

**Sonambul: The Art of Mind-reading
(Germany)
Surreal: The Mind-reading
show from Berlin!
by Vivian Somner and Roman von Thurau**



Enter a surreal and surprising world where mind-reading is normal... Handmade animated films meet paranormal experiment as two savants bow to the beauty of the 20s and a mystical Brazilian childhood. Experience a magical, dreamlike and, above all, interactive journey.

'Come to the edge! We can't. We're afraid.'
'Come to the edge! We can't. We will fall.'
'Come to the edge! And they came. And he pushed them. And they flew.'

For one hour let your rational mind rest. Come to the edge. And fly!

Surreal: The Mind-reading show from Berlin! is intimate in the truest sense of the word: a contact with the invisible. Each individual can become the leading actor, showing something of themselves as they experience things that no one in the room can comprehend, always carefully guided by the two mindreaders. **Sonambul** are **Roman Maria von Thurau**, born in Flensburg, Germany, a gambler, a gentleman, a manipulator, and **Vivian Sommer**, who grew up in Brazil, where her nanny initiated her into the rituals of macumba and face-reading. Vivan took her masters in Arts in Hamburg, and develops the storyboards in the piece, drawing and animating them in her films. Together, this peculiar duo tell their very own story as they lead their audience into the world of the paranormal.

Is telepathy real, or an illusion...? This question is actually far too beautiful to be spoiled by a simple answer. The experiments that von Thurau and Somner demonstrate are complex – not tricks that can be reproduced flawlessly. With *Surreal* they do not intend to rise heroically above their audience. It is much more about a shared and subtle immersion in the unspeakable that surrounds all living things.

Sonambul's previous production *Trance* saw the duo catapulted from the Berlin alternative arts scene to the Berlin Wintergarten, and from there to the whole world: Bahrain, New Delhi, Morocco, Monaco. In 2024, they make their Edinburgh debut.

'Absolutely astonishing!' Uri Geller

'Internationally acclaimed "intuitive"-duo Roman von Thurau and Vivian take their audience on a truly trippy ride into the inexplicable' Sugarhigh

'Undoubtedly endowed with telepathic abilities... A cool mix of dark projections, the power of suggestion and the audience's ability to imagine. Entertaining. Amazing!' der Tagesspiegel

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