



*2 PARTS
OF DESIRE*

the project...

9 women on stage, 9 women on the wall. All full of desire: to live, to fight, to smile, to learn, to love...to be themselves. Their portraits bear witness to their strength & determination, having survived violence in its various forms: Second World War, anorexia, persecution, aggressive husbands, sexual abuse, discrimination, psychological battering. 9 photographs to commemorate & celebrate International Women's Day, for those who survived & for those who are surviving.

The series of photographs were taken & exhibited as part of a larger project focusing on the theme of women & their experiences. Together with the photographic exhibition, the project includes a theatrical performance of a play written by Heather Raffo, entitled '9 Parts of Desire' (16, 17, 18 March 2012), as well as a seminar entitled '9 Parts of Desire: Art as Cultural Diplomacy' (17 March 2012).

The photographs were taken by Jo Tabone, for what is her first public exhibition. The excerpts of deeply personal interviews were assembled by Neil Falzon, from aditus foundation. We hope the ensemble captures the laments & joys of the 9 Parts of Desire.

Troupe 18:45 was founded in 2009 as a voluntary organisation whose mission statement is to provide an enriching theatrical experience aimed at educating & entertaining audiences. Troupe 18:45 wants its plays to be a conversation, tackling issues of social, cultural & political relevance whilst allowing performers to take risks in the search of artistic fulfilment.

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