

MONSTROUS REGIMENT PRESENTS
THE BRITISH PREMIERE OF

Love Story of The Century

BY MARTA TIKKANEN



MONSTROUS REGIMENT celebrates its fifteenth anniversary with the second production of our WOMEN IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT SEASON.

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LOVE STORY OF THE CENTURY

by Marta Tikkanen

Adapted by Clare Venables
Directed by Debbie Shewell
Designed by Moggie Douglas
Performed by Gillian Hanna and Mary McCusker

Marta Tikkanen's play pulls you through twenty years of hope and despair that is the LOVE STORY OF THE CENTURY. With shattering honesty and the precision-like skill of a surgeon she cuts to the heart of a relationship and lays her hard-won truths at our feet. No despairing wail of a victim, but the exultant shout of a survivor.

At one time
I was hiding bottles
and quickly emptying
dregs
into flower pots and ashtrays
and through the window
as soon as you turned your back.
Nowadays, I don't give a damn.
The quicker you pour the stuff into yourself
the sooner you'll pass out
and the sooner I'll be able to continue with
the things I'd rather be doing
than sitting and listening to your monologues
read to the kids
read by myself
or quite simply sleep
by myself.

Our next play **MORE THAN ONE ANTOINETTE** written and directed by Debbie Shewell can be seen at THE YOUNG VIC STUDIO from Tues 27th March to Sat 14th April. Box Office Tel: 01-928 6363.

It will be a visually stunning production of a new play inspired by Jane Eyre and The Wide Sargasso Sea. If you would like more information on these or future productions please contact Rose Sharp, Monstrous Regiment, 190 Upper Street, London. N1 1RQ. Tel: 01-359 9842.

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