**Myrsini Margariti - Maria Papapetropoulou - Maria Panourgia**

***“J’ai des yeux à la place des oreilles”
La voix humaine by Francis Poulenc, based on Jean Cocteau's monologue***

**Little Theatre of Ancient Epidaurus**

**7 & 8 August, 21:30**

*“I’ve lived on you for five years,/ I spend my day waiting for you./ I think you’re dead when you are late,/ I die when I think of you as dead,/ I am revived when you come back,/ and then, when you are finally here,/ I die lest you leave…”*
One of the most heart-rending works ever composed about the end of romantic love and the despair of being left, Francis Poulenc’s one-act opera, based on Cocteau’s La voix humaine (The Human Voice), will be presented for the first time at the Little Theatre of Ancient Epidaurus, in a bold directorial concept by Maria Panourgia. Five dancers/actors, each shut up inside his or her own telephone box, round up a cast led by soprano Myrsini Margariti, as fellow travellers throughout the heroine’s anguish and dreams. The set design will reflect the heroine’s emotional roller-coaster to the sounds of Maria Papapetropoulou’s piano.

Francis Poulenc, who had a long friendship with Cocteau, composed a one-act opera based on the Human Voice, in which he manages to maintain the emotional intensity of the monologue, by choosing a smoother approach to the personal tragedy the heroine experiences. The opera is presented for the first time on the stage of the Little Theatre of Ancient Epidaurus, with a bold directorial conception by Maria Panourgia. Five dancers/actors, in separate telephone booths, frame the central heroine, played by the vocalist Myrsini Margariti, and drag us along into the vortex of her agony and dreams. The stage reflects all these psychological fluctuations, under the sound of Maria Papapetropoulou's piano.

With Greek and English surtitles

Artists

**Music** Francis Poulenc
**Libretto** Jean Cocteau
**Translated by** Marios Ploritis
**Directed by** Maria Panourgia
**Dramaturgy consultant** Yannis Constantinidis
**Set design** Myrto Lambrou
**Costume design** Ioanna Tsami
**Lighting design** Eliza Alexandropoulou
**Movement** Zoe Chatziantoniou
**Music coaching** Maria Papapetropoulou
**Assistant to the director** Giorgos Papadakis
**Assistant to the set designer** Sotiris Melanos
**Performers**Myrsini Margariti (soprano), Maria Papapetropoulou (piano)
**Chorus** Alexandra Delitheou, Alexandros Laskaratos, Giannis Papadopoulos, Fidel Talamboukas, Stella Vogiatzaki
**Production managers** Anastasia Georgopoulou, Angelika Kapsampeli
**Executive producer**Kart Productions - Maria Xanthopoulidou
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