

La Mama Theatre presents

## **CLARA**

Written and performed by Elena Mazzon

"Sex, Love and Classical Music"

**Clara** is the story of a feminist icon and ground-breaking classical composer, Clara Schumann.

No, not Robert Schumann- Clara Schumann!

This one-woman show - written and performed by Italian actress <u>Elena Mazzon</u>, directed by <u>Catriona Kerridge</u> and with the musical direction of <u>Stefania Passamonte</u> - might be set in the past, but it tackles issues that are relevant and topical with irony and sensitivity, and poses questions we still, haven't answered in the 21st Century.

Fusing words, music, irony and poignant encounters, Elena Mazzon explores the story of this fascinating and controversial woman, delving into her life and relationships as she gets ready for a date with none other than the famous Johannes Brahms.

In 2019, to celebrate Clara Schumann's Bicentenary, Elena adapted *Clara* to a radio-play version in collaboration with pia-nist Stefania Passamonte and *The Voice Zone*. The Album was long listed to compete at the 61st Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word Album.

'Remarkable and elegant through and through. A complete artistic endeavour.' – (five stars) Live London Post

'An utterly compelling and psychologically convincing portrait of the young Clara.'- (four stars) London Theatre1

'Superbly realised, evocatively written, and beautifully performed drama altogether. A triumph.'– (four stars) London Theatre Reviews

'An evening of grace, humor, revelation, deeply and thoughtfully wrought and beautifully written.' – **Noho Arts District, Los Angeles** 



Image by XL Films - Justin "Juice Black"

Elena Mazzon says about the show: "I was fascinated by how modern and yet deeply rooted in her times Clara was. A wom-an of extraordinary talent, who still doubted herself and her value as an artist and as a woman, hugely influenced by the men in her life but also capable of making strong choices in a society that relegated women to a subordinate role. I believe it's time for Clara's story to be heard, in words and through her passionate music."

SEASON 18th - 23rd February 2020 TIME Tue (preview) 6.30pm Wed - Fri 7.30pm

Sat 2pm & 7.30pm

Sun 4pm 60 mins (approx)

**DURATION** 60 mins (approx) **VENUE** La Mama Courthouse

349 Drummond Street, Carlton \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession

TICKETS \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession
BOOKINGS 03 9347 6948 or www.lamama.com.au

Link to show trailer: https://vimeo.com/284629127

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