

# Phantom



## The Play

Phantom is the compilation of 15 different short pieces. It shows the best of the theatre group HILT's work in last ten years. Black light theatre is the very special theatre genre based on optical effects of darkness and UV lighting. This genre originated in The Czech Republic in 1955. Costumes and stage props shine in the dark creating visual illusions. Each piece of this show is has a different style – love, autumn, winter or Africa, India, Czech folklore and more.

## Director's Note

To celebrate 10 years of my theatre group HILT Black Light Theatre is a very special moment in my life. I still remember how we started 10 years ago and I am grateful to all my actors and dancers. Especially to Stepanka Pencova, the lady who helped me lead our group all these years. My life is theatre and I cannot imagine living without it. It gives me an immense pleasure to be able to communicate a story to the audience. Sure, my work is still evolving and with every experience I feel my shows are more advanced. Phantom is the biggest part of my heart – it shows many different sides of my personality and of each person sitting in the audience as well.

## The Playwright & Director

Theodor Hoidekr was born in 1980 in Czech industrial town

Ostrava. While at the business school, Theodor was secretly visiting a dance school. In the year 2001, he moved to capital city Prague and soon became the lead dancer in many theatre shows. Later he was dancing in TV shows. His biggest love is black light Theatre. After being to different parts of the world, like India, Poland, Malta, Greece, Germany, Slovakia and Ecuador, Theodor Hoidekr formed his own theatre group in 2007 called HILT Black Light Theatre.

### **The Group**

HILT Black Light Theatre, Prague was founded in 2007. The main idea was to put together experienced black theatre actors and dancers and to use these different experiences in a new theatre group. HILT is the abbreviation of "Hoidekr Interactive Light Theatre" – its founder and director is Theodor Hoidekr – and this group often likes to break the barrier and interact with the audience. This group has visited many countries with their show – Malta, Slovakia, Germany, Greece, Poland, Ecuador and India. Their most beloved and successful tour was in 2009 – the Bharat Rang Mahotsav festival in India.

### **Cast & Credits**

Phantom man	Theodor Hoidekr
Phantom Lady	Stepanka Pencova
Frozen Lady	Veronika Ehlenova
Romantic Lady	Sophia Silhankova
Black light effects actors	Pavla Mlejnkova, Martin Mackovic, Rene Zounar
Costume Designer	Blazena Pokorna
Lights and Sound	Frantisek Penc
Playwright and Director	Theodor Hoidekr