

# q theatre: I AM MY OWN WIFE

**ACCLAIMED ONE-MAN TOUR DE FORCE TOURS TO MELBOURNE'S MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL AND BRISBANE'S MELT**

After a sell-out Sydney season at the Old Fitz Theatre, Oriel Group's critically acclaimed production of I Am My Own Wife will have a limited Melbourne season at fortyfivedownstairs from January 17 as part of the 2017 Midsumma Festival and a limited Brisbane season at Brisbane Powerhouse as part of MELT 2017.

Not long after the fall of the Berlin Wall, playwright Doug Wright (Quills, Grey Gardens) began a conversation with Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, an elegant and eccentric 65-year-old German transvestite who, against all odds, survived two of the most oppressive regimes of the 20th century: the Nazis and the Communists. After hundreds of hours of interviews Wright emerged with this fascinating and breathtaking story of survival and identity.

In a performance that earned him a Sydney Theatre Award nomination for Best Actor in a Leading Role in an Independent Production, Ben Gerrard (Outland, Open Slather, Molly) plays 30 characters in this oneman tour de force to piece together Charlotte's controversial life. Winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Award for Best Play, I Am My Own Wife is a profound and mesmerizing piece of theatre. This debut production presented by Oriel Group is directed by acclaimed actor and director Shaun Rennie (Rent, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Cats) and produced by Helpmann Award-winning actress Elise McCann (currently playing Miss Honey in Matilda the Musical).

**I AM MY OWN WIFE**  
By Doug Wright  
Starring Ben Gerrard  
Directed by Shaun Rennie



## **MELBOURNE SEASON:**

Presented by Oriel Group as part of Midsumma Festival  
fortyfivedownstairs Theatre, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne  
17 January – 5 February 2017

Tuesday - Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 5pm, Saturday 28 January & 4 February 4pm

Full \$45, Concession \$35, Groups 10+ and previews \$30

Bookings: [www.midsumma.org.au](http://www.midsumma.org.au), [www.iammyownwife.com.au](http://www.iammyownwife.com.au), [www.fortyfivedownstairs.com.au](http://www.fortyfivedownstairs.com.au)  
(03) 9662 9966

## **BRISBANE SEASON:**

Presented by Oriel Group and MELT at Brisbane Powerhouse  
Venue: VISY Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington Street, New Farm  
4 – 8 April 2017

Tuesday - Friday 7pm, Saturday 2pm & 7pm

Full \$45, Concession \$35, Groups 10+ and preview \$30

Bookings: [www.iammyownwife.com.au](http://www.iammyownwife.com.au) or [www.brisbanepowerhouse.org](http://www.brisbanepowerhouse.org) or (07) 3358 8600