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Fringe Festival

A World Elsewhere! Arias in the Key of Clown

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Cherry Lane Theatre

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Prices

Tickets: \$15

Description

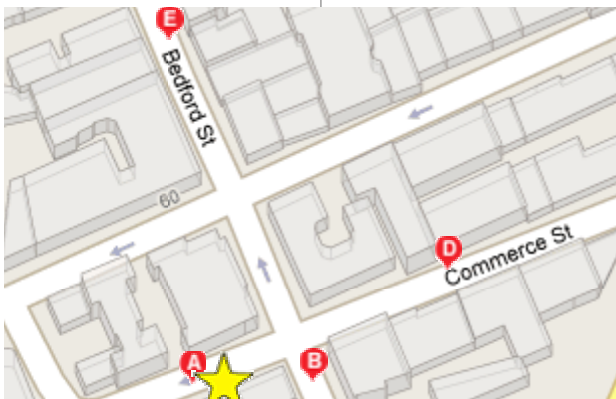
**** [FOUR STARS] Take three parts clown, one part gibberish language, a dash of jarring pop music and shake until absurd. Pour over a captive audience and you have A World Elsewhere! Arias in the Key of Clown. I shit you not: This is an entire show of dancing clowns speaking entirely in gibberish. Only at the Fringe, kids. Only at the Fringe. And yet: Written and directed by Ben Newman and produced by Wide Eyed Productions, this wacky ensemble performance is strangely uplifting and—even more of a shock—thoroughly heartwarming. Though sophomoric in its depiction of NYC as a calamitous bully that grows to love—and be loved by—an insane clown posse, A World Elsewhere kept me engaged, amused and actually moved by its nonsensical singsong and dance. After all, isn't New York itself an absurd cocktail of fantasy and nonsense, cut with confusion?—Lindsay Kaplan, publicity manager

When

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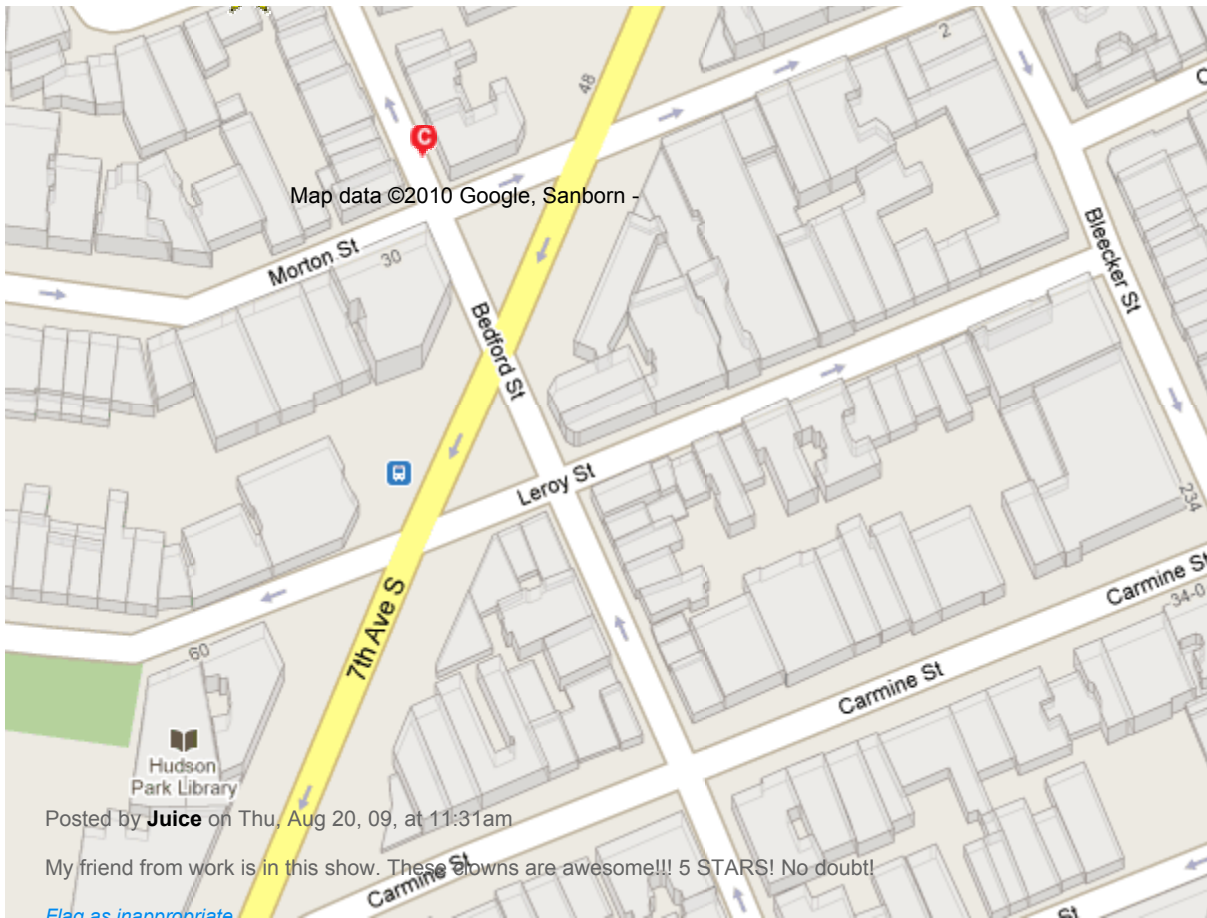
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Posted by **Juice** on Thu, Aug 20, 09, at 11:31am

My friend from work is in this show. These clowns are awesome!!! 5 STARS! No doubt!

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Posted by **Persnick** on Thu, Aug 20, 09, at 11:25am

I LOVED THIS SHOW. omg I cried like a baby at the end hahah

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Posted by **Lela** on Thu, Aug 20, 09, at 11:23am

When they first started speaking in gibberish I was really taken aback and worried I wouldn't understand the show at all. But seriously, the storytelling that the actors do is so completely clear that it makes you realize you don't need to understand the language to understand what's happening or what the clowns are feeling. I am going to recommend this to my acting class this week. Thank you for a great show!

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Posted by **Lela** on Thu, Aug 20, 09, at 11:20am

This show made me laugh, cry, and just warmed my heart through and through. I wasn't expecting to like it very much, but I always check out anything I can see at The Fringe and have volunteered with them for years. These actors are so committed and present! Amazing. I would highly recommend this experience. Beautiful music as well.

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Posted by **Joseph** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 6:58pm

A feel good romp through the craziness that is NYC. And who doesn't love clowns? Great indie-theater, satisfaction guaranteed!

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Posted by **andrew** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 4:35pm

i loved it when i saw it. The idea of clowns made me nervous at first but WOW! this was something i have never seen before. completely loved it. LOVED IT!

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Posted by **Dorothy** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 3:49pm

Fun and moving. I highly recommend it! Go! You won't be disappointed; you WILL be surprised!

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Posted by **Kristin** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 3:21pm

This lifted my spirits and reminded me of when I first made my trek to NYC. Thanks for a great time!

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Posted by **ARockNYC** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 2:34pm

My cheeks hurt from smiling after seeing this show. This show had such great honest story telling! Totally what indie theater in NYC should be.

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Posted by **Zuzu** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 2:04pm

Funny and touching, this one's worth checking out.

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Posted by **Trevor** on Wed, Aug 19, 09, at 1:21pm

So much fun! I saw it on opening night and I'm going to see it again. What a wonderful journey.

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