## **Creative Team**

# New York/Melbourne eXchange

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with Karl Franklin Allen, Daniel Jackson
and Bobby McElver
Produced by Sandra Garner
(Lingua Franca Arts)

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And then came the grandest idea of all! We actually made a map of the country, on the scale of a mile to the mile!"

"Have you used it much?" I enquired.

"It has never been spread out, yet," said Mein Herr. "The farmers objected: they said it would cover the whole country, and shut out the sunlight! So we now use the country itself, as its own map, and I assure you it does nearly as well."

- Lewis Carroll (from Sylvie and Bruno Concluded) YOUARENOWHERE is part of the New York/
Melbourne eXchange – an ongoing program of
experimental works from two vital contemporary
arts venues in two of the world's great cultural
cities: Arts House in Melbourne and Performance
Space 122 (PS122) in New York.

New York Narratives at the Melbourne Festival, co-curated by Arts House, PS122 and Melbourne Festival, is the inaugural series of the New York/ Melbourne eXchange that includes: Bronx Gothic, YOUARENOWHERE, Acting Stranger, the Stage on Screen film screenings, Eric Bogosian's interactive video installation of his monologues, exhibitions: ECHO and Future Past, and conversations: Mapping a Vibrant Independent Ecology and Text, Body and Technology.

As well as **YOUARENOWHERE**, Andrew Schneider is also part of other works in the New York Narratives series, including *Acting Stranger* and the free conversation *Text*, *Body and Technology*.

In 2016, the roles are reversed: New York will sample Melbourne's exceptional arts scene through a program of works co-curated by Arts House and PS122.

PS122 dedicates these performances to a tireless Melbourne champion in New York – Derek Lloyd.

# **Biographies**

# **Andrew Schneider**

#### Creator

Andrew Schneider has been creating original theatre, video and installation works since 2003. Rooted at the intersection of performance and technology, Schneider's work critically investigates humanity's over-dependence on perpetual connection in an 'always-on' world. He creates and performs solo works and largescale dance pieces, builds interactive electronic artworks and installations, and was a Wooster Group company member from 2007 to 2014. His work has been performed at The Chocolate Factory, PS122, Issue Project Room and River-to-River. He creates wearable, interactive electronic art such as the Solar Bikini and wireless programmable sound-effect gloves. His work has been featured in Art Forum and Wired, and at Centre Pompidou (Paris). In 2015 he received an OBIE award for YOUARENOWHERE. He has collaborated with Fischerspooner, Kelela and AVAN LAVA, and is currently a collaborator on The Institute of Memory (TIMe) with Lars Jan/ Early Morning Opera.

#### andrewis.com

## Alessandra Calabi

#### Co-Creator

Alessandra Calabi is an interdisciplinary artist working at the intersection of performance, politics and critical theory. She met Andrew Schneider through The Wooster Group, and is a main collaborator for **YOUARENOWHERE**. She is also a member of Fixed Agency. As a performer she has worked with Pascal Rambert, Palissimo and Zishan Ugurlu. She holds an MA in Philosophy from the New School for Social Research.

#### Peter Musante

### Co-Creator

Peter Musante creates interdisciplinary performances with a diverse group of artists. His directing credits include the.humanest and Archipelago; performance credits include Andrew Schneider's YOUARENOWHERE and FIELD, Martha Clarke's Angel Reapers, a canary torsi's The People to Come and frequent appearances with Blue Man Group. He is a resident artist with Trusty Sidekick Theater Co., a founding member of Fixed Agency and collaborator with Spring Street Social Society. His work has also been presented by The Brick, The Kraine, Galapagos and The Chocolate Factory's THROW series.

## **Christine Shallenberg**

#### Co-Creator

Christine Shallenberg's work ranges from performative physical encounters to mediated light and sound installations to choreography for audiences. She has toured with Mikhail Baryshnikov, DD Dorvillier, Trajal Harrell, Steve Paxton, Nora Chipaumire and Donna Uchizono. She was nominated for a Bessie Award for David Neumann's Restless Eye. Her lighting design credits include Merce Cunningham Dance Company's Second Hand, Antic Meet, Nearly 902 and over 30 unique Event performances, seen around the world.

# Karl Franklin Allen

Co-Creator

Karl Franklin Allen was recently Technical Manager at The Duke/New 42nd Street, and has previously been Technical Director at Bryn Mawr College, Technical Director at PS122 and Production Coordinator at Lincoln Center. He works as a freelance production manager and stagehand in New York City. He also does illustration and exhibition design for fun and occasionally for profit.

#### **Daniel Jackson**

#### Co-Creator

Daniel Jackson is a video, projection and interaction designer working in live performance and installation contexts. He has worked with Andrew Schneider, The Wooster Group, Radiohole, Young Jean Lee and Jump-Start Performance Co. (San Antonio, USA). He holds an MFA in Video for Performance and Integrated Media from the California Institute of the Arts.

## **Bobby McElver**

#### Co-Creator

Bobby McElver is a sound designer, composer and engineer working in theatre, dance, film and media. A company member of The Wooster Group since 2011, his credits there include Early Shaker Spirituals; Cry, Trojans! (Troilus & Cressida); Early Plays; Vieux Carré and Hamlet. He has also created work for Andrew Schneider, NYC Players, Half Straddle, Young Jean Lee, Palissimo and Erin Markey. Film credits include Every Secret Thing (Tribeca Film Festival, 2014). He was nominated for the 2015 Bessie Award for Outstanding Music Composition/Sound Design.

# Sandra Garner (Lingua Franca Arts)

#### Producer

Lingua Franca Arts is an independent production company formed by Sandra Garner, developing, supporting and presenting contemporary performing arts projects. The company is currently working with Andrew Schneider, Radiohole, Banana Bag & Bodice, Operating Theater and Brooklyn Gypsies. From 2011 to 2014 Sandra Garner was General Manager for The Wooster Group.

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# Performance Space 122

For over 35 years, Performance Space 122 (PS122) has been at the forefront of live performance in the USA, commissioning and presenting a remarkable array of new and innovative theatre, dance, new music, new media and performance. New York City and US audiences see PS122 as a bellwether for contemporary culture - a place where many artists carve out their style, and practise and develop their distinctive voice. PS122's New York City home is now undergoing a longplanned renovation, scheduled for completion in 2016. PS122's reach has expanded across the city, throughout the USA, and now globally through PS122 GLOBAL, a program exposing international audiences to new work from New York City artists.

ps122.org

# **Melbourne Festival**

Melbourne Festival is quintessentially Melbourne's festival: physically, by reaching out into the topography and geography of the city itself; artistically, by presenting Melbourne's finest artists in new works and international collaborations; and demographically, by engaging with as many of the people of Melbourne as possible, giving them ownership of their annual international festival.

Josephine Ridge is Artistic Director for 2013 to 2015, and her final year marks the celebration of the 30th Melbourne Festival.

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