

This week...
Abnormalik

*Every week we ask one of the
people who have helped
make Cabaret vs Cancer a
success the same ten
questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

Short: I am Malik. I'm a Mime.

Long: I trained in mime for 5 years, 2 years in Berlin, 3 years in London. My Mom taught me how to sew years ago and I taught myself how to do makeup, so I started making characters up and putting them onstage and this is basically what I am doing for a living now. I perform in Cabarets, in Circus and Theatre shows, I do film and TV and pretty much anything else that puts into their job description 'moves weirdly, talks little'. My ultimate goal is to become a creature performer in films.

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

Actor Doug Jones – the guy who has spend most of his life playing creatures in big movies under heavy makeup. Not only is he an extraordinary physical performer (and great actor out of makeup – go watch 'My name is Jerry'!) but also a very kind man. He performs in tons of indie things and apparently gives amazing hugs. When I grow up I wanna be him, basically.

A Dandypunk - a self-taught dancer, animator, light-wizard and definitely one of the biggest inspirators out there. He currently works for Cirque du Soleil. Whenever I need a strong dose of pure creativity I watch one of his videos.

Edward Gorey - One of the best illustrators out there. His work is incredibly beautiful and ominous, if you know him - you know what I mean. If you don't, go find his work, the man himself has unfortunately passed away. Some of my characters are definitely inspired by him and of course I had a lovely collaboration with the awesome Le Pustra called The Gorey Cabinet!

3. What would you save from your burning house?*(people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

Whatever costume bits I am currently working on (and therefore obsessing about) as well as my collection of Sandman comics.

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

There is just too much good food out there. I cannot possibly make a decision and thereby thwart all the other delicious things. As long as its vegetarian - me like.

5. What talent do you wish you had?

Not sure that that is a talent, but I wish I was a bit more fearless about trying new things. I'm not saying I don't try them, but I get unreasonably nervous right before I do.

6. Where is your favourite place?

So far, my favourite place is Wellington in New Zealand. One of the most beautiful and friendly spots on the planet.

7. What do you do to relax?

watch. movies. - sew. stuff.

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

If you can get your hand on The Last World by Christoph Ransmayr - go get it! If you speak german, read its original Die Letzte Welt. I read it in High School first and it still fascinates me - the tale of a young man in ancient Rome, coming to a village at the end of the world to find the poet Ovid. But as he explores and searches, he finds that the village is not all that it seems. A magnificent story about the only eternal force in the universe: change

9. What is your biggest regret?

I am very happy to say that I regret nothing. If I had the chance, I would do it again. Also: they will never be able to prove that it was me.

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

Doesn't have to say a word. As long as she is Alanis Morissette, I get it.