

Curriculum Vitae

Manuela Lucia Tessi

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Dance artist, performer and choreographer working at the intersection of movement, sound and improvisation. Extensive experience in interdisciplinary creation, performance for young audiences, and international collaboration.

Education

Theaterschool Amsterdam – Modern Theatre Dance (BA), 2004

Ongoing studies with Katie Duck, Julyen Hamilton, Lily Kiara, Kathleen Hermesdorf, Pauline de Groot

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Selected Creation & Performance Work (1999–2025)

- Shhh! – The Touch of Sound (children's performance), co-creation with Ilaria Carlucci – Italy/NL, 2024–ongoing
- Costellazioni, project with Annarita Ricciardi, – Amsterdam, Milano 2023–ongoing
- Sela / Aire, with bass clarinetist Fie Schouten – Amsterdam, 2024
- Singashore, with Collettivo Nebulae – NL/Italy, 2023–ongoing
- The Weight of Words, with Tamara van IJperen & Sarah Hermanutz – Berlin, 2015–2024
- TAH DAM!, music-dance-video performance for ages 2–6 – FRATZ / ASSITEJ SA, 2022 (European tour)
- The Shell, with Ben Brown – Cape Town / Amsterdam / Vancouver, 2021–2023
- Mermaid Skin, with Thalia Laric & ensemble – Amsterdam, 2021
- Performer in works by Makiko Ito (Koro Koro, Wonderland), Katie Duck, Lee Ellickson / Kunstkapel, Vincent Cacialano, Leyya Mona Tawil
- Dance artist with MEMO – performances for young audiences, Amsterdam, 2008–ongoing

Residencies & Platforms

- MusicDance Performance Residency – Cape Town (2018–ongoing), Lisbon (2024–ongoing)
- Lake Studios Residency – Berlin (2015–2016)
- Co-curator Musiktanzznuldreissig platform (with Friederike Wendorf) – Berlin, 2014–ongoing

Teaching

Since 2009: teaching movement, improvisation and composition with focus on movement-sound relations. Institutions include: Modern Theatre Dance department at ATD Amsterdam, / Summer Course Amsterdam (NL), Fontys Dansacademie, OT301, Dansdrift Den Haag, Buitenkunst, Dock 11 & Lake Studios (Berlin), MusicDance Cape Town (SA).

Ongoing Collaborations

Collettivo Nebulae, (IT/NL) Katie Duck (NL), Friederike Wendorf (DE), Annarita Ricciardi (IT), Ben Brown (CA) Coila-Leah Enderstein (DE/ZA) Makiko Ito (NL), Moving Strings Ensemble (NL), Theatre Arts (ZA), Ilaria Carlucci /Factory Compagnia Transatriatica (Italy)