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INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL

Stratford, ON | July 31 - August 4, 2025

HYMN TO LOVE

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Yael Rasooly

Character Puppetry,
1920-1950s Live Music,
Restaurant

SYNOPSIS



Journey back in time with the world-class cabaret stylings of **Yael Rasooly**. Fresh from playing Don't Tell Mama Cabaret and Neue Galerie in Manhattan and venues across Europe, Hymn to Love showcases the sparkling music of the 1920s through 1950s, with guest artist appearance of that most iconic chanteuse, Edith Piaf, herself.

According to AFTONBLADET Culture in Stockholm, Sweden, "When the Piaf puppet sings, the room becomes one heart". Hosted at the wonderful Revival House restaurant, you can enjoy a luscious meal or sip on favourites as you are transported to another era.

Yael Rasooly

yael-rasooly.com

Born in 1983 in Jerusalem, Israel, Yael was trained primarily as a classical singer and went on to study theatre design in London. She began developing her unique theatrical language at the School of Visual Theatre in Jerusalem, where she specialized in directing, puppetry and design, and graduated with excellence.

Since 2006, Yael has been creating independent theatre works and performs at leading international festivals throughout Europe, the United States, South America and the Far East. Yael's theatrical language is based on a multidisciplinary approach, combining different forms of theatre, puppetry, visual art and music.



Alongside her theatrical work, Yael has an INTERNATIONAL SINGING CAREER. Her varied repertoire ranges from medieval and classical music to jazz, from small intimate performances to audiences reaching thousands.



Tom Leighton

MUSICIAN, CONDUCTOR,
COMPOSER, ARRANGER

TomLeighton.info

Multi-instrumentalist: Tom plays piano, accordion, accordion bass, bouzouki, bodhran, whistles, jaw harps, - sometimes several of them at the same time! He plays in many styles including Celtic, East Coast, Rock and Swing.

Recording Artist: Tom has two solo instrumental albums "Leighton Tendencies" and "Leighton Life" that demonstrate his keen writing skills, and feature an eclectic mix of sweeping orchestral works, Celtic accordion rants and quirky Swing Jazz. He also has 3 CDs as half of the celebrated Canadian duo Haines and Leighton. "Foot to Floor", "Optimists Jig" and "Hand to Hand" (nominated for an East Coast Music Award). They have toured Canada, Britain and Sweden.

Accompanist: Tom also plays live gigs with such musical talents as Anne Lederman, Conrad Kipping, Marie Lynn Hammond, Rick Bauer and Ian Bell and has performed on over 60 recordings.

Orchestrator/Arranger/Conductor: Tom has written many arrangements for choirs, school stage band and even symphonies.

Musical Director on several productions with the Festival Players of Prince Edward County and has conducted the Riverdale Share Concert house band in Toronto for the past 18 years.

AWARDS & REVIEWS

Yael has performed this Cabaret with many wonderful musicians around the world



Also with acclaimed accordionist Magalnyk Iliya -
presenting together in many countries
[video link](#) provided