

Cidadania's "Space and time"

A mind-boggling performance about astronomy and civilization in the United Nations in Vienna, Austria and in Staatstheater Darmstadt, Germany. Oktober 2009

WHAT IS CIDADANIA?

Initiated in 2008 at the Architecture Department of the Technical University Darmstadt, the Cidadania project today is driven by an interdisciplinary and international group of artists, scientists, students and professionals from different areas such as architecture, media arts, music, dance, acting, computer science and marketing.

Cidadania is based on two strong believes:

1. Broad understanding of spatial and social development processes and participation is essential for sustainable planning of community spaces. New media technologies help to communicate and discuss those issues.
2. Continuous experimentation with space perception by ordinary people. Otherwise we are tempted to react to challenges with established principles and patterns instead of adapting up-to-date methods and processes.

SPACE AND TIME

"Space and time" is the latest Cidadania performance, developed and performed for the United Nations' world space week and for the "International Astronomy Year 2009".



Fig. 1 "Space and time" in Staatstheater Darmstadt

The performance, which combines live music with video projections, took the audience of diplomats, astronaut, staff members, students and general public on a "mind boggling" 60-minute journey through the world of astronomy. Questions projected on the screens during the performance reflected on issues of human existence, climate change, environmental degradation, space debris, asteroids and the future of our planet and life as we know it. Astrophysics can drive people and societies to pose big questions and seek grand answers.

AFTER SHOW

Following the performance, guests and Cidadania troupe members engaged in lively discussions during receptions hosted by UNOOSA and in the Staatstheater Darmstadt, important to complement the ideas behind the play. Space and time is still being played and soon a comic novel will be published about it.

PLAY CHAPTERS

- 00:00 The first 1:25 minutes
- 01:25 Once upon a time
- 03:04 The end ist the beginning ist the end
- 05:50 Construction of the Universe
- 07:41 96%
- 12:05 What are we doing?
- 14:39 Stars
- 17:32 Theory of everything
- 19:54 Need more time?
- 21:00 Solar system
- 25:50 Global believes
- 28:15 Escape from prison Earth
- 35:14 Inferior species
- 41:39 Consciousness 2.0
- 44:30 125 billion galaxies to explore
- 52:28 What if you are wrong?
- 54:50 Limited intelligence
- 59:02 Was it worth it?



Fig. 1 Space and time in the UN in 2009