

VERA FLETCHER HALL

**A Monkey With Cymbals and Orange Girl Productions
present *A Double Bill***

The Masks of Aphra Behn written and performed by Claire Louise Amias and **Nell Gwyn: An Epilogue** written by Laura Ingram and performed by Lucy Formby

We are very excited to be welcoming this double-bill of one act plays.

The Masks of Aphra Behn premiered at the Women and War Festival 2016 in central London and following that success is now touring. A Monkey with Cymbals creates work that tells stories and seeks to engage and challenge our perceptions of the world around us. The play narrates the compelling tale of England's first professional female writer and her life as a spy for the King Charles II. It's 1677 and an audience getting ready to watch Aphra Behn's *The Rover* is in for a surprise. For the show has been cancelled and in its place Aphra herself recounts the extraordinary tale of her time as a spy during the Dutch Wars and how she became a writer. Complete with excerpts from Behn's letters, poetry and plays, this vivid and thought-provoking one-woman show brings one of the theatre's most brilliant raconteurs back to life.
www.amonkeywithcymbals.co.uk

★★★★ Remote Goat *"ingenious ... faultless ... thoroughly entertaining"*

★★★★ Female Arts *"you'll be hard pressed to find a show quite as original and enjoyable as this one."*

Written and performed by Claire Louise Amias Directed by Pradeep Jey

Nell Gwyn: An Epilogue *The darling strumpet of the crowd.* Nineteen year old Nell is celebrated for her comic acting but Charles Hart, her manager and former lover, keeps casting her in tragic roles in order to embarrass her in front of her new amour, Kings Charles II. So, aided by the audience in the Pit, she concocts a plan to win Hart round and consolidate her roles as both comedienne and king's courtesan. The play, written by Laura Ingram and performed by Lucy Formby, is about women's choices and power – but mainly just good old bawdy fun.
www.orangegirlproductions.co.uk Directed by Andrew Corelli Jones

★★★★ Mumble Theatre *"dynamite talent ... totally captivating"*

★★★★ Female Arts *'a delightful play which will whisk you to the 17th century [and] entertain you royally"*

DATE: FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2017

TIME: 7.30 PM

VENUE INFORMATION: Vera Fletcher Hall, 4 Embercourt Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL

TICKETS: £12.50

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