

# Da Capo!

QUASI-CONCERT WITH THE KONK BROTHERS

FOR YOUTH FROM 6 TO 100 YEARS

A clown performance in pantomime for children and family,

for indoor or outdoor venues



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### KONK BROTHERS PROFILE

The 'Konk Brothers' are two characters created by the Italian / Norwegian duo consisting of Paolo Martini and Henning Farnar. These two characters were conceived in 1994 in the Porsgrunn, a small town in the south of Norway. Since, the duo has appeared in four classic variations in over 500 live performances for over 50,000 people.

Their use of physical acrobatics and slapstick techniques has been in the same comic vein as the early American silent films.

More recently, they have shifted their focus to the attributes of the classical clown. A meeting with, the renowned Italian clown, Leris Colombaioni, was instrumental in changing their artistic direction.

### THE PLOT

Roman and Petrov Konk, always penniless and in constant search for easy money. In this episode they present themselves as virtuoso violinist and scheme to fool the 'audience' of their apparent lack of skill.

They first appear on stage as baggage porters from an improvised firm called "Abracadabra Movers". They carry instruments, luggage trunks and various things but not without the typical problems and fumbblings of a pair of amateurs.

Once they discover luggage they are carrying has the prospect to gain them respectability and money; they seize the opportunity to transform themselves into Russian musicians. Thus, embarking on a comical journey to the unknown . . .

When their goofy ways blend with the characteristic humour of a clown, there is little doubt why they are constantly in embarrassing situations. But all well that ends well, and in the end, through musical means, they manage to entertain the audience.

The performance is available in these versions:

#### DA CAPO! ON THE ROAD:

30 minute set for street performances or small city squares.

#### DA CAPO! SCHOOL:

45 minutes in length, for elementary or primary schools

#### DA CAPO! THEATRE:

60 minutes, can be performed on a larger stage or outdoor arena theatres.



## PRESS CLIPS:

"The Konk Brothers shows great experience in making theatre for children; that is why from the very first moment they establish intense contact with the smallest audience members."

"The children in the audience howls in amusement and laugh no matter what the brothers Petrof and Floyd do. More than anyone else is Idun Slinning Solhaug laughing (3 1/2). After just a couple of minutes into the performance she screams, 'I 'm laughing like mad'. Idun laughs from the bottom of her heart while wrapped in the arms of her grandfather. "

*Haugesund Blad*

"A performance to die from laughter, rich with silent movie humour and situation comedy."

*Silvia Muser, Secolo XIX*

"A Norwegian clown who looks like a rubber pole and an Italian one with gymnastic grace. This is a pair which is very good at maximizing their own physical attributes to create and amuse comically, around a couple of luggage trunks."

*Andrew Boyle, Demokraten*

"The Konk Brothers: Masters of Comedy!"

*Per H. Forsberg, Demokraten*



**Da Capo! Theatre**, performed indoor...



**Da Capo! On the road**, performed in the street...



**Da Capo! Theatre** also performed on outdoor arenas.

## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The performance requires at least an 8 x 8 meter central space. There is no need for a stage and the performance can be held in a gymnasium, auditorium or small square without difficulty. We only need a power outlet delivering 16A/220V.

**In theatres**, two side panels are needed on each side of the stage with general light covering the acting area. No technicians are required and there is no need for sound equipment.

**In non theatrical venues**, natural light is sufficient as long as it covers the playing area.

Audience sees best when sitting but this is not a requirement.

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FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS,  
ROMAN & PETROV KONK

