

LOGOS FIELD by JOHAN JONSON

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Katie Reddin-Clancy reviews LOGOS FIELD by JOHAN JONSON.

The Swedish company, Teatermaskinen brings to London, *Logosfalt* or *Logos Field* at the **People's Show** in Bethnal Green.

The play explores the gamete of meanings derived from both words, Logos and Field, in our society. So that's pretty much everything tied up then!

This is all contemplated by one man, actor Jonas Enigma on the run up to his suicide but in retrospect as a spirit!

About forty minutes into the show I questioned whether this was just a one- man show. Then a lady stood up in the front row, looked disgusted and ready to leave. Cue that collective embarrassment. However she then walked onto the stage to narrate the fiancée's point of view. A useful tool to insinuate there is no boundary between actor and audience, the story and real life.

I have to commend the actors for 100% commitment to the piece. After the male spirit frothed at the mouth for fifteen I gathered that it was intended as it continued for another 45 minutes! And if that doesn't distract you too much then this play can really make you think.

As the character is an everyman figure, "a print of a person" (as it says in the programme) the play holds a mirror up to our lives. Well as he says:

"Someone has to remove the excrement, that's where globalisation starts".

So are we in dead end relationships, going through the motions with no emotional input? Why do we continue with jobs we hate and live for the weekend, so that's 30% of the year then? How do we perceive ourselves? It can be dangerous if our self- belief is extreme or never debated. What sort of quality of life does our society really provide? How did life become so cheap and who are we against the force of Mother Nature?

The end slightly puzzled me as the male spirit wakes up unable to spit out a sentence in a speech therapist's laboratory. Hmm! Logos Field, one you can't quite write the conclusion to but which interrupts the memory for days after you leave the theatre.

Logos Field is currently on tour, to keep tabs on them click on www.teatermaskinen.com.

The People Show, Pollard Row, Bethnal Green. What a wonderfully welcoming, arty venue this is where guests were given a complimentary drink and olives at the novel piano bar. For future people shows check out www.peopleshow.co.uk.