

## Vaara-kollektiivi: THE DEATH OF THE ACTOR

### Synopsis

0 Elina and Heikki are preparing for the show. They are discussing fears, shame, comparison and the joy of acting.

1 What happens in an actor's mind before a play begins? What happens between an actor and a spectator? Elina and Heikki are trying to figure that out.

2. Heikki asks: what does it mean to you that you are an actor? Elina answers.

3. The actor (Heikki) and the theater manager (Elina) have a conflict. Then Heikki requests Elina to change her attitude and soften it. Then Heikki asks Elina to play his mother, father – and again the theater manager.

4. Heikki tells her some memories of being a theater student back in the 1990's.

5. The actors are hiding and seeking each other. Then they find some messages from the psychoanalyst Donald W. Winnicott.

6. New game: power relations. Elina is playing a director, Heikki an actor. They are improvising.

7. Two work coaches – Elina and Heikki – are going to have a work coach session with The Death of the Actor -work group. They are interviewing Elina, Heikki and others in the work group: director Eino, choreographer Kirsi, costume designer Jaana and lighting designer Jukka . Suddenly, there arrives also the Scabies mite, Jesus, God, Donald W. Winnicott, Sigmund Freud, Theater Helsinki and possibly some others...

8. Dance

\* *Interval, 20 minutes*

0 The actors are dressing up and discussing suits, dresses and roles.

- 1 Elina tells the audience a personal story of a very violent theater process.
- 2 The actors are waiting for new texts from the Outside World. Nothing comes. Then they get some steps and music.
- 3 Dance
- 4 Deep relationship. The actors treat each other like the other actor would be the Theater. They fall in love. Then their relationship gets old and boring. Then they would like to get a divorce.
- 5 Heikki asks Elina what kind of feelings and thoughts she has now about the theater process she previously told about. They talk about limits, violence, responsibility and acting.
- 6 Short healing
- 7 Dance

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