

At the Ark at Eight **Masterskaya Theatre (Russia)**

24 - 25 February 2012, 8pm
Gallery Theatre, National Museum of Singapore

Biographies of Creative Team

Masterskaya Theatre

Masterskaya Theatre is a professional dramatic theatre founded in 2010 by the Acting and Directing class of Professor Grigory Kozlov at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy. Even as students of the Academy, they have already distinguished themselves with their powerful performances, attracting critical and public acclaim and accolades. Kozlov's class was spoken of as a unique theatrical collective of like-minded persons that must be conserved – and hence, Masterskaya Theatre was born.

The theatre's repertoire is made up of productions staged by Grigory Kozlov and his student directors. This repertoire stands apart due to its range of genres and styles, and its works addresses a wide demographic.

Masterskaya Theatre was also recently awarded the Theatre of the Year Award by a committee composed of St. Petersburg's leading theatre directors and critics.

Ekaterina Gorokhovskaia

Director

Ekaterina is a graduate of the St. Petersburg Humanitarian University of Unions in Acting and Directing, St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy in Theatre and Criticism and St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy in Acting and Directing. She has worked as director and instructor of Acting, Speech and Movement at the Theatre of Youth Creativity, and acted with the Bolshoi Dramatic Theatre. Since 2008, she has been an editor of the Petersburg Theatre Magazine.

Evgeny Shumeiko

Actor "First Penguin"

Born in Tula, Russia in 1988, Evgeny studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy and has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception. He has acted in the film *How to Catch a Shoplifter* and he received the Strzhelchik Independent Theatre Award for his portrayal of Prince Myshkin in *The Idiot*, and an award from the II International Youth Festival Apart for his portrayal of Vasechka in *The Elder Son*.

Nikolai Kuglyant**Actor “Second Penguin”**

Nikolai was born in Krasnokamensk, Russia in 1986. He worked as an actor in the Galerka Theatre, Omsk and studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy. He has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception. He is also a dancer with the contemporary dance studio Reactsiya, and an actor with the street performance troupe Mimo. Nikolai has also acted in the film *Sea Devils*.

Mikhail Kasapov**Actor “Third Penguin”**

Born in Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Russia in 1986, Mikhail studied at the Theatre of Youth Creativity, St. Petersburg and studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy. Has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception. Mikhail has also acted in the films *How to Catch a Shoplifter* and *You're With Me*.

Anna Arefyeva**Actress “Dove”, “Butterfly”**

Anna was born in Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Russia in 1987 and studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy. She has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception, and is also an actress of Teatr Na Liteinom. Anna has also acted in the films *Word to a Woman*, *Fifth Blood Type* and *Time and People*.

Alena Artemova**Actress “Dove”, “Butterfly”**

Born in Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Russia in 1988, Alena studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy and has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception. She has acted in the films *Fifth Blood Type*, *How to Catch a Shoplifter*, *The Path*, *Streets with Broken Lights*, *Ivan the Terrible*, and *Hounds 2*, among others.

Arseny Semenov**Actor “Noah”**

Arseny was born in Kronshtadt, Russia in 1989, and studied Acting at the St. Petersburg State Theatre Arts Academy. He has been a full-time actor of the Masterskaya Theatre since its inception.