

Trippy choreography, acrobatic feats, songs and scrap metal music...
Between nightmare and reality, Expedition Paddock brings us inside a grating universe,
close to madness yet constantly humorous.

Five men, five beds and raw scenery made of mattress covers...

All that they have in common is the memory of an enclosed space. Their haggard eyes remember this restricted area. Their memory of that situation is a long insomnia; they are waiting for a new day to break. Their waking dreams evoke a world without doors.

Clutching their beds, which in turn become roving vessels or feather horses, they imagine themselves on long journeys where the world would flash by endlessly. Would the void be filled with their imagination, or have they really lived it? And that noise of footsteps in their heads! Listen to the soliloquies of madmen standing up and bawling on their uptumed beds!

EXPEDITION PADDOCK

Created in 2001

For 5 dancers-acrobats

The bed as a central element

The dormitory is set up awkwardly at the beginning: a wall of uptumed beds, resembling an improvised theatrical curtain. It is quickly followed by an explosion that will last 45 minutes; the dormitory unleashes itself and tips over into madness.

Hand-to-hand, these men dance furiously, inventing and mingling stunts, falls, acrobatics. Due to its size and weight, the bed proposes numerous possibilities of transformation: in turn it becomes a tower, a wall, a cage, a trench, a sentry-box or even a perch. The vertical position of the bed creates several acrobatic variations, and also allows the circus performers to express themselves in their own particular language.



street

indoor

Press Review

These magnificent acrobats evolve either in weightlessness and muffled silence, or in a rapid succession of choreographies, where even the beds dance! (...) Their playground is a framework of choreographic, acrobatic and burlesques feats, hilarious...

Le Télégramme

Technical Conditions

Duration: 45 mins (55 mins for the indoor version)
Audience Capacity: ideally from 300 to 500 people
6 persons on tour (+ 1 lighting technician for indoor version)
Required performance area: 10 m x 10 m

