

Queen of Puddings Music Theatre



in association with the Young Centre for the Performing Arts  
presents the world premiere of



Nicola Betts

# Beauty Dissolves in a Brief Hour

July 29, 30 and 31, 2010 at 8 pm

Beauty Dissolves in a Brief Hour is a triptych comprised of three chamber operas commissioned from composers **Fuhong Shi**, **John Rea** and **Pierre Klanac**. Each opera is linked to the theme of love and the combination of voices and accordion creates a delicate and highly refined sound world.

The texts come from three different cultures and periods, and will be sung in Mandarin, English and French. The Mandarin poem is from the Tang Dynasty: *Spring, River, and Flowers on a Moonlit Night* by **Zhang Ruoxu**, the English translated text *Beauty Dissolves in a Brief Hour* by **Strozzi** and **Loredano**, and the French poem *Jeux à Vendre* by **Christine de Pisan**.

## *Singers*

KRISZTINA SZABÓ & XIN WANG

## *Accordion*

JOHN LETTIERI

## *Stage director*

RUTH MADOC-JONES

## *Music directors*

DÁIRINE NÍ MHEADHRA & JOHN HESS

## *Set & Costume designer*

MICHAEL GIANFRANCESCO

## *Lighting designer*

KIMBERLY PURTELL

## *Producer*

NATHALIE BONJOUR

## *Production Stage Manager*

JOANNA BARROTTA

Tank House Theatre,  
Young Centre for the Performing Arts  
Distillery Historic District, Toronto  
Tickets: [www.youngcentre.ca](http://www.youngcentre.ca) or 416.866.8666  
Ticket price: \$29; Rush tickets: \$20



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