
ELIJAH GREEN: Andrew Ondrejcek & ITC Ethical Fashion Initiative collaborate on a costume collection with African and Haitian artisans, 10 March 2016

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The writer, director and designer Andrew Ondrejcek has joined forces with the International Trade Centre's (ITC) Ethical Fashion Initiative to design the costumes for his upcoming play, ELIJAH GREEN, to be premiered at The Kitchen in New York City on 10 March 2016.

Andrew Ondrejcek travelled with ITC's Ethical Fashion Initiative to Haiti, Burkina Faso and Mali to meet with artisans and source fabric, jewellery, art and items to create the costumes and the play's set. In Burkina Faso, Andrew Ondrejcek discovered fabric handwoven by women weavers and in Mali he received a crash course in the art of bogolan by master artisan, Boubacar Doumbia. While in Haiti, Andrew Ondrejcek was able to meet with a wide variety of artisans to source latanier hats, papier-mâché accessories and tailor made metal drum pieces and many more. ITC Ethical Fashion Initiative also sourced traditional Kenyan Maasai jewellery and samples of Kenyan crafts.

The subject of human interconnectivity is central to ELIJAH GREEN and as such it is a pleasure for ITC Ethical Fashion Initiative to be linked to this production which represents many values central to its mission.

Produced by Tanya Selvaratnam and Tommy Kriegsmann/ArKtype, ELIJAH GREEN will premiere on 10 March 2016 at The Kitchen in New York. The play will be showing at 8pm from March 10-12 and 17-19. In addition, Andrew Ondrejcek will do a post-show Q&A with costume collaborators from EFI and Alba Clemente on March 17th. Find out more > thekitchen.org/event/andrew-ondrejcek-elijah-green.

About ELIJAH GREEN

Inspired by the paintings of Pieter Bruegel and August Strindberg's *A Dream Play*, ELIJAH GREEN follows a divine spirit as it wanders through contemporary life. Despite unremarkable existences, the stories of the characters layer into a portrait of the interconnectivity of all humans, with each individual both the centre of the world and part of something they cannot comprehend. Andrew Ondrejcek is Artist in Residence at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City where he is working on ELIJAH GREEN, which will premiere at The Kitchen in March 2016, for which he received a MAP Grant and a National Theater Project grant through the New England Foundation for the Arts, generously provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

About ITC ETHICAL FASHION INITIATIVE

The Ethical Fashion Initiative is a flagship programme of the International Trade Centre, a joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. The Ethical Fashion Initiative works with the rising generation of fashion talent from Africa, encouraging the forging of fulfilling creative collaborations with artisans on the continent. The Ethical Fashion Initiative also enables artisans living in urban and rural poverty to connect with the global fashion chain. Under its slogan, “NOT CHARITY, JUST WORK.” the Ethical Fashion Initiative advocates a fairer global fashion industry.

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