

PATCHWORK *en•chant*

“Live musical performance is defined by the ephemerality of the sound wave, as it travels through the atmosphere and then dissipates. Of even greater transience is video imagery, existing only in fleeting particles of light. In both the sonic and visual realms, we work in forms that have no physical embodiment - that exist for only an instant, then disappear.”

- Patchwork

en•chant is a touring concert production of sixty minutes in length for an enclosed theatre environment, in which Patchwork will interpret centuries-old English and Gaelic folk ballads, narrative songs containing imagery associated with magic and the supernatural, ballads set in an otherworld where birds speak, revenant ghosts have conversations with the living, charms are cast, and all manner of creatures are cast as shapeshifting protagonists.

The immateriality characteristic of sound and light will act as a metaphor for the transitory nature of the supernatural. In *en•chant* ancient ballads will be used as a medium to integrate voice, sound and light - to express notions of the wondrous

within a contemporary context, and to invite audiences to consider the extraordinary.

The two singers will be onstage using a single workstation with two laptops, one running Ableton Live to build audio accompaniment to the live vocals, and the other running Isadora to create realtime visuals. Sound designer/mixer Phil Strong will work from a position in the theatre house. The audio and video design components will each be signature elements, integrating closely with the live vocals.

Patchwork is a voice+electronics+visuals performance project featuring first cousins and longtime creative collaborators Mary Jane Lamond and Laurel MacDonald. Patchwork explores a point of convergence between folk song and visual imagery, and digital audio and video technology. Patchwork had its premier performance at Sound Symposium XVIII in St. John's, Newfoundland in 2016 and developed and toured the production *She Sings As She Flies* in 2017.

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