IMAGINARY FRIEND

your stuffed toy on stilts

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1–2 PEOPLE	30 MINUTES	0 TECHNICIANS NEEDED	STREET / INDOORS

A giant stuffed animal has come to visit. I dreamed it up, and suddenly it crawled out from under the bed. If you can see it too, let's play together!

Imaginary Friend is a gentle, playful walkabout. A towering soft toy on stilts wanders through the crowd looking for friends to play with. For all ages, by day or night.

A friend who stays

Some imaginary friends stay with us all our lives. Imaginary Friend takes to the street ready to play at any age, and a stuffed-toy hug melts the distance between strangers in a moment.

In the square, a moment of shared play becomes a small collective therapy against loneliness. And Imaginary Friend bets on colour, round shapes and ornament, at a time when clothes, furniture and buildings keep getting greyer, straighter and plainer.





Formats

1. **Bedtime**: an acrobat carrying a cassette boombox is looking for a place to sleep. First comes an elaborate bedtime ritual: stretching, jumping, calisthenics, climbing, breakdance and choreographies with the audience. Finally they fall asleep on top of their favourite stuffed toy.
2. **With live music**: a wind musician (sax, trumpet or euphonium) improvises sounds and melodies that follow the action.
3. **Solo**: the stilt creature and games with the audience.

Team

Artists are interchangeable depending on availability.

- **Stilts**: tyle fernández
- **Musicians**: Juan Lichter, Alián Rodrigues, Lucas Raiquen Pereyra, Stefano Ferraro
- **Acrobats**: Vic Heredero, Candela Casas, Roc

History

The character and its costume were born in the show *Circografía de una travesti* (2021–2023), co-produced with cia. Victoria Sickness. In 2026 it sprang back to life as a stand-alone walkabout.

- **Barcelona**: Sala Pepita Casanellas · La Central del Circ (EP residency) · Ateneu Popular 9 Barris · Auditori Sant Martí · La Lleialtat Santsenca · Jardins del Pou de la Figuera
- **Terrassa**: Teatre Alegria (premiere) · Festa Major with Tub d'assaig · Cursa Antiracista (2026)
- **Deltebre**: L'Obrador
- **Galicia**: Festival Desfoga
- **Valencia**: Circ Queer (2026)
- **Frankfurt am Main**: Sommerwerft Theaterfestival





For all bodies and minds

VENDAVAL wants to reach every audience, including differently abled people.

- **Always possible**: tactile visit.
- **When the host has the equipment**: audio description.

Technical needs

- **Space**: walkabout with stops. Format 1 needs a stop area of about 6 × 6 m with 5 m height (the acrobat climbs onto the stilt walker).
- **Ground**: street or park. Dirt is fine; gravel is not.
- **Sound**: acoustic. In format 1, the acrobat carries a battery boombox.
- **Incense** (format 1): optional, only where allowed.
- **Changing room**: space for 2 people, with water.
- **Rain and wind**: in rain, the show is postponed or moved indoors (minimum height 4 m; 5 m for format 1). Wet ground is fine only with no standing water. Mild wind is fine.

Credits

- **Production**: cia. VENDAVAL
- **Photography**: Albert Garcia
- **Costume**: Tropidelia, co-produced with cia. Victoria Sickness (www.victoriasickness.com)

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