

Sara Janašković (1995, Slovenia) is a freelance dance artist, performer and pedagogue. She was educated at the Performing Arts Grammar School Ljubljana (SVŠGUGL), where she was selected for the international project In Another Place (choreographer Maja Delak, Zavod Emanat, SVŠGUGL, 2014). She finished her schooling with a solo performance No Concept (mentor Sinja Ožbolt, SVŠGUGL, 2015), which was included in the Festival of Youth Dance Creativity ŽIVA and sparked a standing ovation, enabling further projects right after finishing high school. She took part in

the dance piece Wellfare to the nation (choreography by Sinja Ožbolt, production Dance Theatre Ljubljana, 2015), Kitch: the Oath (authors Lana Zdravkovič and Nenad Jelesijević, production Bunker and Kitch, 2016) and created three pieces It couldn't go another way (mentor Sinja Ožbolt, production Dance theatre Ljubljana, 2016), It could go another way (mentor Sinja Ožbolt, production Dance Theatre Ljubljana, UKREP festival, 2016) and Archive: Deep Spin Fryer Dryer (mentor Gregor Luštek, Gregor Bulc, Excuisite Corps, production Emanat, 2016). Subsequently, she was accepted to a two-year training course for contemporary dancers and choreographers in Portugal, Performact, where she learned from renowned choreographers and pedagogues of European contemporary dance. During her studies, she participated in more than ten productions and created some original works. Her solo performance Flashdance was selected and presented on the stage of Teattro Garret (Povoa de Varzim, 2017). In the meantime, she participated in the project CHORUS (authors Žigan Krajnčan, Gašper Kunšek, Jan Krmelj, production Exodos and Kino Šiška, 2017), which received the award for the best performance as chosen by the audience at the GIBANICA Festival (2019). After completing her studies in Portugal, she enrolled at the Academy of Dance in Ljubljana (AMEU – Alma Mater Europaea). During her studies, she participated in the piece CYPHER (author Žigan Krajnčan, production Exodos, Youth Theater Ljubljana, 2017), Three Bitches, Two Planets, One Rocket (author Urška Vohar, production Emanat, 2020), created a short dance film with Matjaž Mrak, Marta cut the last rose (production Dance Theatre Ljubljana and AMEU, 2020) and the dance miniature Traveling Agency (mentor Primož Ekart, production Dance Theatre Ljubljana, 2021). In 2020, at the initiative of Urška Centa and together with Kristyna Šajtošova and Anja Möderndorfer, they co-founded Platforma NEST, an institute for culture, multi-genre performing arts, production and development. The founders, together with the musician Zvezdana Novakovič, created the show Sounds Under The Skin (production NEST, 2021). In the following year she co-created Kristyna Šajtošova's project Tune **Oneself** (2022, product NEST, co-production KUD Pozitv) and was invited to participate in the theatre performance Was ist Stille? (2022, director Alenka Hein, production K&K ŠENTJANŽ / ST. JOHANN) and created a dance-theatre performance **INSIDE** in collaboration with Kristyna Šajtošova and Jan Krmelj.

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