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National Theatre of China **Luocha Land** by Huang Weiruo



The National Theatre of China returns to C venues with the dark and dynamic Luocha Land

Luocha Land is a dark and dynamic piece of physical theatre from the Beijing-based **National Theatre of China** (NTC). Adapted from a classic Chinese story, it follows the journey of its hero, Ma Ji, stranded in Luocha Land (literally translated as 'devil's land'), where the laws of good and evil seem to be reversed...

This thrilling and thought-provoking production won Best Play of 2016 as selected by China Culture Daily and New Drama Magazine. Incorporating contemporary physical theatre with more traditional elements of Chinese performance, including dance, masks and puppetry, it is directed by **Zhao Miao**, who won the Asian Arts Award for Best Director at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014 for the wordless drama *Hymn To Disappearance*. Dark yet moving, the play has almost no dialogue, but the action is swept along by powerful visuals and the sheer physicality of the players.

Since its formation in 2001, the **NTC** has established a reputation for presenting productions that combine ancient traditions and groundbreaking modernity in works both domestic and international. In 2012, it collaborated with the **National Theatre of Scotland** on a creative partnership of new writing and also performed a reimaged version of *Richard III* in Mandarin at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, returning in 2015 as part of the UK-China Year of Cultural Exchange. In 2014, it brought the folktale *Green Snake* to the Edinburgh Fringe for a short run at C venues and now returns with **Luocha Land**.

Reviews of Luocha Land from China:

'Reaches a new height for Chinese physical theatre' *Beijing Youth Daily*
'Revives a thought-provoking story in a refreshing manner' *Beijing Star Daily*

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Listings Information

Venue C, Adam House, Chambers Street, EH1 1HR, venue 34
Dates 2-12 Aug
Time 17:50 (1h10)
Ticket prices £10.50-£12.50 / concessions £8.50-£10.50 / under 18s £6.50-£8.50
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