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Michael Zandl, David Eisele, Kolja Huneck present

# Sawdust Symphony

**UK PREMIERE**

**Carpentry and circus collide in a unique, family-friendly production exploring the desire to create and the relationship between humans and tools**

**PART OF: Performing Arts: Made In Germany Showcase 2024**

**Devised and performed by Michael Zandl, David Eisele and Kolja Huneck**

**Main House, ZOO Southside, Tuesday 13 - Sunday 25 August 2024 (not 19), 10:00**

**(11:00), 8+**

**REVIEWABLE FROM: Tuesday 13 August**

*"...moments of breathtaking brilliance, inspired originality and astounding wit. Brilliant, absolutely brilliant."* **Arts Talk Magazine**

*"The circus- and theatrical performance of the trio is phenomenal, stunning. We want to see more of this world of magical illusions!"* **KULTUR - Zeitschrift für Kultur und Gesellschaft**

A trio of circus performers combine their passion for crafting, object manipulation and fresh wood in this hypnotising and visually arresting performance.

Exploring the human desire to create: the process from vision to construction, the tragedy of work and the relationship between tools and humans, Sawdust Symphony. Obsessed characters discover and transform their space and themselves, transporting the spectator into the world of this unique DIY experience. Performed over 100 times across nine countries to audiences of all ages, *Sawdust Symphony* is an intense dialogue between satisfaction, frustration and the smell of gasoline which pushes at the poignancy of existence.

**Michael Zandl, David Eisele, Kolja Huneck said:** *"Brace yourselves for a circus piece that literally cuts through the boundaries; will the venue still be standing after this DIY-experience?"*

*Every show promises to ignite minds and spark conversations. You'll likely laugh, possibly cry, but we can definitely guarantee the smell of gasoline and fresh wood."*

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*Sawdust Symphony* is one of four performances as part of the inaugural **Performing Arts: Made in Germany showcase** which will be staged at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2024 from 13 - 25 August 2024 (not 19 August). The other performances are Anne Welenc's **Queens** at Summerhall's Main Hall from 21:15 (22:15), Hanschitz & Beierer's **IIIII - the art of letting go** at Underbelly's Circus Hub in the Meadows from 11:00 (12:00) and Miller de Nobili's **PACK** at Dancebase's Studio 1 from 14:40 (15:40).

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### **Company Information**

**Devisers and Performers** Michael Zandl, David Eisele, Kolja Huneck

**Artistic advice** Lucho Smit, Darragh McLoughlin

**Sound design** Juliano Abramovay and Lasse Munk

**Lighting designer** Sanne Rosbag

**Stage Design/Special Effects** Philipp Dünwald, Michael Zandl

**Technicians** Roland Kumpl, Stephan Kalod, Casper Van Overschee, Batist Van Baekel, Cecilia Rosso

**Producer** Korzo (Mirjam Zwanenburg)

**Co-produced by** Provinciaal Domein Dommelhof - Theater op de Markt, Le Palc - Pôle national cirque - Châlons-en-Champagne

**Produced at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe by** Ruby Glaskin for Performing Arts: Made in Germany

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### **Web and social media links:**

[www.sawdust-symphony.com](http://www.sawdust-symphony.com) | Instagram: [@sawdust\\_symphony](#) | FB: [@sawdustsymphonycircus](#)

[www.kreativ-transfer.de](http://www.kreativ-transfer.de) | [performing-arts-made-in-germany.com](http://performing-arts-made-in-germany.com)

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

#### **Biographies**

##### **About the Company**

Michael Zandl, David Eisele and Kolja Huneck graduated 2017, 2018 and 2019 from Codarts Circus Arts in Rotterdam and became good friends with complementing artistic approaches. Through the process of creating their individual solo pieces '*Janus*', '*CYCLE*' and '*CM\_30*', Michael, David and Kolja discovered their passion for building and crafting. This is what brings them together to create as a collective.

##### **About Michael Zandl**

**Michael Zandl** is a circus creator and performer from Austria and graduated from Codarts Circus Arts in Rotterdam in 2017. His work reflects his passion for absurd situations and subtle humour. He finds these tools a powerful source of expression. Technical intricacies and special effects are at the rendezvous of his shows. Building the scenography, props and illusions by himself is a full-fledged part of his creation process. In 2021 Michael started as a house choreographer at Korzo Theatre in Den Haag. [www.michaelzandl.com](http://www.michaelzandl.com)

##### **About David Eisele**

David Eisele grew up next to the black forest near Freiburg, Germany. He is an energetic person with a minimalistic lifestyle. The passion to discover extraordinary abilities and possibilities of the body and objects are at the heart of his artistic expression and source of motivation. His work focuses on

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redefining the Diabolo and translating the qualities of Diabolo and the Cyr wheel into different contexts. After graduating in 2018 from Codarts Circus Arts in Rotterdam, he produced his solo performance 'CYCLE'. His award-winning act "Senses" took him on a journey through 10 countries with over 120 shows. [www.davideisele.com](http://www.davideisele.com)

### **About Kolja Huneck**

Kolja Huneck is a circus author and performer from Munich, Germany and graduated in 2019 from Codarts Circus Arts in Rotterdam. Currently, the focus of his work and interests are on contemplative circus pieces and alternative dramaturgies that stimulate thoughts or provide ephemeral sensory impressions. His signature objects are vinyl records and self-developed disks. Besides working in the collective with Sawdust Symphony, he is touring his solo piece 'CM\_30'. [www.kolja.art](http://www.kolja.art)

### **Listings information**

#### **Main House, ZOO Southside**

**117 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9ER**

13 - 25 August 2024 (not 19)

10:00 (11:00)

Previews: 13 August | £14 (£8)

13 - 18, 20-26 August | £16 (£14)

Family ticket: Two adults, two children (£32)

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