

# ICON

DANCE PERFORMANCE BY **SIDI LARBI CHERKAOUI**

A co-production between GöteborgsOperans Danskompani and Eastman

Icons. Religious leaders, politicians, pop stars, role models. We create them, reproduce them, and worship them. All until the next regime, culture or trend takes over and replaces them with new ones. Why do we do this? Why do we feel the need to create icons – and destroy the ones we no longer worship? What happens within us when we build them up, and then witness their downfall?

*Icon* is a breath-taking creation by the multi-award winning **Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui**, whose calling card is bringing together art forms, cultures and traditions into a coherent whole. Set design – 3.5 tons of clay – by **Antony Gormley**, widely acclaimed for his sculptures, installations and public artworks that investigate the relationship of the human body to space.

To specially-composed music, performed by musicians and singers from Italy and Japan, the dancers interact with the clay in sophisticated, suggestively ritual patterns. An experience steeped in both mysticism and naturalism.



“Magnificent dance experience”

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CHOREOGRAPHY **SIDI LARBI CHERKAOUI**  
SET DESIGN **ANTONY GORMLEY**  
COSTUME DESIGN **JAN-JAN VAN ESSCHE**  
LIGHTING DESIGN **DAVID STOKHOLM**  
SOUND DESIGN **JOACHIM BOHÄLL**  
DRAMATURGY **ANTONIO CUENCA RUIZ**  
ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER **JASON KITTELBERGER**  
CLAY MASTERS **MATILDA HAGGÄRDE,  
JOEL STUART-BECK**

#### LIVE MUSICIANS

SONG AND TRADITIONAL JAPANESE PICK INSTRUMENT (SANSHIN) **ANNA SATO**  
SONG, HARP **PATRIZIA BOVI**  
GUITAR, PERCUSSION, AND PIANO **GABRIELE MIRACLE**  
TRADITIONAL JAPANESE FLUTES (SHINOBU) AND PERCUSSION (TAIKO) **KAZUNARI ABE**  
TRADITIONAL KOREAN STRING INSTRUMENTS (GEOMUNGO AND YANGGEUM) AMIMI INSTRUMENT (TATÉGOTO) **WOOJAE PARK**

WORLD PREMIERE 21 October 2016 at The Göteborg Opera  
LENGTH 65 minutes  
DANCERS 18 (12 from GöteborgsOperans Danskompani, 6 from Eastman)

#### PRESS PHOTOS

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#### LINK TO TRAILER

[vimeo.com/189916280](https://vimeo.com/189916280)

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