

# Alicia Soto - Hojarasca

## Contemporary Dance Company

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# *Company trajectorie*

Alicia Soto-Hojarasca is a professional company of dance and contemporary art with a long history, founded in 1994, under the artistic and choreographic direction of Alicia Soto.

The company has undergone a constant evolution, developing very personal remote scenic forms of prevailing currents.

Dance-Theatre creations for the Italian Theatre, dance in the street to reach the multimedia and performance for unconventional spaces.

More than 29 shows have been staged, large, medium and small format video and video dance creations.

Composed of a multidisciplinary team of artists, the company is a meeting place and research, in a transdisciplinary artistic creation. Which include major national and international collaborations with artists such as:

- » **Migue Angel Camacho**, lighting designer.
- » **Joan Valent**, Conductor, composer and performer.
- » Angel Marcos, Photographer. [www.angelmarcos.com](http://www.angelmarcos.com).
- » **Carmen Werner**, choreographer Provisional danza, [www.provisonalanza.com](http://www.provisonalanza.com)
- » **Masbedo**, creators of video <http://www.masbedo.org>.
- » **Post Theatre** (New York, Berlin, Tokyo) creators of media-dance. [www.postTheatre.com](http://www.postTheatre.com)
- » **Michel Houellebecq**, french writer. [www.houellebecq.info](http://www.houellebecq.info)



# Shows of the Company

## and sites of release

- » **1999 “El perro Breu y su amigo Electrolux”**, Video-Dance performance, Fair of Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca.
- » **2000 “Un Mundo al Revés”**, premiere in the Teatro Principal of Burgos, children show.
- » **2001 “Entre Brazos”**, Teatro Principal of Burgos.
- » **2002 “Bloque C, Ángeles Caídos buscan subir al Cielo”**, Viladecans International Festival (Barcelona), for the street.
- » **2003 “Bloque C, Ángeles Caídos buscan subir al Cielo”** room version, Teatro Principal of Burgos.
- » **2004 “La Mujer de la sin Memoria”**, Teatro Clunia of Burgos. Tribute to writer María Teresa León.
- » **2006 “Desea”** premiere at Laguna de Duero, Valladolid. coproduced by Fundación Siglo for the arts of Castilla y León.
- » **2007 “Desea”** premiere Theatre Fair of Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca.
- » **2008 “In Vino Veritas”**, Umore Azokia Fair. Leioa, Vizcaya, steet show.
- » **2008 “skinSITEs”** vers. XI, performance in colaboration with Post Theatre [New York / Berlín/ Tokyo], V International Arts Fesital of Salamanca. Useo DA2
- » **2008 “In vino veritas”** room version, Teatro Clunia of Burgos.
- » **2009 “Encuentros y espejismos”**, Teatro el Liceo of Salamanca, programing at the VI International Arts Festival of Salamanca. With artistic colaboration from Post Theatre [New York / Berlín/ Tokyo], multimedia and dance.
- » **2009 “Super Gravity-Zero Gravity”**, Teatro Liceo, Salamanca. Premiere at VI International Arts Festival of Salamanca. Coproduced by Fundación Siglo for the Arts of Consejería de Turismo y Cultura de Castilla-León. Coproduced by Post Theatre [New York / Berlín/ Tokyo]
- » **2010 “My way, pero quién es Santiago”** LAVA, (Laboratory of Arts of Valladolid ) International Theatre and Street Arts Festival TAC 2010 of Valladolid. Performance media-dance.
- » **2010 “2 ó 3 preguntas”** teatro Clunia of Burgos. Dance and multimedia Show.
- » **2011 “SkinSite version XIII”** Mercat de les Flors, Barcelona, Festival IDN . Coproduced by the Festival and Post Theatre [New York / Berlín/ Tokyo), media-dance show
- » **2011 “La petit Voiture-la Comtesse”** Premiere International Street Arts Festival TAC, Coproduced by Festival Umore Azokia May 2012. Dance and multimedia show for urban spaces.
- » **2013 “A través de tus ojos”** el LAVA, (Laboratory of Arts of Valladolid). Coproduced by the City Council Foundation of Valladolid. Project included in the artistic residency at the Lava. Multimedia and dance show for young people.
- » **2014 Project “Cartografía del Cuerpo en un espacio arquitectónico”** CCEA
  - » **CCEA “Desconcierto, Estudio 1: Nocturno”**, Salón de los Espejos of Teatro Calderón of Valladolid, at the commemoration of the 150th Aniversary of teatro Calderón of Valladolid
  - » **CCEA “Estudio 2: Silencio”**, Cloister of the National Museum of Sculpture, Valladolid. With the colaboration of the International Theatre and Street Arts Festival TAC , Valladolid.
- » **2014 “Desconcierto, Estudio 1: Nocturno”** room version, Teatro Principal of Zamora.
- » **2015 “Encuentros”** 28 International in the street Festival FITCARRER of Vila-real, Castellón. Steet Show.
- » **2015 “No sabemos que hacer”**, premiere at the Theatre of Nave del Duende, Aranjuez, Madrid. Coproduced by Provisional Danza, Carmen Werner

# *Awards and nominations*

Shows nominated at the Premios MAX of Scenics arts, higher award in the Spanish scene:

- » 2003 “**Entre Brazos**”, Revelation Show.
- » 2004 “**Bloque C, Ángeles caídos buscan subir al cielo**” , Revelation Show.
- » 2007 “**Desea**”, Best Male performer, finalista.

**2002** “**Entre Brazos**” Finalist at the V National Theatre Festival for Stage Directors, Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid).

**2010** Recommended Show by the Red Escena, Spanish network of Theatres, Auditoriums, tours and festivals in public ownership. Show “**La Petit Voiture-La Comtesse**”

**2014** “**Estudio 2: Silencio**” Best show “Estación Norte” International Theatre and Street Arts Festival, TAC 2014, Valladolid.



# *National and international co– productions and residencies:*

**2006 y 2009** shows coproduced by the Fundación Siglo for the Arts of Castilla y León, Consejería de Cultura de la Junta de Castilla y León. “Desea” y “Zero Gravity-Super Gravity”

**2008** Coproduction with the Fair Umore Azoka de Leioa. Vizcaya: “In Vino Veritas” street version.

**2008** Show coproduced by the V Festival Internacional de las Artes de Salamanca, de la Consejería de Cultura de la Junta de Castilla y León, artistic residency. “SinSite ver.XI”

**2008-2009-2011** International coproduction with the Multimedia company Post Theatre [New York / Berlín/ Tokyo]. “SkinSite ver. XI”, “SkinSite ver. XIII” y “Zero Gravity-Super Gravity”

**2009** Artistic residency at Taggeles, Berlín. Alemania. “Zero Gravity-Super Gravity”

**2011** Coproduction with the Festival IDN at el Mercat de les Flors, Barcelona. Artistic residency. “SkinSite ver. XIII”

**2013** Coproduction with the Ayuntamiento de Valladolid and LAVA ((Laboratorio de las Artes de Valladolid), project in artistic residency. “A través de tus ojos”

**2014** Artistic residency at the Palacio Burnay, Theatre of the Lisbon University, Portugal and Teatro Calderón of Valladolid. “Desconcierto Estudio 1: Nocturno”

**2015** Coproduction with Provisional danza, Carmen Werner. “No sabemos qué hacer”

**2015** Coproduction with the Festival Internacional de Teatro Al Carrer FITCARRER, Vila-real, Castellón. “Encuentors”





## *International performances*

- » **1996-1997** V Festival Desierto para la danza, Sonora, IX Festival internacional de danza de José Limón, Sinaloa, Festival Internacional de danza de San Luís Potosí, Foro Experimental del Centro Nacional de las Artes de Mexico, D.F.
- » **2000** Festival Internacional de Artes para o Pequeno Público, Almada (PORTUGAL)
- » **2002** X Plataforma Internacional de Coreógrafos de Almada, PORTUGAL.
- » **2005** Festival Internacional de Teatro Experimental de El Cairo. Egipto.
- » **2005** VII Festival Internacional de Teatro Callejero de Mesitas del Colegio Cundinamarca- COLOMBIA. Diversas actuaciones por Colombia.
- » **2006** Gira at PORTUGAL, Braga, Guarda, Colviha.
- » **2007** Festival de Cali at Danza, Colombia.
- » **2008** Festival Don Quijote, Teatre de la Dance, Paris. Francia.
- » **2009** Teatro Taggeles, Berlín, Alemania.
- » **2010** Festival Fitei Oporto. Portugal.
- » **2010** "Formas", Fair de artes performativas at Tavira, Portugal.
- » **2010** Festival Contra Danza at Covilha, Portugal.
- » **2013** 6º Festival Internacional de video, performance y tecnología "InShadow" Lisboa, Portugal.

# National Festivals

- » **1995** Festival D'Estiu de Barcelona, Grec
- » **1995** Plataforma Nacional de los Encuentros Coreográficos Inter. de Sant Denis, Francia at Sevilla
- » **2001** Festival Internacional de Teatro Infantil – FETEN–, Gijón.
- » **2002** Festival Internacional de Calle “Al Carrer” de Viladecans (Barcelona).
- » **2003-2012-2015** Festival Internacional de Teatro FITALCARRER Vila-real (Castellón).
- » **2003** Festival Internacional –FIB– de Benicassim (Castellón)
- » **2003** Festival TEATRALLE de Castilla-León
- » Encuentros TE VEO at Zamora, **2003**.
- » **2004-2012** Danza Gijón.
- » **2005-2008-2009** Festival de las Artes Escénicas de Castilla y León. Salamanca. Teatro Liceo.
- » **2005-2008- 2012** Festival Iberoamericano de Teatro de Cádiz. FIT
- » **2006** 2ª edición Festival Nerja Danza .Málaga
- » **2006** Festival Internacional de Teatro de Calle de Alcorcón, Madrid.
- » Festival de Danza Contemporánea Torreperogil (Jaén) **2008**. “In Vino Veritas”
- » **2008-2010-2012-2014** Festival Internacional de Teatro y Artes de Calle TAC, Valladolid.
- » **2008** Exposición Universal de Zaragoza.
- » **2010** XI Festival Escena Abierta, Burgos.
- » **2011** III Festival internacional de imagen danza y nuevos medios IDN, Mercat de les Flors , Barcelona.
- » **2012** Festival Internacional Molina de Segura, Murcia.
- » Festival de danza Tantarantana, Barcelona
- » **2013** Festival RECLAM de Castellón, Universidad Jaume I.
- » **2015** Festival Internacional FITCARRER





## *Fairs*

- » **2003, 2008, 2010, 2012** Umore Azoka Fair, Leioa (Vizcaya).
- » **2003, 2012** Street Art Theatre Fair of TÁRREGA (Lleida)
- » **2003, 2005, 2007, 2009** Theatre Fair of Castilla-León in Ciudad Rodrigo Salamanca
- » **2004** Street Theatre Fair “La Teatral” of Espartinas (Sevilla),
- » **2004** Traditional roots shows Fair of Manresa (Barcelona),
- » **2004** Escenic arts Fair MERCARTES
- » **2012** Fair of Albacete, Castilla-La Mancha
- » **2013** Fair of Tarrega, Lerida, Barcelona
- » **2015** Performing arts Fair MadFair Madrid.

## *Theatres network*

- » Teatres network of Castilla-León **2001-2002-2003-2004-2005-2006-2007-2009-2010- 2013-2014**
- » Theatres circuit of Comunidad Valenciana, **2003-04.**
- » Performing circuits of Castilla y León. **2008-2009-2010-2012-2013-2014**
- » Alternative theatre network **2012**



# Press reviews

## “Entre Brazos”

...“The bet, risk and commitment of Hojarasca-Danza with this show deserves attention. His vision of dance as a troublemaker account must be taken at a very interesting contribution creative and cultural”...

El adelantado de Segovia. Manuel Sesma. 18 November 2002

## “Bloque C, Angelen caídos buscan subri al cielo”

...A good vertical dance show that makes reappear this axis of the Mediterranean tradition. Yes, it served with a contemporary design and a willingness to address all audiences, also young people.

Regió 7. November 2004

## “La Mujer de la Sinmemoria”

...Triumph in Cairo with a standing ovation.

El Norte de Castilla. 27 September 2005. Agencia EFE.

“Wonderful La Mujer de la Sinmemoria from the Burgos company Hojarasca-danza, which filled the room during its two functions despite the language barrier ....

Revista Artez. January 2006 by Khaled Salem (El Cairo). International Experimental Theatre Festival El Cairo.

..... Nobody kept indifferent ... surprised, and much ... The proposal from Hojarasca went away of the traditional canons of the dance ... In La mujer de la sinmemoria brought together dance with image, sound and word ..., through their boldly innovative and groundbreaking choreography, their capacity for communion of different artistic formats...

El Adelanto de Salamanca. 26 June 2005. First International Arts Festival of Castilla y León Salamanca

## “Desea”

...“Hojarasca-Danza is more brave, and if you notice most is because it is difficult to manipulate a speech as clairvoyant as Houellebecq. In addition, Desea exceeds all the scenic works that recently have been made at this community, and can rub shoulders with great works of European dance .....

Diario de Valladolid “Hatred and despair in the Mirror”

Carlos Toquero. 22-04-07

## “In vino Veritas”

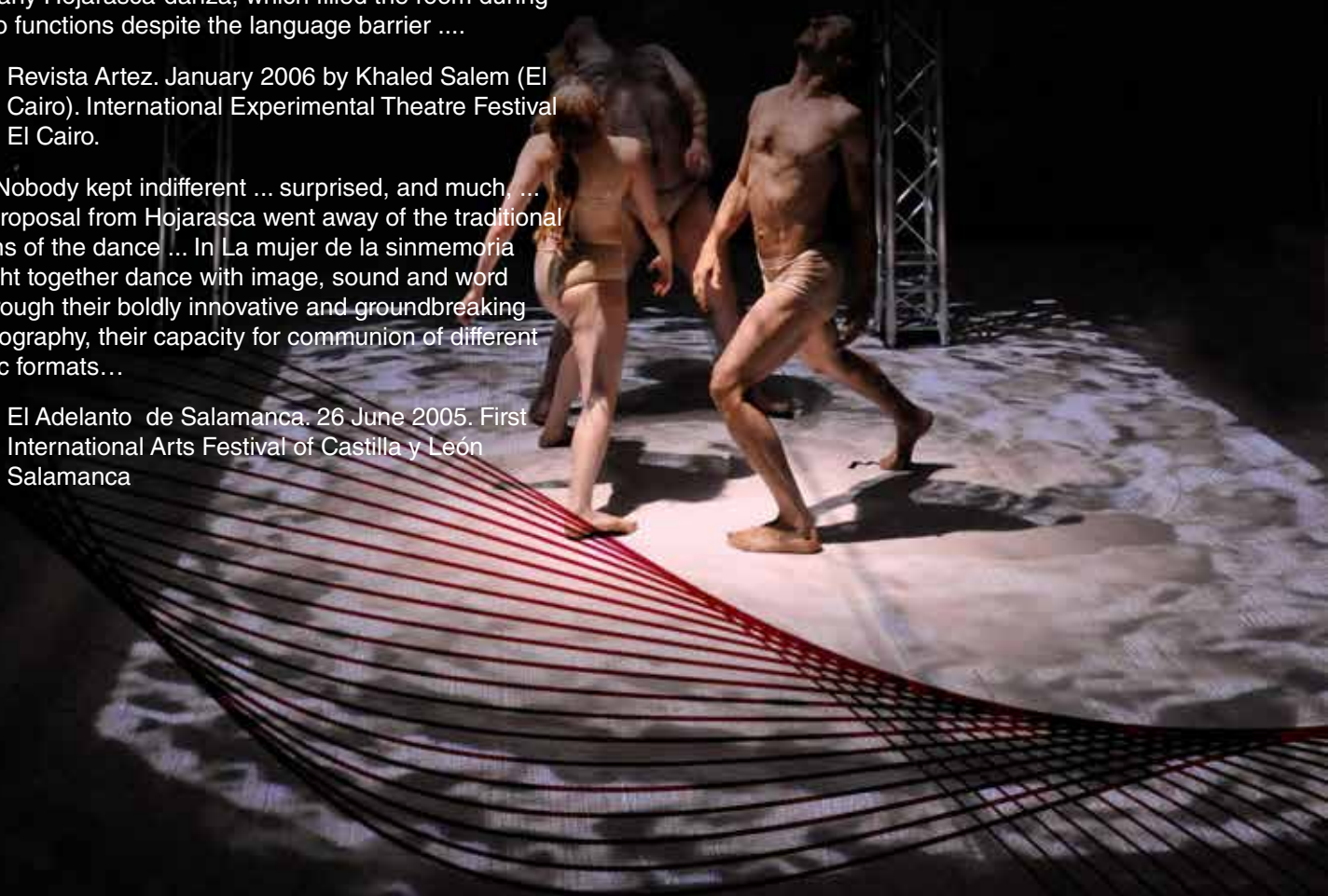
...The company Alicia Soto-Hojarasca left a fabulous taste to the show “In Vino Veritas” to a large audience, flatly nice and high palate.

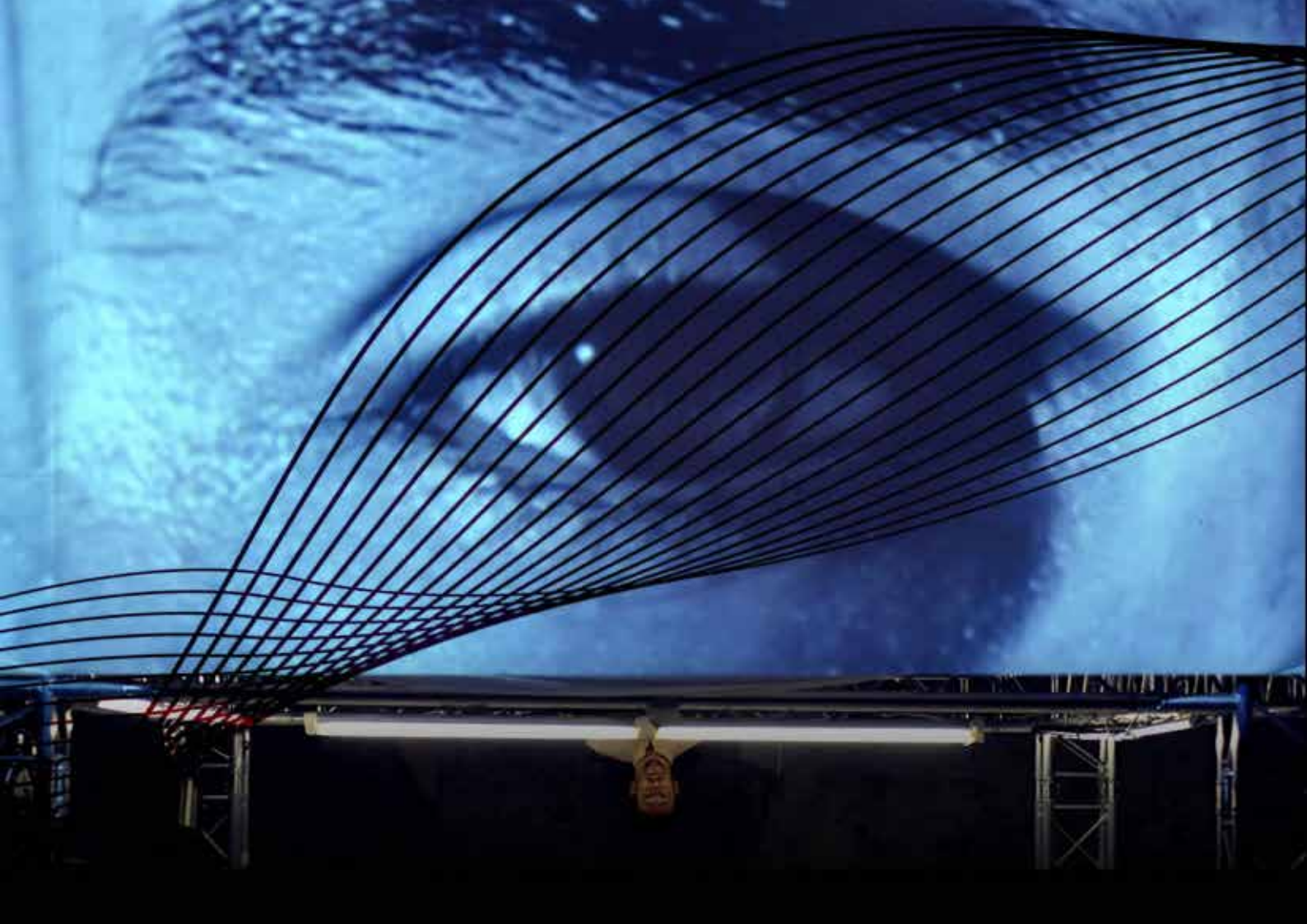
Le Figaro. November 2008. Paris

“Extraordinary Show”

The opening scene is extraordinary-looking farmer Bacchus, which is connected to four drippers, while pounding heart ... is a cohesive show, rhythm and communicates a huge tide of feelings, a joy to the senses.

ABC of Sevilla. Julia Amezáua. 02 June 2008





## **“Super Gravity–Zero Gravity”**

“Puntos de atención”

Alicia Soto and Hojarasca-danza are always looking for new aesthetics, different experience.

Also notable contrast with the projected figures which sometimes appear images arising from Bosco. Extraordinary that closes the show ...

Many applause from the audience that filled the room.

Fernando Herrero. Norte de Castilla. 24 January 2010

## **“Estudio 2: Silencio”**

Crazy story about the original show of Alicia Soto-Hojarasca

in the cloister of the College of San Gregorio National Museum, at the place that combines architecture, music and contemporary dance band ...

The protagonists offer the brightest moments of the act creating an intimate relationship between the body, the architectural space and spectators .....<sup>133</sup>

By Isaac Macho, 2014 El sínodo del silencio Tam-Tam Press / 25 May 2014

## **“2 ó 3 preguntas”**

Alicia Soto innovation seeks new challenges at various levels of art.

A surprising, imaginative, very parallel and balanced work between the stage and projection, but above all, between the concept of the structures of their image and the message conveyed at every moment and every format of their work. Yes, it really is different.

Julio Castro – laRepúblicaCultural.es Published on Saturday, 18 December 2010

