SUBMISSION of a PERFORMANCE PAPER

THEME
This presentation can be presented within either of the two proposed themes.

TITLE of PRESENTATION
Madness and The Bastard in Motion:
Learning /Teaching through Performance Studies

SUMMARY/ABSTRACT
This paper performs a dialogue/an encounter between Madness (or the false mad
Demidamia from the opera La Finta Pazza performed in Venice in 1641) and the Bastard (the
illegitimate love child of arts, performance and education). Entangled they move through
time, talking, confronting, shaping and diffracting a non-existing form. Their method is
about diffracting every inch of their journey. Meeting obstacles, facing resistance,
walking into bubbles of flair and comfort, stepping into dilemmas and borderlands.
Continuously asking themselves: What happens in the microscopic moment? When
no/thing could even be imagined. On their way they challenge both time and existence.
Learning through teaching through learning. Their journey is an ornamenting becoming in
itself. It is an example of mattering as in meaning-making and knowledge processing, based
on a performance of the indeterminable and affinity. The outcome is the performative
encounter in itself – a potential model for teaching and learning in higher arts education.

STRUCTURE of PRESENTATION
a performance paper
(a 20 min. performance incl. talking, singing, images, sound and all what madness and
bastardification possibly can imagine)

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