



#### Easy read and visual story Weight(less) By Mimbre An acrobatic theatre show

## What to expect

<ul> <li>What is it?</li> <li>Weight(less) is an acrobatic theatre show.</li> <li>It has three performers who solve problems and support each other.</li> <li>There is a story line that goes all the way through the show.</li> <li>But it is not meant to be very realistic.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Who is it for?</li> <li>The show is for all audiences and all ages.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Main themes</li> <li>Friendship</li> <li>Hope</li> <li>Teamwork</li> <li>Strength</li> <li>Dealing with problems</li> <li>Support</li> </ul>
<b>Length of show</b> • 30 minutes • There is no interval

<ul> <li>Space and seating <ul> <li>There is usually a rope on the floor around the stage.</li> <li>You can sit or stand anywhere behind that.</li> <li>If you're near the front of the crowd, try to sit on the floor if you can so that other people can see over your head.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Music and sound</li> <li>As you come near, there will be music playing from the speakers.</li> <li>The music will play throughout the show.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Clapping</li> <li>People may clap</li> <li>It makes the performers happy when people do that.</li> <li>You can join in if you want to or not.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>It is an outdoor performance so it can be noisy</li> <li>You can hear streetcars, conversations or other things around.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Content and trigger warnings</li> <li>The performers do impressive acrobatics.</li> <li>This might look dangerous, but don't worry.</li> <li>The performers have all been practicing for a very long time to be able to do this.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Speech and script</li> <li>There isn't much speech in the show</li> <li>The performers will speak to each other or the audience sometimes</li> </ul>
Ň	All performances are Relaxed Performances: You can: • Wear headphones • Talk to each other or • Make noises • Come and go • Move around
	<ul> <li>Audience interaction</li> <li>The performers may ask you to do something easy, like whisper into a bag or hold a rope.</li> <li>You do not have to if you do not want to.</li> </ul>

### Cast

<ul> <li>Martha</li> <li>Martha is the biggest and strongest of the performers.</li> <li>She is called a 'base'.</li> <li>She is often at the bottom of the human pyramids they make.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Silvia</li> <li>Silvia is the middle one of the three performers</li> <li>Her job is called a 'middle'.</li> <li>She is often in the middle of the pyramids the performers make.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Anesta</li> <li>Anesta is the smallest of the performers</li> <li>Her job is called a 'flyer'.</li> <li>She is often on top of the human pyramids they make.</li> </ul>

## Set and costume

<ul> <li>The set is a big grey carpet.</li> <li>On the carpet are orange inflatable bags</li> <li>The performers carry the bags to show their problems.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The costumes are shades of the colour grey:</li> <li>Martha's costume is dark grey.</li> <li>Silvia's costume is medium grey.</li> <li>Anesta's costume is light grey.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Before the show</li> <li>Siliva will give out some orange bags to the audience.</li> <li>If you want you can whisper a problem into the bag.</li> </ul>

# **The Performance**

<ul> <li>There are 11 sections in 'Weight(less)'</li> <li>At the beginning the performers have 1 big problem in a dark orange bag.</li> <li>By the end they have broken up that problem into smaller problems which they can deal with.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 1 - Arrival</li> <li>Martha arrives on the stage carrying a big bag of problems over her head and Anesta on her back.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 2 - Bag</li> <li>Bag Martha stumbles and the bag falls on top of her.</li> <li>Silvia and Anesta work together to help move the bag.</li> <li>They might ask an audience member to hold a rope that's holding the bag down.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 3 - Unleash the problems</li> <li>Martha gets in the bag.</li> <li>Anesta and Silvia pull the smaller bags out of the bigger bag.</li> <li>It looks a bit like they are all fighting with the bags.</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Section 4 - Slow tangled</li> <li>The performers end up tangled with the bags.</li> <li>Silvia starts to leave, but Martha and Anesta get her to come back.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 5 - Geometrix</li> <li>The performers make new shapes using their bodies and the bags.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 6 - Fragile order</li> <li>The performers try to put the bags in order.</li> <li>Silvia or Anesta might give you a bag to hold</li> <li>Soon Martha will come and take it back.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 7 - Minefield</li> <li>The performers weave ropes through the bags</li> <li>Then they move between the bags.</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Section 8 - Drag back to the grind</li> <li>Martha picks up the ropes and starts to leave.</li> <li>This will pull the little bags out of the audience.</li> <li>Silvia and Anesta stop her from leaving.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 9 - Float away</li> <li>Anesta finds a bag that is light and starts to float.</li> <li>All three of the performers find that some of the bags are now light.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 10 - Depature</li> <li>Martha finally leaves with one bag.</li> <li>This is the end of the show.</li> <li>The performers will bow.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Section 11 - Keepy Uppy</li> <li>After the show, the performers will throw some of the bags into the audience.</li> <li>They are very light.</li> <li>You can throw them back or to another person.</li> </ul>

# After the performance



#### Contact

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