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Ethereal vulnerability paired with a love for contemporary jazz & Latin groove, MANA's music holds a euphoric balance of strength and fragility. Known for her powerful stage presence and emotionally driven performances, she often uses her background in theatre to create otherworldly stage design and storytelling, immersing audiences in wonder. Her compositions are performed by constellations of virtuosic jazz musicians in different places in the world, always connecting and representing music from the Global South.

With a mixed heritage of Peruvian and South African parents, MANA grew up in the politically tense post-apartheid South Africa. Themes around her identity, positionality and hybridity are embedded in her work as an artist. Her lyricism often looks to natural principles as teachers to navigate who we are, how we love and why we hurt on earth.

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