

SPARKS

Francesca Grilli
Fierce Festival 2022



What it is:

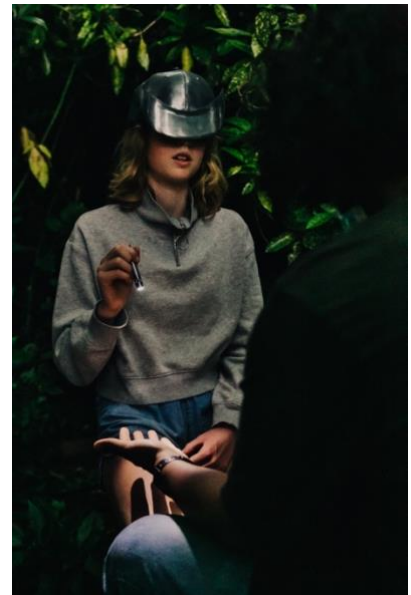
Sparks is a performance work by Italian artist Francesca Grilli coming to Fierce Festival in October 2022. It is a 1-2-1 performance where children read the palms of the adult audiences.

How often do you completely surrender to a child?

Sparks creates a space where the usual power relationships between the child and the adult are inverted. The children become oracles, bearers of mystical knowledge, wielders of magical powers.

As you enter the space, you encounter a community of oracles, a group of local children who have studied palmistry and the art of divination. Their faces are hidden behind masks but you can hear their voices. How does it feel to have a child tell you their destiny?

Artists Francesca Grilli together with Azzurra D'Agostino will lead workshops focussing on palm reading techniques. The workshop will take place with about 10/15 children, from 9 to 12 years old. Similar projects have previously been run in Milan, Bergamo and Brussels (shown in the photos)



What we are looking for:

Fierce are looking for up to 15 young people, aged 9-12 years old to take part in a series of workshops and perform at the festival in October to audiences from across the globe.

This is an exciting opportunity to take part in the a major international festival as part of a UK premier.

Workshops:

As the artists are travelling to the UK just for the festival, there is a short but intense rehearsal period that will require weekend and after school rehearsals, please think carefully if this is something you are able to commit to and only sign up if you will definitely be able to make all the dates.

Please see the table below for the dates and times of workshops, rehearsals and performances.

Timetable:

The below table outlines the time commitment for this project. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle to all rehearsals and ensure they are wearing comfortable clothing.

Type of activity	Date	Location	Timings
Workshop	Saturday 8 th October 2022	Birmingham Midland Institute (9 Margaret St, Birmingham B3 3BS)	10am – 4pm (with a lunch break and snack breaks)
Workshop	Sunday 9 th October 2022	Moseley Exchange (149- 153 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JP)	10am – 4pm (with a lunch break and snack breaks)
Workshop	Tuesday 11 th October 2022	Birmingham Midland Institute (9 Margaret St, Birmingham B3 3BS)	4pm – 7 pm (with snack breaks)
Workshop	Wednesday 12 th October 2022	Birmingham Midland Institute (9 Margaret St, Birmingham B3 3BS)	4pm – 7 pm (with snack breaks)
Rehearsal (Likely to be an invited dress rehearsal where children's parents/relatives, staff members or friends are invited.)	Thursday 13 th October 2022	Moseley Road Baths (497 Moseley Rd, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9BX)	4pm – 7pm (with snack breaks)
Performances	Friday 14 th October 2022	Moseley Road Baths (497 Moseley Rd, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9BX)	Two performances, each lasting 30 minutes with a 30 min break in between - 5pm and 6pm Participants will need to arrive by 4pm
Performances	Friday 15 th October 2022	Moseley Road Baths (497 Moseley Rd, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9BX)	Three performances, as above in terms of timings - 3pm, 4pm, 5pm Participants will need to arrive by 2pm

Accessibility information:

For any accessibility requirements or questions please contact Catherine at: catherine@wearefierce.org to discuss. We are committed to making adjustments to ensure that everyone who wants to can take part.

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