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## Mexico: Summer 2014

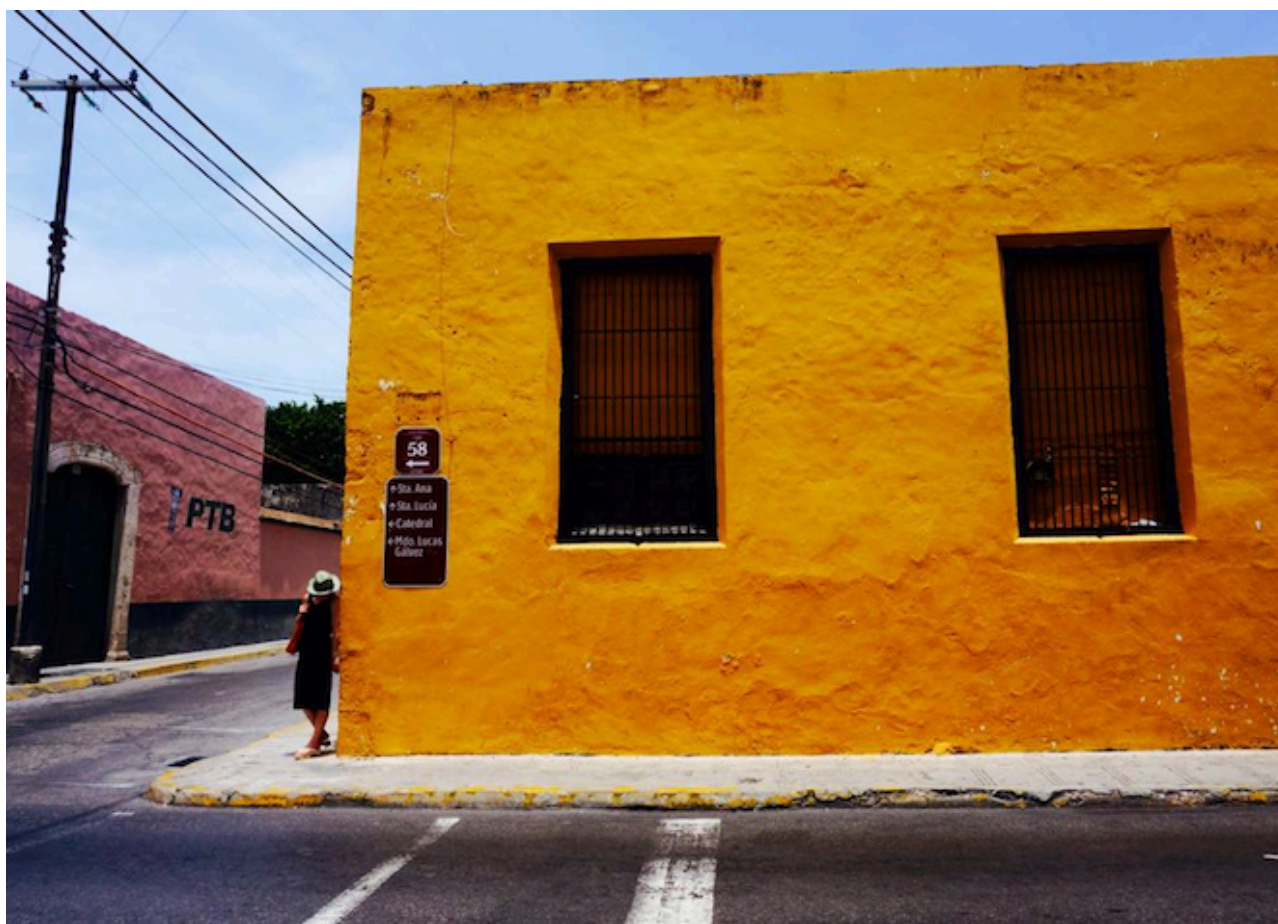


photo: Kiriko Mechanicus

During the whole month of July I travelled through Yucatan in Mexico being protected by the Maya gods. It was a journey of continuous discoveries in life blessings. I came home with colourful inspirations and ideas. This trip also led to a new friendship with the [Escuela Superior de Artes de Yucatán](#). They have invited me to return in the near future to teach.

Other great news this summer is that the Performing Arts Fund NL(Fonds Podiumkunsten) has granted my organization Tomoko Mukaiyama Foundation multiple year support until the end of 2016. This enables us to continue to involve you in our journey.

## SHIROKURO nominated for VSCD Dance Award





photo: Marieke Peters

I am thrilled to share with you the news that SHIROKURO is nominated for the prestigious [VSCD Dance Award](#) for most impressive dance production. The awards will be presented during a live NTR broadcast on Sunday 5 October. SHIROKURO was a collaborative work of choreographer Nicole Beutler, lighting designer Jean Kalman, dancer Mitchell-Lee van Rooij and myself. It was commissioned by the Tokyo Dance Triennale in 2012 and premiered in October of that same year in Tokyo. The production has toured extensively throughout the Netherlands and abroad.

03 October [Theater aan 't Vrijthof](#), Maastricht (NL)

05 October [NTR Live - Swan Awards](#) (Television)

SHIROKURO ([YouTube](#))

## My Private Odyssey: mesmerizing journey on stage



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One of my most important performances this season will be the coproduction with Club Guy & Roni, My Private Odyssey based on Homer's epic poem the Odyssey. The legendary king of Ithaka, who wanted nothing more than return home after the Trojan War, is the inspiration of this mesmerizing journey on stage, seeking the place to be and returning home. A metaphor for the path of life of everyone of us in which creativity and courage are being put to the test. Together with David Dramm, I have created a new composition and I will perform on stage with flutist Anne la Berge, violinist Monica Germino and 10 dancers. My Private Odyssey will have its world premiere on 15 October in Mainz (DE) and will be touring extensively in the Netherlands. I hope to greet you on one of these crazy nights and leave you energized and fascinated.

### **Tour**

15 October World premiere - [Staatsteater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
18 October [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
23 October Dutch premiere - [Stadsschouwburg Groningen](#), Groningen (NL)  
24 October [Stadsschouwburg Groningen](#), Groningen (NL)  
27 October [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
02 November [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
06 November [Stadsschouwburg Rotterdam](#), Rotterdam (NL)  
09 November [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
15 November [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
22 November [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
27 November [Energiehuis](#), Dordrecht (NL)  
03 December [De Goudse Schouwburg](#), Gouda (NL)  
07 December [Staatstheater Mainz](#), Mainz (DE)  
11 December [Schouwburg de Lawei](#), Drachten (NL)  
15 December [De Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam](#), Amsterdam (NL)  
19 December [Schouwburg Almere](#), Almere (NL)  
[Tour dates](#) in 2015 from 7 January – 5 February.

[Video](#): creation of My Private Odyssey

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