



photo Yves Zinc, France 2006

## *Dragon Dance Theatre*

*exploring visual and performing arts since 1976*

Dragon Dance Theatre:  
Workshop, Laboratory and Performance  
France --- Summer 2009

**Dates:**

Friday June 26 until Sunday July 26.

You can come for less time, but two weeks is the minimum

**Location:**

Las Téoulères, Center for Theatrical Research and Training

<http://www.toule.net/index.php>

We are preparing for an intense, experimental and improvisational theatre lab, plus a plastic arts workshop, focusing on natural, local materials, there is a lot of clay at Las Téoulères, with which we will make masks, sets and costumes.

In this laboratory we will conceive, create, and mount a cross-cultural, collective creation, with all the resident artists. We are inviting artists from Finland, Mexico, Quebec, Slovakia, the United States, Germany, and Spain. We are reaching out to artists, dancers, musicians, fireworkers, actors, sculptors, cooks and all the people who have ever participated in, or inquired about, a Dragon Dance, cultural exchange, and residential theatre, project. We look forward to meeting any new people who are interested and willing to joining us on this adventure.

Together we will imagine, and realize our own creative Utopia. We will make a peaceful, historically relevant, community art event. We will dance and sing, make music, break bread, drink a bit of wine, laugh, and inspire one another, while working in our chosen fields, to make a memorable public performance. We will have fun. We will work. We will create our own world of cultural exchange, cooperation and creation.



Dragon Dance in Queretaro, Mexico, 2001

*Here is a sketch of what we are planning to do:*

In the mornings, during the first weeks we will concentrate on mask making, set making, costume making, all using papier maché or, natural and found materials, our hosts tell us, the ground is all clay and we can use it, plus quantities of bamboo and hay are available,

In the afternoons we will study and discuss the myth or story we decide on, we will discuss what this mythology means to us, how has it been part of our experience, and what do we personally know about it..



Il secreto Iluminato, Jalpan de Serra, Mexico, 2006

In the evenings we will rehearse using the techniques we have developed; identifying the conflict, dramatization, socialization, and collective creation.

We will critique our own work, collectively, as a tool in the building process.

Starting Tuesday afternoon till Sunday night we will be actively involved in creating this new theatre piece, all the time.

We will take Mondays off, so we have a chance to see where we are.  
Plus we will start late and slow on Tuesdays.

The centre has offered to help us with the logistics of publicity, and organizing two performances... we will plan for two public performances on Friday, July 24 and Saturday July 25, 2009.

Two Weddings and an assassination, Vermont, USA 2004



THE PRICE: the one month residence including, tenting and meals, will be: 25 Euros a day, which come to 750 Euros for the month. *Plus*, a workshop fee of 200 Euros

notes:

- a) Bring your own tent and sleeping bag.  
There is also a dormitory and private rooms - see web site for details and fees.
- b) Meals will be prepared on site and will be typical of the region.
- c) The workshop fee is not related to how long you stay.

#### REGISTRATION:

We will require a non refundable 100 euro deposit with your declaration of intent.

*Dragon Dance Theatre* will be responsible for: all the production costs, all the organization, our agreements with our hosts, the publicity for the performances, the necessary materials, and the documentation.



The Capture of the Fire Fish;  
Kemijarvi, Finland 2007  
photo: Aila Kunelius-Kuvala



Dragon Dance Theatre in Puebla, Mexico, 2008

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*Las Téoulères* is situated close to the village of Montréal in the region of Armagnac.

Distance from : Bordeaux, Toulouse 2 h.

Agen, Auch, Mont de Marsan, Pau 1h.

nearest trainstation : Agen

nearest airports: Bordeaux, Toulouse, Pau.