

LIMBO

VIOLIN AND PIANO SONATA NO.2 BY CHLOÉ CHARODY

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LIMBO is a new violin sonata by Chloé Charody written specifically for the unique acrobatic skill set of violin virtuoso Sonja Schebeck. Sonja partners acrobat Josh Frazer in this ground-breaking interdisciplinary duet to tell a poignant narrative through dynamic partner acrobatics, duo unicycle and Cyr wheel, embracing circus and classical music in one captivating world.

Composer: Chloé Charody

Created by: Sonja Schebeck, Joshua Frazer and Chloé Charody

Performed by: Sonja Schebeck (violin/partner acrobatics), Joshua Frazer (acrobatics, unicycle, Cyr wheel), Chanda VanderHart (Live pianist)

Duration: 35m00s

Location: Indoor or outdoor

Area: 6 x 8m

Height: 4.8m

Viewing: Frontal, In the round possible.

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CHLOE CHARODY

Chloé Charody is an Australian composer and show creator known for pioneering the genre of circus opera, fusing classical music, circus, and theatre into a unique performance form. Her breakthrough work *The Carnival* premiered on London's West End in 2010 and toured internationally for over a decade. Charody's compositions span opera, ballet, musicals, symphonic and chamber music, performed by renowned ensembles including The Netherlands Symphony Orchestra, The Dutch National Ballet, and The Sydney Symphony Orchestra. In recent years, she has used her international platform to advocate for refugee rights, integrating themes of social justice into her artistic and humanitarian work.

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SONJA SCHEBECK

Sonja Schebeck is an Australian violinist and interdisciplinary performer known for fusing classical music with circus and theatre. Trained in Sydney and Vienna, she has performed with the Wiener Symphoniker, Sydney Symphony, and English Session Orchestra. She co-founded The Freestyle Orchestra and was a founding member of Nigel Kennedy's Orchestra of Life. Sonja has appeared as violinist/fire artist/acrobat with Zirkus Pikard, Sydney Festival's Pigalle, and Igudesman & Joo's League of X-traordinary Musicians. Her work includes major tours, festival appearances, and collaborations with composer Chloé Charody on projects like The Carnival, Tale of the Firebird, Phoenix, and LIMBO.

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JOSHUA FRAZER

Joshua Frazer is a multidisciplinary performance artist and filmmaker based in Berlin. A graduate of the National Centre for Circus Arts (BA Hons, 2016), he has toured internationally as an acrobat, base, and Cyr wheel artist with renowned companies including Circa, Ockham's Razor, Fauna, Garsington Opera, and A Movement of Humans. He co-founded Living Room Circus and has worked with directors such as Yaron Lifschitz and Phillipe Gaulier. Joshua's creative practice spans circus, music, and film, driven by a passion for collaboration, innovation, and evolving the language of live performance.

ABOUT

LIMBO is set at Melbourne Park Hotel, Australia in 2021, a time when many refugees were detained indefinitely, some having been incarcerated by the Australian Government for up to 9 years. If we think of what it was like to be stuck inside for several months due to the pandemic, imagine what it would feel like after 9 years. The sonata roller coasts through emotions of anger, frustration, fantasy & escape, exploding with one of the greatest weapons against oppression: hope.

The Sonata is a series of vignettes - each of the 7 movements explores, through the character of 'Amin', a different state of mind that a person would go through, when their life is in Limbo

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- London - Jackson's Lane - December 13 &14, 2023 (world premiere)
- Western Sydney - JSPAC - Februray 24 2024
- Adelaide - Adelaide Fringe - Februray 29 2024
- Sydney - 3Danks - March 2 2024
- Ypres - City of Wings - April 14 2024
- Budapest - Much Festival - April 28 2024
- Berlin - Classical Next - May 14 2024
- Graz - Sterrn Festival - June 23 2024
- Nassogne - Les Tilleuleries - July 14 2024
- Rome - Tù sì que vales - July 15 16 & 17 2024
- Vienna - Kultursommer Festival - July 18 & 19 2024
- Edinburgh - Edinburgh Fringe - August 5 -18 2024
- Innsbruck - Krapoldi Festival - August 27 & 28 2024
- Vienna - Winterfest - June 14 2025
- Amsterdam - Zwart Cross July 19 & 20 2025
- Ludwigshafen - Internationalen stra entheaterfestival - July 24-28 2025
- Melbourne - Melbourne Recital Centre - August 17 2025

FUTURE

- APRIL 9 - CLASSICAL NEXT - BUDAPEST
- APRIL 11 & 12 - FESTIVAL GEVLEUGELDE STADT - YPRES



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