Hebridean Treasure: Lost & Found

In song, dance and narrative, the inspiring story of a people’s soul. Internationally acclaimed writer, John Philip Newell, works with some of the most talented young artists of Scotland to tell the story of an enchanted Hebridean world that was lost but is being found again in a new sense of earth’s sacredness. This is a story of beauty, pathos, and hope. The composer and Gaelic singer Mischa Macpherson weaves her spell of ancient and new sound around the equally compelling performance of the beautiful dancer Kirsten Newell under the imaginative artistic direction of Shane Shambhu, achieving what has never been attempted before, a memory of the forgotten influence of India on the Celtic soul.

The project’s initial inspiration came from Oscar winning actress Frances McDormand. In 2015 Newell experienced McDormand’s ‘Early Shaker Spirituals’ in Los Angeles, a live-stage production that simply and beautifully told the story of the American Shaker spiritual tradition through song and dance. Newell came away from the performance inspired. Back in Edinburgh he immediately began to write a script that tells the story of the Celtic spiritual tradition in the Hebrides of Scotland through song, dance and music. And he dreamt of collaborating on this with young Scottish artists, to convey both the richness of the tradition in its awareness of the earth and also its decimation in the Highland Clearances of the 19th century when thousands of crofting families in the Highlands and Islands were torn from their ancestral lands. In the retelling of a Scottish tragedy, Newell invites awareness of the universal story of the displacement of native peoples throughout the world and the consequent loss of ancient wisdom. Hebridean Treasure moves through tragedy to portray with hope the recovery of spiritual vision for the ecological crises of today.

Full cast:
John Philip Newell - Script & Narrations
Shane Shambhu - Choreography & Artistic Direction
Mischa Macpherson - Music Direction & Vocals
Kirsten Newell - Dance
Alistair Iain Paterson - Harmonium
Charlie Stewart - Fiddle, Double Bass
Anna Arockiam - Vocals
Hardeep Deerhe - Tabla
Alison Newell - Narrations
Iain Louden - Narrations

Listings Information
Venue: Scottish Storytelling Centre
43-45 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1SR
Date: March 1st 2019/ Time: 7:30pm
Tickets: £12 General Admission (£10 Concessions)

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