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Souvenir

A Fantasia on the life of
Florence Foster Jenkins

by Stephen Temperley

STARRING

HELEN NOONAN & STEPHEN MCINTYRE

Directed by Peter J Adams

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In the world of vocal music, there are strange and beautiful things

In 1944 Florence Foster Jenkins stepped onto the world's leading concert platform, Carnegie Hall. The world has not stopped talking, indeed laughing, about that night. It doesn't matter that she couldn't sing – what matters is that she dared to dream.

Souvenir imagines events surrounding the poignant and funny true story of the musical career of Florence Foster Jenkins, a wealthy New York society eccentric of the 30's & 40's who suffered under the illusion that she was a great coloratura soprano – when in fact the opposite was true. Nevertheless her annual charity recitals at the Ritz-Carlton and performances at other venues brought her cult status, especially as news of her unfortunate singing spread, culminating in her legendary sold out concert at Carnegie Hall.

Helen Noonan (*Phantom of the Opera, La Traviata, Recital*), one of Australia's most accomplished leading ladies, is joined by internationally renowned pianist and musical director **Stephen McIntyre AM** as these two outstanding performers bring this incredible story to life on stage.

Hilarious, surprising and deeply moving, *Souvenir* is a remarkable journey through an extraordinary life.

"A surprisingly affecting comedy about a lady who became a legend" *New York Times*

"You'll laugh till you cry... there aren't many theatrical experiences as good as this" *Boston Globe*

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