

# Experimental Experience presents the UK Tour of Sex Worker's Opera

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 Press Night: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, Ovalhouse

## What do you think of when you hear the words 'Stripper', 'Escort', 'Pornstar'?

Originally devised in 2014, the award-winning *Sex Worker's Opera* will tour the UK for the first time this autumn following a multitude of sell-out performances around the UK, Ireland and Greece. Comprised of 50% Sex Workers, this provocative show gives platform for sex workers - tired of being spoken for - to finally tell their own stories on their own terms.

Smashing together genres, *Sex Worker's Opera* collides opera with hip-hop and incorporates sound art, projections and poetry to showcase an unflinchingly honest and upliftingly human insight into the lives of Sex Workers around the world.

Experimental Experience provides a platform to tell the unheard stories of Sex Workers from 17 countries across five continents, exploring a street worker giving marital advice, a webcam model and her ventriloquist dummy and a daughter making career choices in a male-dominated world.

Co-Director, Siobhan Knox, comments, Everyone has an opinion about sex work, even if it's a joke or something they've heard on TV. Art and the media portray sex work in a very one dimensional way, it is either extremely glamorous or extremely tragic, and one of the messages of the show is that sex work is human, it is not good or bad it's just complex.

Cast member (anonymous), comments, It has given me the chance to explore my happiness in my career as a sex worker, to heal all my pain, to make poetry with my life.

Slaps tropes round the face with a PVC glove (Time Out)

What every great opera should do. (Royal Opera House)

#### **Notes to Editors**

Title Sex Worker's Opera

Running time 2 hours

Twitter @SexWorkersOpera

Website <a href="https://www.sexworkersopera.com/tickets">https://www.sexworkersopera.com/tickets</a>

Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/sexworkersopera</u>

Age recommendation 16+

Co- Directors Siobhan Knox, Clare Quinn and Alex Etchart

#### **Tour Dates**

4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November Mumford Theatre

Anglia Ruskin University, East Rd, Cambridge CB1 1PT

01223 352932

www.anglia.ac.uk/arts-law-and-social-sciences/mumford-

theatre/sex-workers-opera-4nov

Tickets: £12.50 (£10.50 concessions, £8.50 student).

Further discounts apply for Angelia Ruskin students and staff.

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November Theatre Delicatessen

202 Eyre Street, S1 4QZ

0114 278 6500

www.theatredelicatessen.co.uk/about/the-moor-sheffield/

Tickets: £14/10

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November Tropicana

Marine Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1BE

0117 902 0344

www.tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/sex-workers-opera/

Tickets: £14/10

22<sup>nd</sup> November – 2 December Ovalhouse

2-54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW

020 7582 7680

http://www.ovalhouse.com/whatson/detail/the-sex-workers-opera

Tickets: £15/10 (Under 26 - £9)

### **Experimental Experience**

Since 2011 Experimental Experience has run multi-arts workshops providing a platform for marginalised communities to tell their own stories in their own words and on their own terms.

Experimental Experience has collaborated with a variety of pioneering artists such as Rubyyy Jones, Roddy Skeaping, Pat Cash, and Pete the Temp, and curated events across the UK and in Denmark, Greece and Singapore.

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