

Reviews for Open Heart Surgery Theatre

“[OHST] is to be applauded for demonstrating the boundless possibilities afforded by physical theatre [...] melancholy quest for freedom”
— FullStop Arts, Mimetic Festival, London, UK.

“Philosophical musings interspersed with brilliantly choreographed dance and physical theatre...”
— Full Stop Arts, Michael Reffold (London, UK)

Reviews for This Is Why We Live

Toronto , Canada & Paris, France

“This is a theatre piece that relights the aura of routine, day-to-day life for our self-obsessed times.” – ★★☆☆ *The Theatre Reader*

<http://www.thetheatrereader.com/reviews/2016/10/10/advocating-for-wonder-open-heart-surgerys-this-is-why-we-live>

“The timing was pretty much perfect down to the slightest raised eyebrow.”
— Jess Gillis, Mooney on Theatre (Toronto, Canada)

“Pour sa première création internationale, la cie Open Heart Surgery nous offre une plongée fantasque à la découverte de la poésie sensible et éclatée de Wislawa Szymborska.”
— La Jaseuse, Lea Bernier Coffineau (Paris, France)

New York City

New York Theatre Wire

"70 minute mimetic rendering of Szymborska's poetic world that embraces humor, pathos, absurdity, and tragic recognition" – Beate Hein Bennett
<http://nytheatre-wire.com/bhb19092t.htm>

Reviews from the Underground

“a highly successful experiment proving poetry's ability to transcend cultural and linguistic boundaries—and even make the leap from page to stage” – Joshua Crone
<http://reviewsfromunderground.com/2019/09/23/szymborska/>

"[if you] long to be moved in a direction you didn't know you could be moved to in a direction you didn't know existed, then This is Why We Live may be the show for you." – David Walters

★★★★ **Front Row Center, New York City**

<https://thefrontrowcenter.com/2019/09/this-is-why-we-live/>

Berkshire Fine Arts, New York City

"This is Why We Live is a thematic bouquet which explores the worlds in which we live, both animate and inanimate" –Rachel De Aragon

https://www.berkshirerefinearts.com/09-22-2019_this-is-why-we-live-at-la-mama.htm

★★★★★ *(and a half)* **Reviews Hub**

"Exploratory, honest, poignant" – Maggie McMuffin

<https://www.thereviewshub.com/this-is-why-we-live-la-mama-new-york-city/>

Audience Response:

"It made me laugh, delight in onions, think about first loves, and about stones and death and the horror of war and being a woman inside a world that isn't hers. I delighted from beginning to end on the playful relationship between all performers." (On 'This is Why We Live,' Martha Ross, Toronto)

PRESS RELEASE in Broadway World for the US premiere at La MaMa Etc, New York City:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/off-off-broadway/article/La-MaMa-Presents-the-US-Debut-of-THIS-IS-WHY-WE-LIVE-20190819>

Link to La MaMa Etc.: <http://lamama.org/why-we-live/>

La MaMa Etc. Blog: <http://lamamablogs.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2019-09-19T14:03:00-04:00&max-results=5&start=5&by-date=false>