September, 12-23, 2017

Stairway to Stardom

Company: Amanda Szeglowski/cakeface
Venue: HERE
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HERE launches its 25th Anniversary season with *Stairway to Stardom*, a world premiere Resident Artist production by Amanda Szeglowski / cakeface, playing 10 performances September 12 – 23. With crackling wit and startling honesty, Amanda Szeglowski and the women of cakeface serve up a silver-sequined dissection of the American Dream. Synthesizing razor-sharp choreography and a poker-faced delivery of original text, the cast shatters the facade of "making it." Featuring live-mixed sound and visuals from electronic duo Prism House and clips from the 80s cult-favorite New York public access TV show of the same name, *Stairway to Stardom* honors the contributions of the wildly passionate but questionably talented among us. From poised to hyper-presentational, infused with and influenced by movement from the tight gestural vocabulary of the pageant industry to the unfettered tone of performances on vintage 'Stairway to Stardom' broadcast appearances, the choreography, by Amanda Szeglowski in collaboration with the company, is performed byAli Castro, Jade Daugherty, Ayesha Jordan, Nola Sporn Smith and Amanda Szeglowski. This original work features a script drawn from original composition, and sourced from over 100 hours of conversations with people of all ages and backgrounds, and observed from reality TV, movies, blogs and magazine articles, exploring everything from childhood dreams to parents' wishes, talent, career choices, regrets and what it means to "make it." Stairway to Stardom includes Set Design by Aviva Novick, Lighting Design by Amanda K. Ringger, Live Music + Video by Prism House (Brian Wenner + Matt O'Hare) and Costume Design by Oana Botez. Stage Manager is Alex B. West.

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Schedule
August 30, 2017: 8:00pm

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