

Louise Ashcroft

SHORT BIO (c.100 words)

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MEDIUM BIO (c.200 words)

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A lyric mezzo-soprano and character actor, she's had the most amount of fun playing a variety of women in various stages of graceful and disgraceful behaviour. Highlights include: For Ensemble 10/10: James Wishart's *23 Songs for a Mad Woman* (world premiere) and Gary Carpenter's *One Million Tiny Operas About Britain* (featured on Radio 3's Hear and Now Show). *The Ballad of Baby Doe* (Bridewell Theatre, London), *Into the Woods* (Birmingham Hippodrome), *Marat Sade* (Birmingham Library Theatre), *Romeo & Juliet* and *Macbeth* (Chester Gateway Theatre), *The Magic Flute* and *Green Wolf* (Liverpool Playhouse), *The Bill* (ITV) and *Little Miss Jocelyn* (BBC).

With a particular interest in experimental and multi-disciplinary practice, art/science collaborations include: Burton Nitta and Matt Rogers', *The Algae Opera* (V&A Museum, London and Eye Theatre, Amsterdam) and Fabio Antinori's *DC01* (Waterman's Theatre, London).

Louise lives in London where she daydreams about the sea and is often found in the pursuit of a well frothed latte.