

**JOCASTA premieres at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ReelHeART International Film Festival (RHIFF), Toronto, June 26, 4:00PM**



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

**What:** Screening of Jocasta, an experimental theater film, 52 minutes with stereo sound.

**Project info:**

[www.elisekermani.com/jocasta.html](http://www.elisekermani.com/jocasta.html)

**Where:** Theater 222, Innis College, 2 Sussex Avenue, Toronto, M5S 1J5 (1 block south of St. George Subway)

**When:** Friday, June 26, 4:00PM

**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.

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/thepoeproject.html](http://www.elisekermani.com/thepoeproject.html))

Jocasta recently won the “Best Experimental Theater” Film award at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival.

**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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