

**English Cabaret
in association with C theatre
Dreams of Peace and
Freedom
by Sue Casson**



A powerful production combining film, text, music, and live performance, exploring the birth of modern human rights.

Dreams of Peace and Freedom is the story of a journey undertaken after a wartime of injury and heartache by self-styled romantic of the law, **David Maxwell Fyfe**. Between 1945 and 1950 he travelled to war-torn and barren Europe to sow the seeds of natural justice in Nuremberg and natural law in Strasbourg. Those seeds blossomed into 75 years of peace and material progress.

Inspirational quotations from previously unpublished letters, his speeches, and autobiography thread through **Sue Casson's** ethereal musical settings of poetry he found inspiring.

'The melody infuses his chosen poetic words with another unspoken dimension – emotion to reinforce the story, rather as in his speeches, the poetry heightens the tenor of his legal argument' Sue Casson.

The show is conceived and performed by professional theatre company **English Cabaret**, who present telling ideas in story and song. Formed of members of the next generation of Maxwell Fyfe's family, the company has a long association with C, premiering this show with them in 2014, alongside successful runs of *The Happy Prince*, which subsequently enjoyed runs in London and Dublin.

'One of the most beautiful things I've ever heard... A timely intervention in the debate on human rights. Enthralling. Sublime. A secular hymn for humanity' *Thos Ribbits, MusicalTalk.com*

'Brilliant and powerful blend of music, spoken word and visuals. This tells a very necessary story of not only an amazing man, but also the hopelessness of man and mankind's hope for the future. Brilliantly performed by the cast' *Derek Awards*

'Richly layered... focusses in on both the personal and the political... celebrates the concept of natural law' *LouReviews.blog*

'No 5 in the Top 20 Music Shows' *FringeReview.co.uk*

'An amazing and really important piece of work... the most incredibly stimulating piece of history... stunning' *Helena Kennedy*

www.englishcabaret.co.uk

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/595934561>

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