

HANG ON TIGHT TO YOUR HANKIES

Brisbane Powerhouse presents

Ursula Martinez : My Stories Your Emails

Ursula Martinez has written some true stories. Some strangers have sent her unbelievable emails. Combining spoken word, live art, character comedy and stand up, Ursula invites you to meet the ordinary and extraordinary characters in her life – and her inbox – when she brings her one woman show, *My Stories Your Emails*, to Brisbane Powerhouse from **Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 November**.

Originally commissioned by London's *BarbicanBite10* and Manchester's *Queer Up North International Festival*, Ursula's show, *My Stories Your Emails*, is an hysterical and uncompromising portrait of herself and an investigation into identity, relationships, confession, obsession, miscommunication, the internet, fame, sex, loneliness... and political incorrectness.

From her first jaw-locking performance at Manchester's *Queer Up North*, ten years ago, she has gone on to perform regularly at the Barbican and, closer to home, as legendary guest for *The Burlesque Hour*.

Now an established international artist, regularly supported by the British Council, Martinez continues to produce live performance, both solo and collaborative, for theatre, cabaret, site-specific, installations and nightclubs.

Martinez is an original cast member of contemporary circus/cabaret phenomena, the Olivier Award-winning *La Clique*. She is also an associate artist with iconoclastic performance provocateurs, *Duckie*, with whom she created the smash hit Olivier Award-winning show '*C'est Duckie*'.

Martinez has also made several short films including *Oh Baby!* (1997 Dick Award runner-up) and *Venkel's Syndrome*, which premiered at the *Berlin International Film Festival* and won the Silver Spike Award at the 2001 *Valladolid International Film Festival*.

But aside from all of this, Martinez is probably most well known for the internet phenomena that is her magic striptease act 'Hanky Panky' - the naughtiest version of 'now you see it, now you don't' you'll ever see.

For more information call 07 3358 8600 or go to brisbanepowerhouse.org

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Date	Tue 16 – Sat 20 Nov 2010
Time	8pm
Venue	Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets	All Tickets \$32
Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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