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Silver Sircus To The Place That Is Home

Cabaret Noir experimentalists Silver Sircus come to The Butterfly Club to present their latest stage work, "To The Place That Is Home". Making a name for themselves in their hometown of Brisbane with multiple festival appearances, they combine loss, grief, death and despair with beauty, hope, wry comedy and high drama. Utilising piano, violin, torchsong vocals, drums and electronic loops, they create a spellbinding and compelling performance.

The project is built around the nucleus of songwriter, performer & vocalist Lucinda Shaw and composer & percussionist James Lees. From 1994-2002, they were key members of celebrated Brisbane band ISIS who released four CD's, toured Australia and regularly packed venues in Brisbane with their highly visual shows and special events. As a writer & performer, Lucinda has produced a series of stage works for La Boite Theatre's 'Shock Of The New', Metro Arts' 'Cab Sav' and the Magdalena Festival. As a musician, James has worked with many Brisbane bands as well as producing experimental cabaret & performance events. Together, they have produced performance & music for Brisbane Pride Festival & Brisbane Cabaret Festival and share a love of Tom Waits, Nick Cave, Bowie, Kate Bush, Lou Reed, David Lynch... all the flavours of the freaks and cultural outsiders of society.

In July 2008, Silver Sircus released their debut CD, a 4-Track EP entitled "Sovereignty". Following this, Silver Sircus quickly released their second CD "Dark Back Garden" which features one extended spoken word piece accompanied by tonal soundscapes and was launched at the 2008 QLD Poetry Festival.

The new show 'To The Place That Is Home', based on the band's forthcoming album, is highly focussed on storytelling, intense performances and an intimate exchange of emotion and feeling between ourselves and the audience.

The band will be performing in intimate 4-piece mode (drums/loops/piano/violin/vocals), focussing on most of the new album, a couple of left-field covers and revised versions of songs from the "Sovereignty" EP.

"As Silver Sircus began their performance the audience was drawn to the stage like moths to a flame. Five minutes in and lead singer, Lucinda Shaw, had already stolen the show." - LiveGuide, July 2011

"Their version of the Nick Cave/Ute Lemper murder ballad Little Water Song was a masterpiece of delivery." - Time Off, May 2010

"Theatrical, sinister & hopeful, the Sovereignty EP is brooding & lyrically brilliant." - Rave Magazine, August 2008

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E2SPwd3_kQ
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDMxncFc3xg&feature=related>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVbzx-WF8Ek&feature=related>

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VENUE
The Butterfly Club
204 Bank St
South Melbourne, Victoria 3205

DATES: 22-25 Sept
TIME: 7.00pm, Sun 6.00pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$22.00
Concession: \$19.00
Group: \$18.00

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