

# SHOW DESCRIPTION



## TECHNICAL DATA

**Title:** El Peregrino [The Pilgrim]

**Performance genre:** One-on-one interactive roving puppet show

**Running time:** 7 minute per person or 2ppl. per story

**Assembly time:** 3 minute

**Age range:** Suitable for all ages, under 6 should be accompanied by an adult

**Director & Puppeteer:** Astrid Mendez

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French, Italian

**Stories:** The First Journey

Walking on paper

The Pilgrim is a puppet show that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Roving with this simple production, the performer strolls around softly surprising people in many locations.

For around 7 minutes one person at a time (potentially two) is part of an intimate story. This unique experience has been created for all those who are open to the poetry and beauty of everyday things.

This theatrical performance unfolds on a hanging stage on the puppeteer's body. The puppeteer brings the audio and a seat, transporting each person into another world. All the equipment is provided by the artist and fits in one suitcase. It is best viewed lit by the setting sun.

The spect-actor\* seats, takes the headphones and gently is lead into a journey of which they are an active part. The puppeteer tells the story of a being that travels the world collecting objects, memories and words. Through the experiences they unlock, he grows and his soul is nurtured. Everything has the potential to become part of The Pilgrim. Everything in this world has equal beauty and significance. Some see treasure where others may see trash.



**EL PEREGRINO**  
(THE PILGRIM)

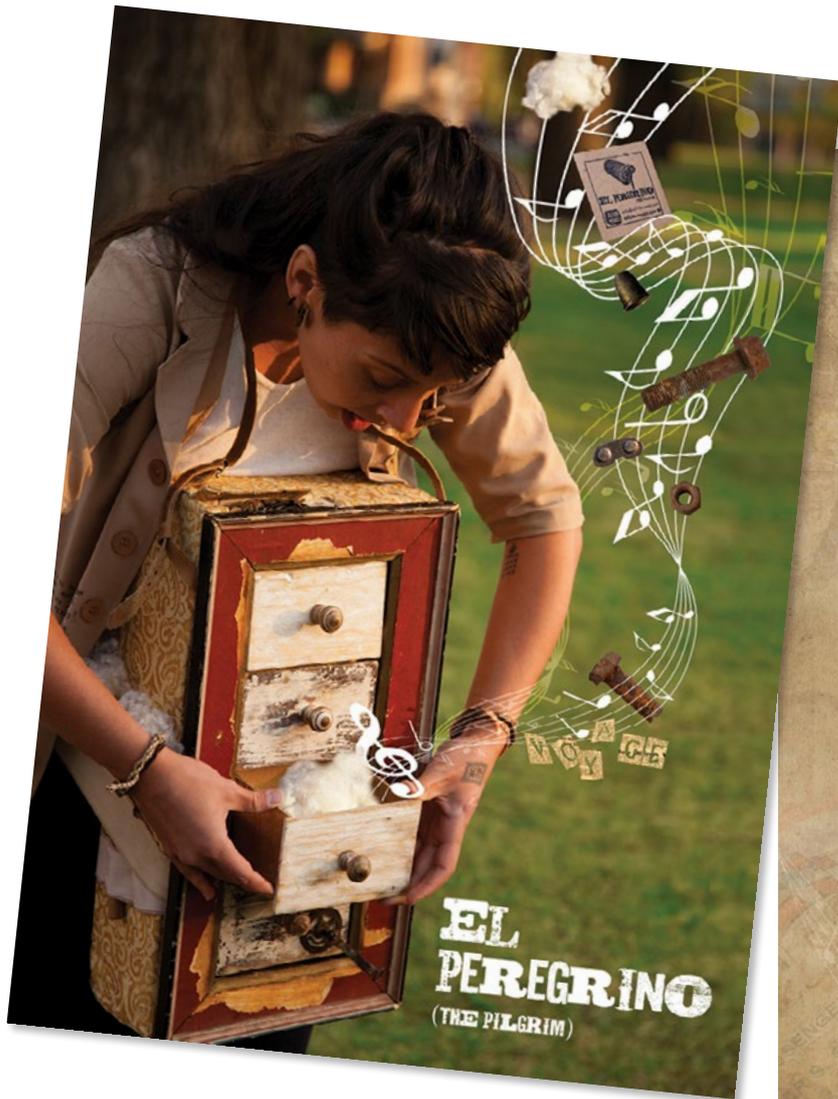


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\*Spect-actor is the term created by Augusto Boal to describe the dual role of those involved in the process as both spectator and actor, as they both observe and create dramatic meaning and action in any performance.

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May *The Pilgrim* deeply touch your soul  
and mirror your personal journey

An exquisitely crafted work of art that magically leads you into an inward world connecting your childhood memories and dreams with your innermost identity. *The Pilgrim* is an invitation to cuddle the child you have silently journeyed hand in hand with to remind you of the road to a sacred place, your heart.

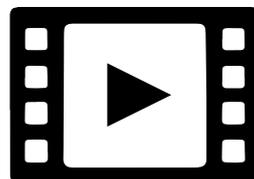
If you want to enjoy a spellbinding experience, please avoid peering into the previous performance since this is a unique and personal trip.

The author

One on one puppet performance | 6 min | English & Spanish



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El Peregrino [The Pilgrim]  
Promo Reel

El Peregrino [The Pilgrim]  
'The First Journey'  
Full Performance

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Adelaide Fringe  
Feb/Mar 2016



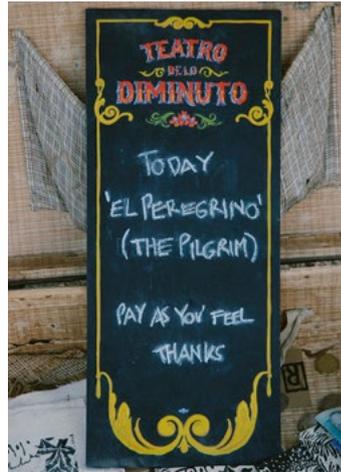
Victoria's  
Multicultural  
Festival  
Mar 2016



Hollow Tree  
Gathering  
Dec/Jan 2016



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Invasion Lambe  
Santiago, Chile  
Aug 2015



Cuiaba  
Brazil  
Jul 2015



## SOME FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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2015

- 12 Jun 24th Jun Aldea Yanapay, Cuzco Peru
- 18 Jul Sesc Arsenal, Cuiaba Brazil
- 25 Jul VIII Alternative Therapies Congress, Cuiaba Brazil
- 30 Aug Invasion Lambe Lambe, Santiago Chile
- 31 Aug Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago Chile

2016

- 9 Jan Melbourne Latin Summer Festival, Melbourne Australia
  - 27 Feb-12 Mar Adelaide Fringe Festival, Adelaide Australia
  - 20 Mar Victoria's Multicultural Festival, Melbourne Australia
  - 17 Mar-13 Apr The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne Australia
  - 18 Jun Light in Winter/ Solstice Celebration, Melbourne Australia
- Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2Q-Gmc2oKM>
- 4 Sep Storytelling Australia Victoria, Victoria Australia
  - 16 - 18 Sep Mogo Bush Beats III, NSW Australia
  - 28 - 30 Oct The Village Festival, Melbourne Australia

..more to come

2017

- 17-18 Feb National Multicultural Festival, Canberra Australia
- 10-13 Mar WOMADelaide, Adelaide Australia
- 22 Feb-9 Mar Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Australia
- 16-19 Mar Shepparton Festival, Victoria Australia
- 19 Mar Victoria's Multicultural Festival, Victoria Australia
- 26 Mar Deans Marsh Festival, Victoria Australia
- 2 Apr PAVE Festival, Victoria Australia
- 9 Apr Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival, Victoria Australia
- 14-17 Apr Bendigo Easter Festival, Victoria Australia
- 5-6 May Newstead Short Story Tattoo, Victoria Australia
- 9-12 Jun Posidonia Sustainable Friends Festival, Barcelona Spain
- 15-21 Aug La Festa Major de Gracia, Barcelona Spain

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# THE ARTIST

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## **Astrid Mendez**

Artist, Industrial and Graphic Designer, Puppet-Maker and Performer.

For more than ten years she has been artfully weaving her training as a designer with her inner most passion for theatre and puppets. Her projects have consistently been the result of her yearning to create and expand her talents, and her commitment has become both a challenge and an outlet; a discipline and a passion.

Born in Chilean Patagonia, at a very early age, she identified her interests and abilities for multiple visual art expressions. However, drawing and modelling were two activities that she would persist in doing until present.

Any experience can be a source of inspiration for her, and her training as an Industrial Designer has helped her model and direct her creative processes.

In 2006 she obtained her degree as an Industrial Designer from Universidad de Chile and started a part-time job with a children's theatre company called La Maleta - a collaborative project that lasted five years.

After eight years working in the design industry, she finally decided to take her career as a designer to a more artistic and cultural edge. And it is precisely because of this persistence that 'The Pilgrim' came into existence during a residency in Chile in 2015. Since its creation, this performance has been presented in several locations in South America and Australia.

Over the past six years, she has been participating in performances and cultural projects related to theatre and puppetry in Australia. Through experimenting and creating tiny puppets for personal use and minor events, she has discovered and developed a passion for the miniature world.