



Paul Freestone

The Heart's Desire

Prologue

*The Senses, the Lady,
the Lion and the Unicorn*

Touch

Control, communication, conflict
Soloist: Cath Blackfeather

Taste

To indulge, to abstain, to give, to withhold?
Soloist: Ana Barbour

Smell

Coming up roses
Soloist: Fabrizia Verrecchia

Hearing

Noises off
Soloist: Anne L Ryan

Sight

As in a mirror, darkly
Soloist: Ayala Kingsley

Free Will / Epilogue

*'We speak of six senses, five external
and one internal, which is the heart...'*
Soloist: Flavia Coube

ORIGINAL CONCEPT Anne L Ryan
CREATIVE DIRECTION Ana Barbour,
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CHOREOGRAPHY Ana Barbour,
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THE HEART'S DESIRE takes as its source the six 15th-century tapestries known as *The Lady and the Unicorn*. Each of the first five tapestries is thought to depict one of the senses, while the sixth bears the enigmatic inscription *À Mon Seul Desir* (*To My One Desire*). Its meaning is much debated and various interpretations have been put forward: the assertion of free will, the renunciation of worldly passions, or an internal, sixth sense – 'understanding' – located in the heart.

CAFÉ REASON is an experimental performance group specialising in butoh – the iconoclastic dance form that originated in post-war Japan. Since its establishment in 1997, the group has achieved a fine reputation for its innovative theatre, site-specific, and improvised performances. Weekly open classes are held at East Oxford Community Centre. For more information please visit our website.

ANNE L RYAN is a solo voice artist. She coaches individuals and groups in voice work. *The Heart's Desire* has been a project in gestation since Anne first saw *The Lady and The Unicorn* tapestries in 1999; her collaboration with Café Reason began in 2012.

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