

Città Teatro presents

Le Gemelle Mejerchold



They have artistic skill and comic talent by the bucketful, their only problem is that they argue from morning to night. Olga e Manolita, who go by the stage-name of the “Gemelle Mejerchold”, start their singing career together purely by chance when they are asked to replace a missing number in a famous variety review. Since then they have stuck together through thick and thin in a continual battle for centre stage. Twins separated at birth? Unlikely... one is a tall, gargantuan, dazed, baritone soak, the other is a short, precise, methodical, prickly soprano. The perfect double act! All Divas have their moods, but with two of this calibre the problems don't just double, they multiply exponentially, not always a good selling point for impresarios. Even with a famous continental multi-instrumentalist by their side, the Mejerchold twin's career, already in decline, teeters on the brink between promises of a world tour and clamorous cancellations. Faced with this uncertain future there is nothing left for the sisters but to reminisce over better, bygone times, when they appeared on the world's most famous stages, in front of delirious audiences applauding their vocal – and not only – acrobatics.

There is only one guarantee: if something can go wrong, it will!

The Gemelle Mejerchold (alias Francesca Airaudo and Giorgia Penzo) are two multifaceted artistes who express their art through song and pantomime with versatility, rediscovering the surrealism and childishness still to be found somewhere between the theatre and the circus. Two women that mix comedy and song without renouncing an ounce of their femininity, making their transition, from from Vaudeville Chanteuses, through variety and comic reviews to big-top clowns, seamless.

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Produced in 2014

Starring **Francesca Airaudo, Giorgia Penzo**

Live music by **Tiziano Paganelli**

Costumes by **Paul Mochrie**

Thanks to **Barbara Martinini** and **Nevio Cavina**

Directed by **Davide Schinaia**

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