

## In the Land of Uhs

FLICfest 2013 at Irondale Center

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Artistic director Jeremy Zimmerman brings 12 choreographers to this "new kind of dance festival, one focused not only on bringing exciting dance theater work to new audiences, but one that [is] a vehicle for choreographers to exchange ideas with each other and with audience members", and three are mentioned below, from this third year of the fest.

### FLICFEST 2013

Choreography by: Sari Nordman.

Dancers: Kristin Hatleberg and Sari Nordman.

Lighting Director: Tim Cryan.

Sound: Kasey Burgess.

Film for Nordman: Sari Nordman.

### SCHEDULE

Irondale Center

January 24-26 and January 31-February 2, 2013



Sari Nordman (L) and Kristin Hatleberg bring in the mystery stool in FLICfest 2013

Photo by Julie Lemberger

A Dadaesque Collage of Chauvinist Wisdom is Sari Nordman's charmingly disturbed duet with Kristin Hatleberg that may win Best Title Ever. A very slow intro threatens to stay that way but changes course unexpectedly as the two begin to slap each other, slowly. This is the sort of welcome and uncomfortable twist that pops up repeatedly. Occasionally the two stop what they are doing to drop a tiny, often hurr, hurr, chauvinist aphorism or joke. Other, larger breaks include an audience participation segment with people calling jokes in to the duo's cell phones and then coming onstage to tell the joke, and a dreamy short film with a cast of eleven women. A mystery stool brought in midpiece serves several purposes, one of which is to give Nordman a platform to bare a breast and semi-recline in a pose of satisfied irony. True to the Dada in its title, this duet leaves us scratching our heads but looking forward to more.

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