# The Old Woman

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**Robert Wilson** returned after the success of The Life and Death of Marina Abramović (MIF11) with an adaptation of a short story by the renegade Russian writer **Daniil Kharms**. The result was impossible to define. Dance, theatre and astonishing visual design combined for a surreal 90 minutes of sensory overload – but The Old Woman was also warm, funny and heartbreakingly human. Since its world premiere at MIF13, the show has travelled around the world.

##### ****A Baryshnikov Productions, Change Performing Arts and The Watermill Center project. Commissioned and produced by Manchester International Festival, Spoleto Festival dei 2Mondi, Théâtre de la Ville-Paris/ Festival d’Automne à Paris and deSingel, Antwerp.****

Embed trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2bTVNRSd7w&feature=youtu.be>

**Sidebar**

Robert Wilson’s lucid production… is a revelation… Baryshnikov and Dafoe are superb, managing to wring the pathos out of each of their bizarre encounters. We leave the theatre like awestruck victims of a magic trick, asking ourselves: how did they do that?’ The Financial Times

**On tour**  
12-14 July 2013 at the Teatro Nuovo, Spoleto, Italy as part of the [Spoleto56 Festival dei 2Mondi](http://www.festivaldispoleto.com/)  
18-21 July 2013 at the [Onassis Cultural Centre](http://www.onassis.org/en/cultural-center.php), Athens, Greece as part of the Athens & Epidaurus Festival 2013  
16-20 October 2013 at the [Teatro dell’Arte](http://www.triennale.org/en/teatro/), Milan, Italy  
25-29 October 2013 at [deSingel](https://desingel.be/en), Antwerp, Belgium  
6-23 November 2013 at the [Théâtre de la Ville](http://www.theatredelaville-paris.com/), Paris, France as part of [Festival d’Automne](http://www.festival-automne.com/en/program)  
22-29 June 2014 at [BAM Howard Gilman Opera House](http://www.bam.org/visit/venues/howard-gilman-opera-house), Brooklyn, NY, USA  
24 July – 3 August 2014 at [SESC Pinheiros](https://www.sescsp.org.br/unidades/10_PINHEIROS/#/content=programacao), São Paulo, Brazil  
8-13 August 2014 at the [Cidade das Artes](http://www.cidadedasartes.org/), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
21-31 August 2014 at the [Teatro Opera Allianz](http://www.operaallianz.com/), Buenos Aires, Argentina  
14-15 November 2014 at [Royce Hall](http://www.roycehall.co.uk/), Los Angeles, CA, USA  
21-23 November 2014 at Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley, CA, USA

**See also**

Robert Wilson directed Willem Dafoe in [The Life and Death of Marina Abramović](http://www.mif.co.uk/event/robert-wilson-marina-abramovic-antony-willem-dafoe-the-life-and-death-of-marina-abramovic) at MIF11