



Sylvia's Quest

July 11th-September 23rd 2012



Sylvia's Quest invites you to follow a Bulgarian archaeologist on her thrilling quest through your city's labyrinth, as you take to the streets on headphones.

It is the story of Sylvia Sylvana, a young Bulgarian archaeologist who works as a cleaner in your city, who hasn't been paid for weeks, and who must find her way home tonight. Sylvia shares her multiple worlds with you, her new friend, as she guides you through her labyrinth of secret streets and time portals - inviting you to dance with her ghosts, to taste black bread, sweets and gherkins, and to time travel back to Ancient Thrace tonight.

Sylvia's Quest uses cutting edge radio technology, which empowers you to listen to the sounds, voices and worlds which only Sylvia can usually see and hear on your headphones, as you follow Sylvia through her labyrinth. This exciting technology has never been used in Irish theatre before, and it is why *Sylvia's Quest* is premiering at the Dublin European City of Science Festival.

Wonderland are renowned for their popular site-specific shows, such as their ongoing audio walking tour of James Joyce's *Dubliners* at the James Joyce Centre, their hit dinner theatre productions of Goldoni's classic Italian comedy *La Locandiera* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, and earlier period house stagings of *The Miser* and *The Hostage*.

★★★★★ "Quite simply superb! Witty, wonderful, Wonderland... the most promising company since the debut years of Rough Magic ... Without any risk of overstatement, Wonderland Productions is a company that is really going places"

The Irish Times on Wonderland's body of work.

Running time 85 minutes. Please dress for the Irish weather! Sylvia will quest rain or shine with yellow umbrellas!

Feedback from previous Work in Progress showings of Sylvia's Quest.

'Beautiful, Sylvia's story brought tears to my eyes - this is how my life as a Slovakian worker has often felt in Dublin, invisible.'

'Incredibly immersive and impressive...I felt like a part of the show and wondered as even the people in the streets became a part of things for me.'

'I loved the subtle sound as it combined with the sound of my shoes, and being shown parts of Temple Bar that I wouldn't have discovered for myself.'

Conceived, written and directed by Alice Coghlan, Sound by Tommy Foster, Costume by Maria Tapper. Starring Elitsa Dimova as Sylvia and Anne Marie O'Donovan as the Prophetess and Homeless Hazel. Devised by Alice Coghlan in collaboration with Mirijana Rendulič, Anne Marie O'Donovan, Elitsa Dimova, Emily Elphinstone and Claire Jenkins. Featuring the voices of Anne Marie O'Donovan, Damien Devaney and Elitsa Dimova.

www.wonderlandtheatre.com

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**Dublin European City of Science
Temple Bar, Dublin 2.**

Wednesday 11th July-Friday 31st August

Low price previews 7th, 9th and 10th July.

Nightly at 7pm, also at 3pm Sats & Suns. No show Mons.

Tickets €17/€15 concession.

www.entertainment.ie

Phizzfest

Phibsborough Community Arts Festival, Dublin 7.

Saturday 1st- Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm

www.phizzfest.ie

Saturday September 8th-Friday September 14th

Newbridge 200 Festival

At 3pm 8th-9th September, at 7pm 10th-14th September.

Riverbank Arts Centre

Box Office: 045 448330

www.riverbank.ie

Mermaid Arts Centre, Bray.

Friday September 21st –Sunday September 23rd.

At 3pm Friday-Sunday. Also at 6pm Saturday and Sunday.

Box Office: 01 2724030

www.mermaidartscentre.ie