
"Love Me"

A FronteraFest Long Fringe Production, at the Blue Theater

The Cast

Oskar Kokoschka	...Philip Kreyche
Hulda	...Jayne Ramsay
Andreas Schiller	...Randy Kelley
Jilrgen	...Richard Dodwell
Dr. Hans Posse	...Benjamin Weaver
The Silent Woman	...Aisa Palomares
Ludowica Mandagne	...Nichole Palmietto
Heinrich Freithal	...Lynn Crecelius

The Crew

Stage Manager	...Liz Lopez
Lighting Director	...Liz Lopez
Lighting Design	...Stephen Pruitt ...Randy Kelley ...Philip Kreyche
Set Design	...Philip Kreyche
Props	...The Members of the Cast
Written and Directed by	...Philip Kreyche

"Love Me" was first performed as a part of the ESPL Summer Play Festival, 2009, at Austin Community College, Rio Grande campus.

It was directed by Ryan Manning, and produced by Arthur Adair.

The Story

Oskar Kokoschka was born in 1886 in the Empire of Austro-Hungary. He was a painter, sculptor, and playwright who sought to capture people, objects, and landscapes not as they appeared, but as they were. There is an irreality about his work, and his surreal use of color and composition is meant to evoke the spirit of the situation, not to copy its appearance.

Oskar met Viennese socialite Alma Mahler shortly before the death of her husband, renowned composer Gustav Mahler. From 1912-1915 their relationship was intense and passionate. Her independent spirit resisted his frantic possessiveness, and when it became too much for her, Alma broke off the relationship. Overcome with despair, Oskar joined the 15th Imperial Dragoons and fought in the First World War.

When the war ended, Oskar moved to Dresden, Germany, and was made a professor at the Dresden Academy of Arts and Sciences. The play begins here.

This play was largely based on Kokoschka's memoir "A Sea Ringed With Visions," and the biography "Kokoschka: The Artist and His Time" by J.P. Hodin. Many of the people in the play actually existed, and many of the scenes were based on actual events.

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