

# OMGs!

*From Njalfheim to Yggdrasil*

War, a pandemic, climate change, inflation, political fights... and also loneliness, the unhinged power of social media: no wonder young people feel alienated and hopeless sometimes!

But there is help on the way!

Young performers from Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway are sharing their thoughts about the future in a heartwarming performance where the gods of Nordic mythology meet people from today.

Asking the ultimate question:

Oh My Gods: How shall we survive as human beings in the future?

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Actors: Sweden (6+1), Finland (6+1), Denmark (3)

Actors:

FIN

Anna Lukas Neea Nella Remi Saana

SWE

DEN

Roles

GODS

- Ran Svensk?
- Uller Svensk?
- Thor Dansk?
- Loke Dansk?
- Odin Lukas
- Frigga Anna
- Forseti Svensk?
- Bragi Svensk?

HUMANS (in Test scenes)

- Appr. 7 human roles

HUMAN SPIRITS / VALKYRIES

- 7 dancers: "Hope, Freedom, Happiness, Love, Peace, Ambition, Inclusion"

*The performance takes place in Asgård: (The Ocean/shore, Tinget (Alltinget)), The world of today, The future?*

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Set/stage: 4 scenes: The ocean (dreamlike), Alltinget

Props: A tree (Yggdrasil), modern stuff,

Sound/music: On tape and live singing and music

Lights:

Costumes:

- Gods:
- Humans:
- Dancers:

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Running time: Appr. 45 mins.

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Artistic Director/programme Responsible: Morten Hagevik

Script and director: Marko Kokko

Dialogue instructor: Tinna x  
Choreographer: Karine Leonardsen  
Music: Micke x and Jorge  
Set:  
Costumes: Porsgrunn kulturskole, Lerums Gymnasium, Vekarateatteri  
Lights:  
Sound:

Musicians from Göteborgs alternative orchestra

## OMG's

Music: Once upon a time?

(Blackout, slowly the light goes up, dancers on stage, dream sequence )

The ocean swells, there is seaweed, fish, waves. From amidst all there rises a figure of a woman, RAN.

Dancers start on floor and are slowly moving up in different positions. Dancers are standing in freeze-positions. 0.00-3.50 in this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrCljJs-v5Y>

Ran

Odin sover. Thor sover. Asar och vaner har blivit förgetna i sin värld medan människan förstör sin egen, Midgård, som Odin byggde av Ymirs kött och ben. Men havet förgets ej, havet förgeter icke, och Ran sover aldrig!

*The ocean swells again, this time devouring the whole stage. When the stage reappears , we are at Odin's palace. Atmosphere resembles that of Sleeping Beauty's castle: everything seems forlorn and forgotten. Thor comes in.*

Dancers are moving across scene and out. 3.50-5.50 in this video

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Music: Creatures of Porsgrunn?

Thor

Odin Allfather.

*Nothing happens.*

Thor

Odin, lord!

*A heap of fur trembles, then moves. Odin awakens.*

Odin

Thor? What is it?

Thor

You have a visitor, father.

Odin

Piss off.

Thor

No, it is true. Ran begs for your presence.

Odin

Oh, not her.

*Thor stays still and waits for Odin to give leave.*

Odin

Very well then. Show her in.

*Thor disappears. Odin looks around with his one remaining eye and is not pleased with his surroundings.*

Odin

Oh, how the mighty have fallen...

*Thor reappears, with Ran in tow.*

Thor

Ran, god of sea, destroyer of...

Odin

Yes, yes, on with it.

Ran

Odin, Allfather...

Odin

I know! What is it that you want?

Ran

I demand a ting.

*Odin seems confused.*

Ran

A moot of all the gods.

Odin

Oh, right. Why?

Ran

Midgård is falling apart!

Odin

What? Ragnarök has begun? Where's my armour?!

Ran

No! No no no! Humans are destroying Midgård from within, lord!

Odin

Oh? That's a shame. I could've used a good fight.

Ran

The ting, my lord?

Odin

Do you have any idea how much that costs? To invite all the gods, fix a feast, all that venison and thousands of gallons of mead?

Ran

It concerns the future of us all!

Odin

Right, right, very well. Why do you always need to be so bloody dramatic?

Ran

I am Ran, I am the sea, destroyer of ships, devourer of...

Odin

I know, I know, don't bother. You'll get your ting.

Ran

Thank you, Allfather!

Odin

Thor, you know what to do.

Thor

Yes, lord.

*Thor and Ran leave Odin alone in his hall.*

Odin

Fucking nuisance.

(Something happening on Earth?)

## **Tinget**

*Back in Odin's hall. The gods have assembled. Ran stands in the middle, Odin's throne is on an elevated platform with Thor sitting on one end and Loki on the other of the stairs leading to the throne. Ran has just come to the end of her rather long speech regarding the situation at hand.*

Music to set the atmosphere "Det var en gang" made by Micke. Some dance in the beginning

(around 2 minutes) before the actors starts. Something from the whorkshop in Lerum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4NDaMZveTY>

Ran

...and so, father, my brothers and sisters, we are at a crossroads: something must be done when there still is something left alive in Midgård.

Odin

Thank you, Ran. Even though this is the first meeting of the gods of Asgård in nearly a thousand years, I did not realize the opening words would have to take longer than all the past tings combined...

Uller

Odin Enöga! I, Uller, god of winter, also see the consequences of human action! Something must be done!

Odin

Must be done? Maybe you sat on my throne too long in my absence all those years ago Uller, but I assure you, I am the king of Asgård and I and only I shall say, if something has to be done!

Frigga

What the humans lack is love.

Odin

Really?

Forseti

A good point!

Frigga



Yes. It is obvious. What you love, you can not destroy.

Odin

I'm sure there are different views on that.

Forseti

Well, obviously.

Bragi

No, surely that is true! And what could share and create more love than art!

Forseti

Indeed! A very keen perception!

Loki

Well done, Bragi, well done! You and your art seem to be the cure for everything!

Odin

Loki, my son. Do you have a suggestion?

Loki

Well, dad... I think that since the humans created the problem, they should deal with it as well.

Forseti

Well spoken!

Thor

Much good that has done so far! I say we make a new start of it! We'll redistribute all wealth

equally, so that everybody will be content with what they have!

Forseti

Such a mature statement!

Uller

No! What must be done is to take away everything the human kind has received from us! Surely, since they are so clever, they can cope with a new stone age!

Forseti

Truly so! No more pollution!

Frigga

Love!

Bragi

Art!

Loki

Boring!

Uller

Stone age!

Forseti

Let's not fight!

*Pandemonium.*

Odin

Silence!

*The gods quiet down eventually.*

Odin

This is not the first time humankind has rioted against our will.

Forseti

True! Odin Allfather speaks true!

Odin

Shut up, Forseti.

Forseti

Yes, yes, definitely.

Odin

Last time we simply destroyed them all and begun anew and I think it went rather well.

*Gods carefully agree.*

Bragi

Hold on, now! Isn't that a bit rash? I mean, kill all?

Uller

Just the humans.

Bragi

But there will be no one left to worship us! No humans, no gods!

Thor

There's plenty of other lifeforms, that could do the trick.

Loki

We could have another go with lizards, they were fun.

Frigga

How about monkeys? They are cute.

Uller

As long as we don't let them evolve again to extremes.

Bragi

Are you listening to yourselves? We are talking about billions of people here!

Odin

Billions? Are they so many already? They breed like locusts, don't they?

Bragi

That's not the point! They don't deserve to die!

Loki

How do you know what they deserve? When have you last seen humans and what they are up to?

Ran

I have seen! I know! They must be destroyed!

Bragi

Lord! Odin! You cannot bring judgment on humans without seeing them for yourself!

Odin

Oh bother.

Thor

May I suggest we test the humans?

Odin

Test them?

Frigga

Yes! Test them! Can they still feel love for anybody but themselves?!

Uller

Can they still appreciate nature as itself and not only as a resource?!

Bragi

Do not humans still understand music, poetry, beauty?

Thor

Do not humans still stand united, brave, against adversity and oppression?

Ran

Does not the endless sea still inflict terror and awe in humans?

*A short, confused silence.*

Ran

I like awe.

Odin

Right. Very well. We shall test the humankind and then decide their fate. Thor. I leave the details to you.

Thor

My lord, consider it done.

Odin

I do.

*Darkness.*

Dance of the Valkyries. Using big wings. Need some new music. Maybe start soft and then a little bit warrior-style. Will make the dance in Copenhagen

All the dancers have made solos inspired by one god. Could use small parts in the tests.

A test of love

Gods involved: Frigga and Odin

Two short solodances inspired by the gods Frøya and Frøy. Dances by Emilie and Maria.

A test of nature values

Two short solodances inspired by the gods Skade and Ran. Danced by Ronja and Sunniva.

Gods involved: Uller and Ran

No! Not the squirrels!

Oh, more trash. I guess it would be an asshole thing to just leave it there.

It's a shame. I really wanted to kill them.

A test of art and beauty (orkesteret!)

Gods involved: Bragi and Forseti

One short solo dance inspired by the god Hel. Danced by Ruby.

Is the bottle situated in an art gallery?

I had a bottle once. And, you know, that reminds me of those times. And it had my favourite juice. And then my friend spilled the juice. It was like me life was in that bottle.

...and so ends the lesson of the day.

A test of bravery and cooperation

Gods involved: Thor and Loke

Two short solodances inspired by the gods Balder and Loke. Danced by Mina and Julia.

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Last scene: gods agree, that human kind still has hope and can, in co-operation, fight the challenges of the era.

*Morten and Jorge: But possible the ending shouldn't be happy-happy ending?*

Could also be some dance in the end. Dont have anything yet.

*Back in Asgârd. Gods seem surprised and silent. Humans, who have been invited in, are also speechless, but for different reasons.*

Forseti

Well who would have thought.

Ran

I still think we should have tested aweness.

Odin

Never mind that. So, humans, you have proved to be true and just, and so must we be: we shall not destroy you.

Human

Destroy? What?

Bragi

Oh. I'll explain all that later.

Odin

The situation into which you have driven yourself and the world is dire, but not without hope. In young people we see the change mankind needs in order to survive.

Thor

That's really poetic, even for your standards.

Bragi

Maybe there is hope for us all!



Loki

Oh, gods. I feel a song coming.

*And so there is song and dance!*

The end