

The History of Dueling

Our show, The History of Dueling, is a complex performance, in which real duels from the past are being reconstructed. It presents the development and the different styles of duels starting with a 15th century judicial combat, followed by duels from the 16th, 17th and 18th century and ending with a saber fight of two Austrian-Hungarian army officers. In this performance, you will see what happened to the Italian master Saviolo in the streets of London, to earl Medini during a game of cards with the well-known Giacomo Cassanova, to lieutenant Burda from Prague and to many other known and unknown duel participants. All presented fight reconstructions are based on stories found in historical records.

The duration of the performance is ca. 40 minutes. The piece is performed by 10 actors and requires a sound system and a sufficiently large space for building up a backdrop, which is part of the scene. (It is possible to use our own sound system.)



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The Fencing Masters

This performance is set in the late 16th century, a period also known as the golden age of fencers in Europe. At that time, the fencing art was undergoing a massive development and several new fencing streams started to appear in Europe. In this show, we offer a comparison of two major fencing styles from the late 16th century: the German approach represented by Paulus Hector Mair and the Italian approach represented by the teachings of Master Camillo Agrippa. Which of these approaches and which weapon will prevail? The long sword or the rapier?

You will find the answer to this question during our eye-catching, entertaining and instructive performance that lasts ca. 20 minutes. You will see several duels from each of the two approaches, with the show culminating in the final comparison of the two presented fencing styles.

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The Landsknechts

The Landsknechts is a varied performance that depicts the life of German mercenaries (the Landsknechts) in the first half of the 16th century. During the performance, we will make the audience acquainted with the different units an army at that time consisted of: drummers and flag bearers, 'doppelsoldners' with two-handed swords, pikemen and arquebusiers. The performance features many action fights with weapons characteristic of this period – long swords, cutlasses, two-handed swords, halberds, daggers and katzbalgers (short landsknecht sword). Apart from their fencing skills, the soldiers are also presenting other accomplishments, among other things also the so-called Norimberg rose with two-handed swords.

This attractive performance lasts 15 - 20 minutes and requires 6-8 performers. No scene needs to be built up.



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Stories of the 19. century

Performance will take you through the century of steam, the season which is also known thanks to elegant ladies and gentlemen who were still using sword to protect their honor and fame.

You'll uncover the secret of Dorian Grey, see well-known female duel of two countesses, who decided to defend their honor and status by weapon in the hand. We'll show you how the German officers had a fun during their free time, you'll have a chance to see gentlemen solving conflicts and insults using guns. And maybe you will find out who was the famous Jack the Ripper. Even the most demanding audience will be deeply satisfied by the fencing show of this performance supported by music and light effects.

Unique performance requiring 12 performers in lasting approx. 40 minutes. Requires the stage (or area to set up the scene), sound system (it's possible to use our own). In performance are used steam and light effects.



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Custom-made Performances

It is possible to adjust our performances so that they fit the needs of your particular event – in terms of the script, period or duration. Everything is possible to make it fit the client's requirements. Nevertheless, it is necessary that you give us your requirements for the custom-made performance at least 2 weeks before the event.

Based on the client's requirements, we are able to provide:

- guards of honor and escorts of guests
- historical decoration for both the interior and the exterior
- historical military encampment
- shooting range with bows and crossbows, throwing knives and axes
- cannon shooting

Besides the above described performances and additional services from our offer, we are also able to provide the following in cooperation with 3rd party suppliers:

- falconry shows
- historical music
- historical dance
- historical processions
- historical market with live presentations of various crafts
- horse riding performances/tournaments
- horse riding
- moderating of events

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