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Secrets

AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

Muziektheater Transparant/Claron McFadden, Belgium



Photo: Marco Mertens

"McFadden is both storyteller and singer... the music interweaves perfectly with her clear speaking voice. With her subtle poise she finds the right expression for each song and to lead us through this secret world."

De Standaard

"an experience to be remembered"

Australian Stage (on Muziektheater Transparant's *Ruhe* at Sydney Festival)

Can you keep a secret? Drawing from the anonymous true confessions entrusted to the performers by past audiences around the globe, *Secrets* is an intimate jazz theatre show about all the things we would prefer to keep hush-hush – matters and moments so private they were just begging to be set to music and sung to a room of strangers.

Airing and sharing these juicy tidbits is American soprano **Claron McFadden**, with the support of experimental accordion-brass-cello jazz trio **Michel Massot, Tuur Florizoone** and **Marine Horbaczewski** from **Muziektheater Transparant**.

Together they have created a musical production based on large and small, anecdotal or intimate secrets collected from the public. The result is personal and intense. The makers respectfully give a voice to anonymous accounts entrusted to them and link them together to form a musical story.

The versatile Claron McFadden - graduate of the Eastman School of Music and winner of the 2006 Amsterdam Prize for the Arts, sings many of the major oratorio works but is perhaps best known for her readings of modern and contemporary music.

The Massot - Florizoone - Horbaczewski trio has been exploring the boundaries between chamber music, jazz and improvisation for many years now. Muziektheater Transparant aims to be an international point of reference for the contemporary musical theatre. By setting up a dialogue between artists from different fields, Muziektheater Transparant creates projects with artistic and social relevance and presents these before a wide audience.

Secrets is sure to be a revelation. Just quietly.

Where The Famous Spiegel tent, Meriton Festival Village

When 8 - 10 January at 5.45pm

Duration 60 minutes

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