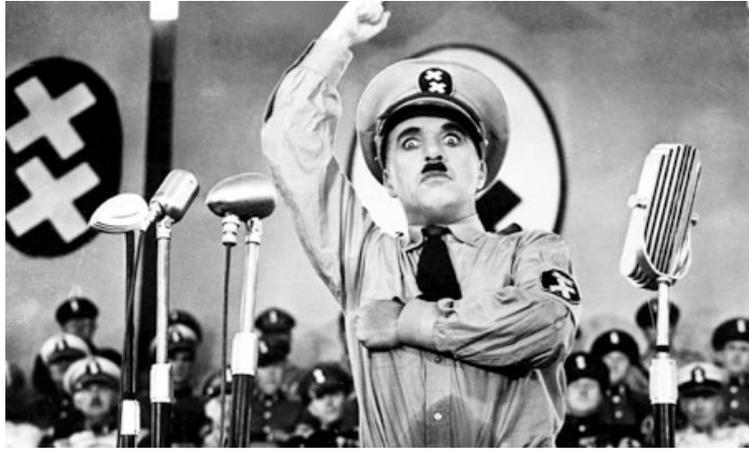


The POLITICS of THE FOOL

Clown, Bouffons and Physical Comedy for social, political and environmental action



A playful lecture with GIOVANNI FUSETTI

We live in times of great intensity. We live in times of collective tragedies and individual dilemmas. The planet is heating up, the hot spots are burning, the systems are crushing. Politics often seem fully out of touch with the heart of the world.

As theatre artists passionate about comedy and humour, we feel the call to bring our art where the wound is hurting and contribute to the individual and collective healing of the world.

But sometimes, to keep laughing, or even smiling, feels very hard. Tears swell behind the eyes of the clowns and we may fall into the overwhelming sense that the task is too big, we are too few, the mess is too much, the hurt is too deep...

That is when we need to breath deeply and call for the Crazy Wisdom of The FOOL.

The Fool reminds us to embrace it all, jump of the cliff and enjoy the fall. The Fool whispers to us that fear is excitement without breath.

She reminds us that laughter is about letting go; she reminds us to abandon all intentions and celebrate all compassions.

He teaches us that identity is a process, and that we can all shapeshift into each other. Nobody is just good or just evil. Individuals, groups, societies do change; their mind, their heart and their bodies do trans-form.

She reminds us the in the end we are going to die, and that is really sad, but not just. If we stay in the here and now, vitality will save us. He reminds us that every gestures saves the whole world, that all laughter is a drop of balm for the heart of us all. She inspires us to not take ourselves too seriously and play even more, play with everything and everybody, play till the end, play from the personal and collective heart of the world.

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