

The Imaginary Invalid

(Le Malade Imaginaire)

By Moliere

Play no. 732

Opening show: 30/05/2019

Creative team

Directed by: Ilan Ronen

Set Designed by: Svetlana Breger

Costumes designed by: Yelena Kelrich

Music by: Amir Lekner

Movement: Sharon Gal

Lighting designed by: Ziv Voloshin

Video: Arik Avigdor

Cast

Argan, an imaginary invalid. Jacob Cohen

Toinette, maid-servant to Argan. Aviv Carmi

Angélique, daughter to Argan, in love with Cleante. Hila Shalev

Beline, second wife to Argan. Yael Levental

Monsieur Bonnefoi, a notary. Alex Krul

Cleante, lover to Angélique. Ben Yosipovich

Monsieur Diafoirus, a physician. Uri Hochman

Thomas Diafoirus, his son, in love with Angélique. Daniel Sabag

Beralde, brother to Argan. Roberto Pollak

Monsieur Fleurant, an apothecary. Or Mashiah

Monsieur Purgon, physician to Argan. Alex Krul

Molière. Alex Krul

Stage Managers / Doctors / Actors, Friends of Beralde. Dudi Gazit, Arie

Leib Rint, Or Mashiah, Nadav Shema

Swing Tomer barash

The Play

Jacob Cohen, a contemporary hypochondriac, is donning one of the most celebrated characters in the history of comedy. Argan, whose imagined ailments are the very essence of his existence, is determined to marry off his daughter to a doctor. However, she is obviously in love with someone else. Only Toinette, Argan's maid, manages – with considerable wit, nerve and immense creativity – to impede his scheme and also cure him from his medical obsession. Following the success of Moliere's "The Miser" at Habima,

the team of Jacob Cohen, director Ilan Ronen and translator Eli Bijaoui is reunited for another celebrated Moliere homage. The team presents Moliere's last play in an original theatrical feast that is taking shape in front of our eyes. Here we learn that the true cure to the imaginary maladies and anxieties, whether Argan's, Yaakov's, or our own, is often the magic of theater itself.