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## MICAELA LEON: KABARETT BERLIN

C+2, Chambers St (Venue 34). 5<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 (Not 17<sup>th</sup>). 21:35.



**When Micaela Leon glides to the stage, the space magically transforms into a glamorous nightclub in Weimar-era Berlin.**

In her fascinating new show, Micaela Leon conjures, recreates, and pays homage to eight legendary women from that fascinating German renaissance in-between the wars. Leon immerses her audience in Weimar history and culture, both artistic and political. She narrates stories of the actresses, singers, writers and revolutionaries who became the icons of their various fields, and balances narration with songs that these women made famous.

By performing in both German and English (often alternating verses), she lets the audience experience not only what the songs sounded like, but also what they felt like. Raw emotion transcends language, and the songs, whether joyously sensual or bitterly angry, are immediately understandable.

Friedrich Hollander's "Sexappeal" pays homage to Marlene Dietrich, Mischa Spoliansky's "I Am a Vamp" represents legendary sex symbol Anita Berber, and the flirty "The Smart Set" represents It-Girl Ruth Landshoff. And on the political side is the smartly caustic "Supply and Demand" by Hanns Eisler & Bertolt Brecht.

Musical director and pianist Paul Trueblood, in his extensive career, has worked with a variety of performers including Marianne Faithfull, Michael Feinstein and Jose Ferrer, and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Radio City Music Hall. Paul is also Master Teacher at the annual International Cabaret Conference at Yale University.

Lina Koutrakos' deft direction nicely captures each emotional moment throughout the evening.

All in all, a fascinating journey through a fleeting moment in history that set the stage for the second half of the 20th Century. Best of all, the show can appeal to anyone with an interest in history, 20's music, or just a good old-fashioned nightclub act.

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Time: 21:35 (55 min).

Ticket prices:

Previews (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>), Mondays (not 10<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>) and Tuesdays: £ 9.50 (full) / £ 8.50 (conc).

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: £ 10.50 (full) / £ 9.50 (conc).

Weekend (and Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>): £ 11.50 (full) / £ 10.50 (conc).

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