



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2009

James Seabright for Festival Highlights and LMP present

THE WORLD'S WIFE

Adapted from the poems of Carol Ann Duffy
and performed by Linda Marlowe

Directed by Di Sherlock

Assembly Rooms, George Street (Fringe Venue 3)
6 - 31 August (not 12 or 19 August) 1.50pm - 3.00pm

Linda Marlowe returns to Edinburgh with a new solo show, premiering her new adaptation of newly appointed Poet Laureate **Carol Ann Duffy's** brilliant verse.

Duffy's acclaimed poems imagine the perspectives of the wives of famous men through the ages, whilst casting an astute glance over the modern world. Subversive, inventive and very funny, the verse cuts through boundaries between factual and fictional women to get under the skin of the women 'behind' great men, from Mrs. Faust and Frau Freud to Queen Kong and Mrs. Midas. The show features 18 poems from the collection that was first published in 1999.

Carol Ann Duffy is a multi-award winning poet, playwright and freelance writer. Her work has the rare virtue of both being both literary and accessible. As a result, it is popularly read and enjoyed whilst also featuring regularly on syllabuses and being critically and academically acclaimed. Duffy is one of Britain's most loved and successful contemporary poets.

Linda Marlowe has enjoyed widespread acclaim for her previous solo work, including *Berkoff's Women*, which toured internationally and played West End seasons. In this new show, her virtuoso performance style is potently combined with Duffy's dark humour and acerbic wit. An award-winning actor and director, she worked with Steven Berkoff over a 25-year period, playing leading ladies in his productions all over the world. This led her to perform her first solo show, *Berkoff's Women*, for which she one the Whatsonstage Theatregoer's Choice Award for Best Actress. She has since performed her own work in the West End, on tour and internationally whilst enjoying many roles on stage and screen and directing award-winning work.

Director **Di Sherlock** was a founder member of The David Glass Ensemble. Work includes touring, repertory and West End theatre, site-specific and multimedia performance, film and TV (including three years on Carlton's *Crossroads*). She was last seen in Edinburgh in 2005, performing in La Cubana's *Nuts Coconuts* as part of the Edinburgh International Festival.

LISTINGS INFORMATION - The World's Wife

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£5 preview 6 August. Otherwise £11 - £12 (concessions £1 off)

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Age Guidance: 14+

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