

## **“Pretty Women” Press Release** (308 words)

In „Pretty Women“ two actresses and a pianist on an empty stage create a moving account of the hopes, doubts, perceptions and insights that contribute to a woman’s self-understanding. They ponder, rejoice, complain or comment in dramatized dialogues interspersed with a pertinent selection of 20<sup>th</sup> century theater songs by renowned musical composers and lyricists. The experiences of girlhood and love that unfold in the first act are followed in the second act by mixed feelings about the implications of married life and motherhood. In the course of events the occasional appearance of a fairy tale figure such as Cinderella or Red Riding Hood offers a surprising and illuminating perspective on the question at hand. Alternately contemplative, ironic, dramatic and witty “Pretty Women” gives a compelling voice to the everyday experiences of women in our times.

The international ensemble of Les Arts Scéniques consolidates performing talent with professional competence. Actress and singer Martina Rick is a graduate of the Swiss Musical Academy, Bern and the Complete Vocal Institute, Copenhagen. California born performer Madeline Del Real trained at the American Music and Dramatic Academy in New York, and the London Academy of Theatre and Music. Concert pianist, Brigitte Subkov, born in St. Petersburg, studied at the Royal College of Music in London, and finished her study on scholarship at the Hochschule für Musik, Basel. Director Cary Rick trained as a dancer at the Academy for Music and the Performing Arts in Vienna, and the Mary Wigman Studio Berlin, before embarking on an international career touring his one man show throughout Europe and the USA and North Africa. He assisted celebrated director, Erwin Piscator, at the Freie Volksbühne Berlin, directed productions in America, France, Germany and Italy has been a visiting professor in the theatre arts divisions of universities in the USA and Germany.

„Pretty Women“ will premiere in January, 2018.

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