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MALTHOUSE THEATRE PRESENTS

SAPPHO... IN 9 FRAGMENTS

BECKETT THEATRE

JULY 30 – AUGUST 21

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY JANE MONTGOMERY GRIFFITHS

STAGING BY MARION POTTS

SET & COSTUME DESIGNER ANNA CORDINGLEY

LIGHTING DESIGNER PAUL JACKSON

COMPOSER AND SOUND DESIGNER DARRIN VERHAGEN

DRAMATURGE MARYANNE LYNCH

"No chiton, no sheets and safety pins, no Greek stuff here. That's not what this is about. This is about her... This is about me... This is about filling in the gaps..."

Sappho is the world's first love poet, much fêted in her own time, and her poetry and biography has beguiled every generation since. But as over 2700 years pass, history rives elements of Sappho apart, creating only a void to be filled with the lusts and desires of one era after another.

Witty, moving and deeply sensual, *Sappho... in 9 fragments* reclaims the legacy of the tenth muse of the ancient Greeks from dusty books. The fragments of Sappho's poems that have been scattered through time are now weaved together with contemporary heartbreak in a lyrical love story that stretches through millennia. *Sappho... in 9 fragments* teases us with her wit, her outrage and the bewitching magic of Sappho's poetry.

When first performed by writer/performer **Jane Montgomery Griffiths** (*King Lear*, Bell Shakespeare) at The Stork Theatre in 2007, *Sappho... in 9 fragments* was a sell-out hit. Now, continuing Malthouse Theatre's dedication to re-presenting the bravest and boldest of new theatrical voices of Melbourne's independent scene, this new staging by **Marion Potts** (*Venus and Adonis*) is a lush excursion into the annals of desire that will stoke the heart's fires while ravishing the mind's eye.

"A WONDERFUL SHOW AND A QUITE EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE ...IF THERE IS ONE THING YOU DO TODAY, GO AND SEE *SAPPHO* ..." PETER CRAVEN, THE HELEN RAZER SHOW, ABC RADIO 774.

"DELIVERED WITH PERFECTLY POISED SATIRE ... A VERY ILLUMINATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE - OR MORE PRECISELY THE LEGACY - OF THIS MOST FASCINATING WRITER." THE AGE

"BRILLIANTLY ERUDITE...A BRILLIANT MODERNISATION...
THEATRICALY SATISFYING AND MOVING." THE HERALD SUN.



SEASON INFO

VENUE: BECKETT THEATRE, THE CUB MALTHOUSE, 113 STURT STREET SOUTHBANK VIC AUSTRALIA 3006

OPENING NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST AT 7PM

SEASON: 30 JULY – 21 AUGUST. TUESDAYS AT 6.30PM. WEDNESDAYS – SATURDAYS AT 7PM. SUNDAYS AT 5.30PM. MATINEES: SATURDAY 14 AUGUST AT 2PM, THURSDAY 19 AUGUST AT 1PM

BOOKING INFO: WWW.MALTHOUSETHEATRE.COM.AU / 03 9685 5111

TICKET PRICES: \$23 – \$49 + MIN BOOKING FEE \$1.50

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