

Avignon 2025: 13 reasons to still love the theatre

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Until July 26, Avignon invites theater lovers to a rendezvous. As every year, the choice is dizzying: no fewer than 1,724 shows are scheduled in the Off, spread across the city's 139 theaters, and some forty offerings make up the official selection of the In. Only spending a short time in the city of the Popes? The editorial team at L'Éclaireur offers you a concise but inspired itinerary: three plays from the In not to be missed, and ten offerings spotted in the Off, to create a rich, poetic, and intelligent journey—between major names, bold revelations, and moments of grace.

The Off of the Avignon Festival

6 *Negative Space*

Six actors in dusty costumes bring to the stage the violence of confinement and the new interactions that result. What do you do in a closed and unfamiliar space? What are the rules? Are rules necessary? The artists of this British company fall from walls, open trapdoors, demolish partitions. In this toolbox, we discover ourselves, we throw ourselves in, we find ourselves. We also sigh. We push back nothingness, we listen to the silence of the walls. And we deconstruct. Postures change according to others, feelings burst forth. All in silence. A delightful, funny, contemplative, and existential visual tableau. *Negative Space* is an experience that reminds us of the power of the collective and of bodies in motion. For those who prefer physicality and the senses to banal communication, let yourself be carried away! And for the others, let yourself be guided by the absurd.

Negative Space , La Manufacture until July 16, at 10:10 a.m., 1:50 a.m.



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