

JOCASTA premieres in Los Angeles, February 26, 6pm, 2010.



Who: MiShinnah Productions Team lead by Artistic Director Elise Kermani.

(www.mishinnah.org)

What: Los Angeles Premiere Screening of Jocasta, an experimental theater film, 52 minutes as part of the New York Int'l Film Festival. Tickets available at door.

Where: Culver Plaza Theatre Screen #3, located at 9919 Washington Blvd, (across the street from Sony Studios) Culver City, CA. Seats 153. **PARKING:** Conveniently located free parking in parking lot right behind/under the Culver Plaza Theatre with validation (movie/festival ticket is your

validation). Street parking in off (nights and Sundays) hours is fairly easy.

When: Friday, February 26, 6 pm.

Description: In collaboration with visual artists, dancers, and musicians, Elise Kermani directs an experimental genre of film, a “performance for camera” on location at a 5-story ruin, 10,000 sq. ft. Shaker Stone Barn in upstate New York.

Project info: www.elisekermani.com/jocasta.html

During the summer of 2006 artists gathered at the barn to film a performance of Euripides' play “The Phoenician Women” (written 410 BCE) but what resulted was a reversal of the Oedipus myth. As the actors Marty New and Michael Potts contemplate their roles as Jocasta and Oedipus they uncover a more ancient story: that of the origins of writing.

Jocasta is the companion film to Elise Kermani's media philosophy book “Sonic Soma: Sound, Body and the Origins of the Alphabet” which was published by Atropos Press in January, 2009. Both the Jocasta DVD and the Sonic Soma book are available from Amazon.com.

Director Elise Kermani, composer and multi media artist, is based in New York City and received her PhD in Media Philosophy from the European Graduate School in 2007. She is currently in pre-production for a new performance film based on the life and works of Edgar Allan Poe (www.elisekermani.com/poe.html)

For more information please contact MiShinnah Productions at info@mishinnah.org.

Credits:

Elise Kermani - Director/Sound

Designer/Editor

Barbara Kilpatrick - Production Design

Alan McIntyre Smith - Director of

Photography

Melli Hoppe - Choreography

Jay Stern - Post Production Supervisor

Cast:

Jocasta - Marty New

Oedipus/Polyneikes/Eteokles/Euripides -

Michael Potts

Antigone - Melli Hoppe

Chorus Leaser - Vicky Shick

Musicians - Kevin James (leader), Chris McIntyre, Steve Swell, Mike Selzer

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