# EXPRESS NOTEBOOKS:

# DRAWING IN CONTEMPORARY SCENOGRAPHY

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# Drawing and Performance: Creating Scenography project

# Objectives

- to study the role of drawing in the creation of scenography;
- reflecting on the use of sketches, compositions and notations done by scenographers in rehearsal and/or on stage from beginning of a production to opening day;
- understanding the process of creation of space and time of performance which happens between the performer and the scenography;
- recording the way scenographic components are introduced in conflict or in dialogue with the bodies in movement, taking advantage of the gestuality common to the work being done on stage and on the page.

#### Some conclusions

- scenographers, set and costume designers alike, look at drawing as a valuable resource for research and communication;
- time and proficiency for drawing condition greatly the creative process of scenography;
- their ease at using drawing during the intense process of collaboration depends on external factors such as place and time of collaboration, processes of communication between practitioners and concepts being explored;
- for each process there can be an alternative way of drawing that responds better to the specific creative context;
- all processes studied were conditioned by lack of time to draw.

# AMÂNDIO ANASTÁCIO

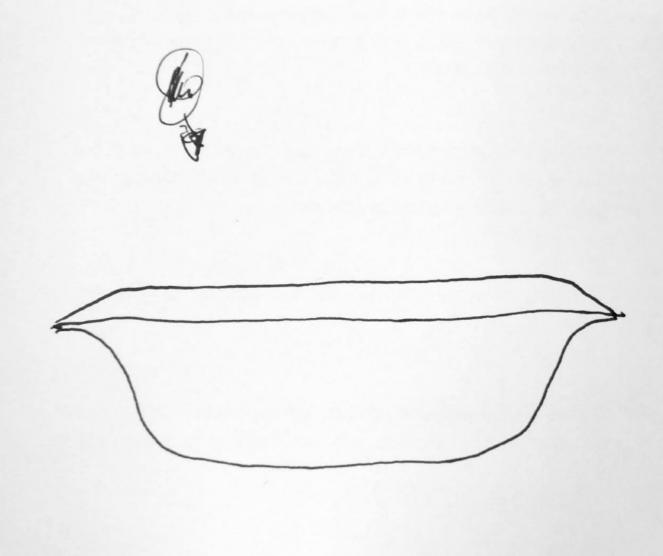
#### DRAWING SIMPLE

WITHOUT BEING FREE TO DRAW, TO DO A RIGOROUS DRAWING, FOR THOSE I HAVE TO HAVE MY HEAD IN PLACE, I HAVE TO BE FOCUSED ON THAT, I PREFER THESE FREE DESIGNS (...) I LIKE DRAWINGS WHERE THE IDEAS ARE A PART OF THE PROCESS. I LIKE THE PROCESS AND NOT THE END.





To see, for example, what I was leaving behind or what I was collecting. Where we left it and where we moved forward. Now, I wanted to have a final drawing of that. But I did not. There was no time.

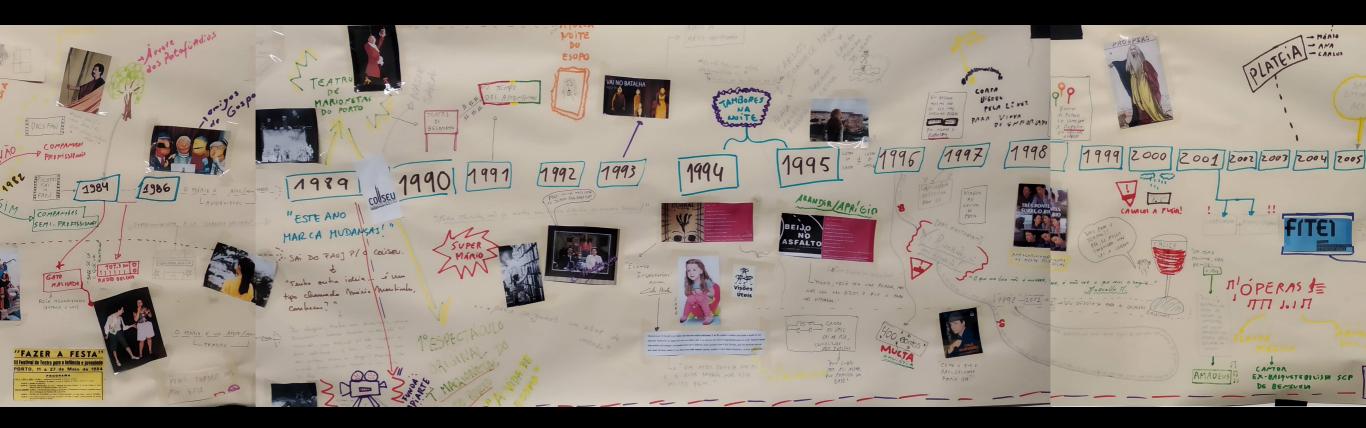


# INÊS DE CARVALHO

# DELAYING DRAWING

I THINK THAT THE DRAWING CONSUMES TIME THAT DOES NOT EXIST. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THAT THERE ISN'T, I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T REALLY KNOW, I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT MUCH...





No, but I will draw, one day. I haven't been able to draw the costumes yet. I didn't draw them, I worked from the body, dressing on the actors' bodies. There was no time and maybe it didn't make sense, do you understand? The process did not predict that time, costume was not defined at the right time for you to be able to draw, so I did the process in reverse.



# JOSÉ MANUEL CASTANHEIRA

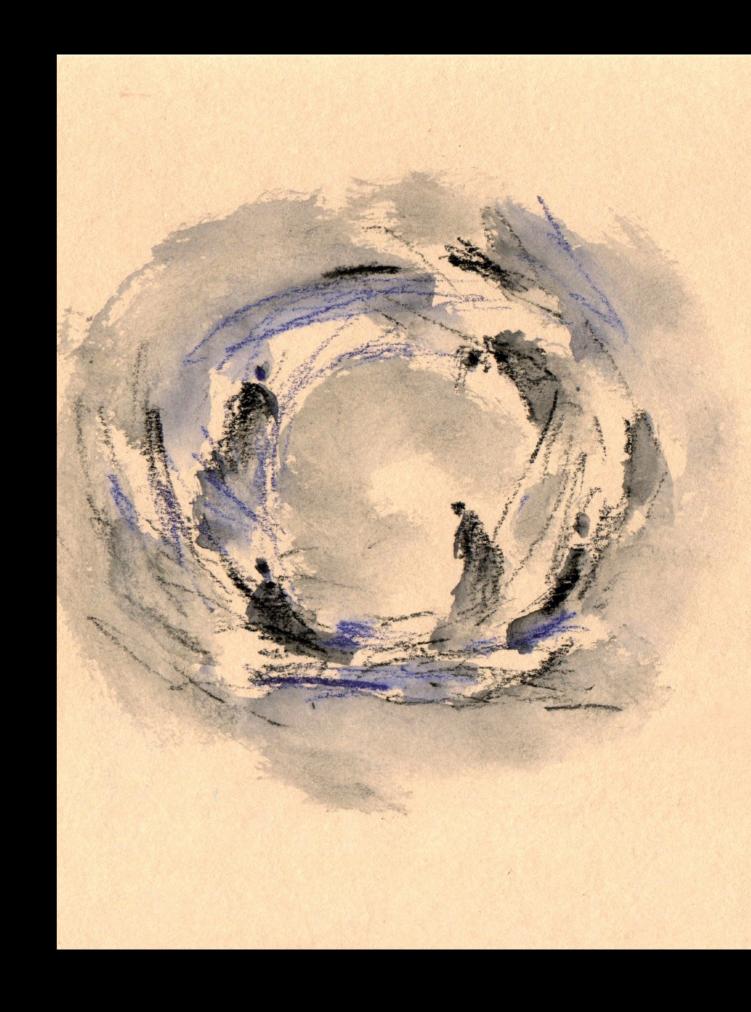
# PARALLEL PROCESS

OF COURSE, IN
REHEARSALS, I SOMETIMES
DRAW, BUT I WAS
FORBIDDEN TO DRAW
DURING SHOWS, BECAUSE IT
MAKES NOISE AND I WAS
CALLED TO ATTENTION
SEVERAL TIMES. NOW I HAVE
TO PUT ASIDE THE PENCIL
OR BRUSH THAT MAKES
NOISE AND CAN DISTURB.





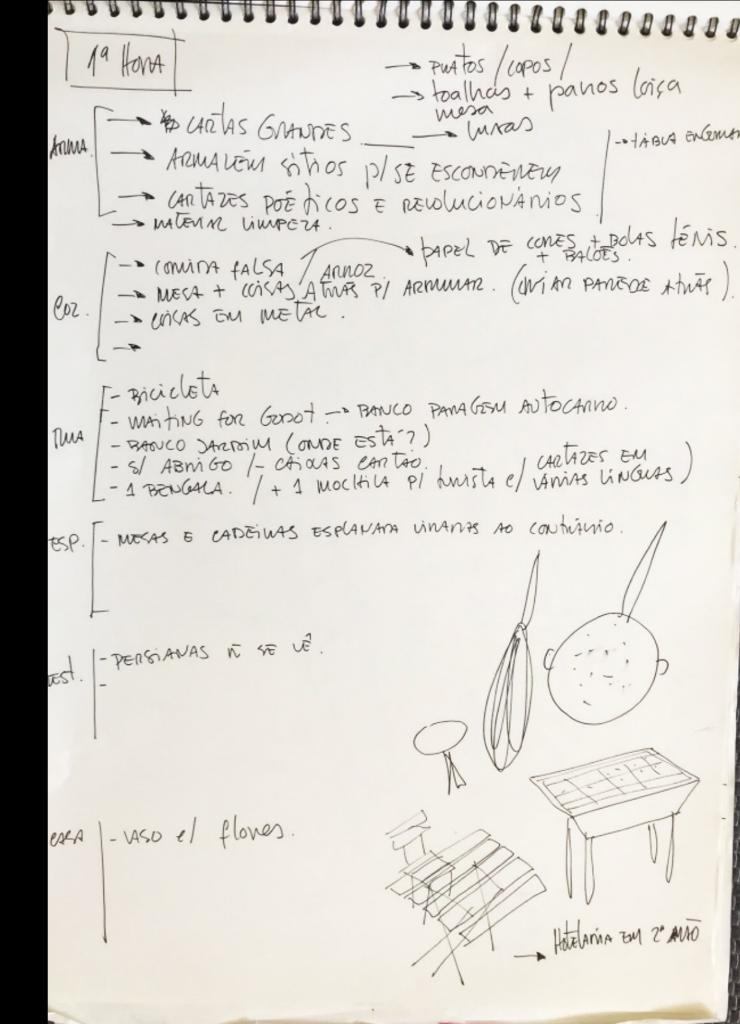
as the house is ours and we are exploring within what can be called a model, I do not like the word, therefore, as we are in a dream, there are things we would like to see, but we are not going to see properly. In the near future, it will be something else. Drawing is a bit like that, because later on in rehearsals, I really like to draw in rehearsals, where it is possible, a part of them are, it's drawing, trying to capture moments of rehearsal that mix with what I wish it were, something else.



#### MARTA CARREIRAS

#### USING REHEARSAL

THAVE A DRAWING TABLE UP
THERE. I DON'T DRAW MOVING
ACTORS, FOR EXAMPLE. IT'S
NOT THEIR MOVEMENT, IT'S
BEING THERE. I NEED TO BE
THERE AND I'M DESIGNING THE
COSTUMES AND EVERYTHING.
I'M ALWAYS DRAWING THERE,
IT'S NOT AT HOME.





I then made her another one, because then you begin to understand what the other wants. So, you already understood but you are going to make one. This is also very funny because, over the years with pieces, I have two or three drawings there that I like so much that I forced myself to go more. You go as far as you need to know things. finish it, but I have few finished drawings.

(...) No matter how many drawings I made for another option, I didn't draw on paper because you don't have time either. I couldn't get her to fall in love with the same drawing as she fell in love with the first.



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