



THE EINSTEIN OF SEX

- a show about the right to love whoever you want to

Livingstones Kabinet, together with the legendary queer vocal group Schwanzen Sangerknaben are touring Denmark and elsewhere with the music-theatre show, THE EINSTEIN OF SEX, a hit with both critics and audiences.

THE EINSTEIN OF SEX is a docu-music-theatre piece about the history of homosexuality in the last hundred years. The show celebrates the diversity of sexual orientation in a challenging, imaginative and blackly funny genre-hopping production.

THE EINSTEIN OF SEX takes as its starting point a group of freethinkers in Germany at the close of the 1800s, who fought for sexual freedom and homosexual rights. In THE EINSTEIN OF SEX we find ourselves in "The Institute For Sexual Science" in Berlin, the historical location of the world's first attempt to systematically combat the repression of homosexuals. As early as 1887, the institute was actively campaigning to repeal the anti-homosexual penal code and to inform the public about "The nature of man-to-man love". From an historical perspective the show takes a look at how things stand today and how far we have come in the battle for the right to sexual diversity and freedom.

In THE EINSTEIN OF SEX we meet the leader of the institute, Magnus Hirschfeld (1868- 1935), a German/Jewish sexual researcher and writer, who was described in the press of the time as "Der Einstein des Sex". Hirschfeld was a very active and renowned public speaker both in Germany and internationally. His thinking and opinions were a challenge to the contemporary view of sexual minorities. The Nazi book-burnings resulted in Hirschfeld's library being reduced to ashes and his institute was ransacked and destroyed. Hirschfeld was forced into exile and died in France in 1935. Today Magnus Hirschfeld is revered as the founding father in the fight for LGBT rights.

THE EINSTEIN OF SEX draws parallels with our world today, holding our contemporary prejudices up to comparison with a liberalism from earlier times.

Livingstones Kabinet's shows are characterised by a musical, playful lightness of touch in the treatment of very different stories and ideas. THE EINSTEIN OF SEX combines documentary material with a broad range of genres in a provocative, modern and image-rich show which connects Weimar Germany to today. The concept and idea for THE EINSTEIN OF SEX was developed in close collaboration with writer, activist and prolific lyricist for Schwanzen Sanger Knaben, Sven Omann (Wanda Liszt) together with Bent Jacobsen, member of Schwanzen Sanger Knaben and politically-active figure on the gay scene in Denmark since the 1970's.

Onstage Pete Livingstone, Nina Kareis (replacing Pauli Ryberg), Amia Miang, Schwanzen Sanger Knaben (Bent Jacobsen, Ole Handsbæk Christensen and Brian Grøn bæk) and Molly Kareis Livingstone

Script Kareis and Livingstone **Director** Nina Kareis **Music** Pete Livingstone

Choreography Adelaide Bentzon **Set and Costume** Dorte Holbek

THE EINSTEIN OF SEX tour dates are available at <http://www.livingstoneskabinet.com/index.php/en/calendar>

Press Gallery available at findes på: <http://www.livingstoneskabinet.com/index.php/en/press-material/the-einstein-of-sex>

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A little selection of review quotes for THE EINSTEIN OF SEX from the run at
Husets Teater i 2015:

Anne Middelboe (*Information*)

"The Einstein of Sex" is **some of the most dramatically coherent theatre that Livingstones Kabinet have ever created**. A performance at the highest, most ingenious international level!"

♥♥♥♥♥ (*Politiken*)

"**Epic... a gem...** The Einstein of Sex is not only an alternative theatre concert, combining a documentary form with entertainment value, audacity with seriousness. It's also a deeply personal piece of activism, a blow in the current fight for the rights of sexual minorities to love the one, or ones, they wish."
(Kristian Husted)

★★★★★ (*CphCulture*)

A triumph...An intelligent, witty and damnably musical theatre mutation.

★★★★★ (*XQ28*)

"THE EINSTEIN OF SEX is **an important show**, because no-one, no matter which gender they choose to love, deserves to be repressed and because, unfortunately, hate still lurks under the surface of liberalism."

★★★★★ (*JP*)

"With ingenuity it takes us by hand, to the sound of Pete Livingstone's flowing, multi-harmonic music. **A funny and charming show which leaves its public wiser** about an important chapter in the history of sexual research.
(Henrik Lyding)

★★★★★ (*Kulturkongen*)

"**A superbly well-written piece** with an apposite and humane message about a man who dared to defy the times in which he lived for the sake of what he believed in. See it!

The most entertaining history lesson I've ever experienced.

★★★★★ (*Magasinet Kbh*)

'**The Einstein of Sex**' is a **rare and courageous gem**, both in its unique form and in its vitally important subject matter.