

Resolution! Review 2009
Friday jan, 16th

Caroline Simon

Stück (Piece) (Germany)

Tonight was the first Resolution! programme to feature an artist in the Aerowaves season, and in terms of quality, Cologne's Caroline Simon set the bar high. *Stück* is a brilliantly conjured flight of the imagination; with one performer and an empty stage, she fabricates an elaborate dance spectacle that evolves into a love story and finally a heart-rending picture of longing and loneliness.

Simon's words describe a very different picture to the dancer we see on stage and the genius is in the detail, from the slight bow legs of her dream man to the ivy growing outside their domestic idyll. There's a huge amount of comedy in this overblown invention, but it's cut through with moments of real life that hit you right in the pit of the stomach. Tightly scripted and structured, this is supremely skilled storytelling. Amazingly, it was the first time Simon had performed the show in English and her delivery was perfectly pitched. A real talent.

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