

Illuminated Lecture: In Defense of Women

In Defense of Women: Women and Theater in the Age of Shakespeare is an event created by Erith Jaffe-Berg and Theatre Dybbuk, a Los Angeles-based theatre company which brings together a talk with performed readings and live music. The project is based on an early-modern theorist and playwright named Leone de' Som mi who wrote a bilingual (Hebrew and Italian) treatise defending women that was widely disseminated and published starting in the 1550s. The poem braided together Jewish and Catholic culture in a time of increased segregation and ghettoization in many parts of Europe. In the poem, de' Som mi championed women whom he saw as on an equal level with men in terms of their accomplishments, leadership ability and goodness.

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