

Grec 2018 at the Fundació Joan Miró

Cloud Gate qigong workshop

11 July, at 7 pm, Carob Tree Patio

My Neighbor Sky. Moon, sun and a star. Andrés Corchero and Oguri

12-15 July, at 8.30 pm, North Patio

Press release

The Fundació Joan Miró is hosting two events at the 2018 Grec Festival

In the second week of July, the patios at the Foundation will become meeting points for *Silk Road Travellers*, one of the thematic itineraries prepared by this year's Barcelona Festival and featuring performances that create a dialogue between East and West.

The dancers and choreographers Andrés Corchero and Oguri, ex-members of the Japanese company Mai-Juku, will present *My Neighbor Sky. Moon, sun and a star* in the North Patio. The performance is co-produced by the artists, the Festival and the Fundació Joan Miró, in collaboration with the creative centre, El Graner.

For its part, the Taiwanese dance company *Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan* will host a qigong and meditation workshop in the Foundation's Carob Tree Patio.

Barcelona, 9 July 2018. As in previous years, the Fundació Joan Miró is collaborating with the Barcelona Festival to stage a number of the events in the Grec of Montjuïc, the mountain venue where some of the key performers in what is a truly international programme can be seen.

This year, the partnership is consolidated with the co-production of the dance performance *My Neighbor Sky. Moon, sun and a star*, a duet by Andrés Corchero and Oguri, who will perform in the Carob Tree Patio on 12-15 July. The dancers and choreographers, who first met in the Japanese contemporary dance company Mai-Juku, when it was directed by the legendary Min Tanaka, will treat the Grec to a new

version of the piece they presented in Los Angeles in 2012, as well as at the Festival Temporada Alta and at the Pavelló Mies van der Rohe. Described as an "ongoing" project, *My Neighbor Sky* changes with each performance according to the venue. In the North Patio at the Fundació Joan Miró, the performance will be conditioned by the presence of Joan Miró's sculpture *Moon, sun and a star* and live music played by Nuno Rebelo. *My Neighbor Sky* is co-produced by the 2018 Barcelona Grec Festival, the artists and the Fundació Joan Miró, in collaboration with the creative centre, El Graner.

Corchero and Oguri's duet is one of the stops on the thematic itinerary *Silk Road Travellers* prepared by Grec 2018 and featuring performances that create a dialogue between East and West. The Fundació Joan Miró also hosts another activity on this programme, which offers an invitation to take a journey to discover the cultures of historic routes: the Taiwanese dance company *Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan* will lead a qigong and mediation workshop, which will take place in the Carob Tree Patio. The members of the company are trained in Western disciplines, such as ballet and contemporary dance, but also in oriental practices such as meditation, qigong and what are known as "internal martial arts", based on mental or spiritual elements. During their stay in Barcelona, the company will offer a workshop in Tai Chi Dao Yin (classic qigong exercises) and meditation at the Foundation, where participants will be able to experience basic concepts of this oriental discipline training, focusing on breathing, the sense of weight and circular movement.

More information:

<https://www.fmirobcn.org/en/activities/adults-i-altres-grups/2/>

and <http://lameva.barcelona.cat/grec/en/shows-programme-2018>