Touch Me Real

Video of stage play

DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Browning, Artistic Director of the Elizabeth Browning Studio in NYC, coaches professional actors on Broadway, in film, and television as well as clients in the corporate sector who are interested in using transformational acting work to take their lives and careers to the next level. Known as one of New York's most respected acting coaches and featured in "The Actor's Guide To Qualified Acting Coaches: New York", Elizabeth is also a filmmaker, actress, director, and collaborator on award-winning theater pieces and short films. Elizabeth Browning is the founder of Joy Light Productions, a production company dedicated to bringing projects of light, love, and inspiration to audiences everywhere; and it has been her absolute delight in helping Gabrielle bring "Touch Me Real" to the general public.

PLAYWRIGHT/ACTRESS

Gabrielle Lennon has worked for more than twenty-five years as a professional actress on stage and in film, as a published writer in multiple genres, and as a teaching artist. She attended summer drama programs at Carnegie-Mellon and Yale Universities. Lennongraduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Performance Studies (Analysis, Interpretation and Performance of Prose, Poetry and Drama) and an honors program in Creative Writing for the Media, where she studied with Edgar-Award-winner, Stuart Kaminsky and Tony-and-Drama-Desk Award-winning director, Frank Galati. Her work focused on analysis, interpretation, and performance of prose, poetry, and drama, and on creative writing. Lennon's books are *Touch Me Real and Other Stories* and *After Midnight: A Book of Poetry*. She also writes professionally for magazines, newspapers, newsletters, journals, and the theater. As a teaching artist, Gabrielle creates a safe, supportive, fun, inspiring space in which students can explore and grow. As an actress, she has performed poetry, prose and drama throughout the United States, and internationally.

Gabrielle Lennon has been honored with the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs individual artist grant, which makes this presentation possible.

Please feel free to visit her websites for more information, at GabrielleLennon.com and LennonBooks.com

VIDEOGRAPHER/EDITOR/SOUND MIXER/SOUND POST-PRODUCTION

Rick Knowlton began working in postproduction of Hollywood films in 1994. Credited in several films, he is noted as the voice of the terror icon "Milo" (1998) and postproduction assistant on the groundbreaking documentary on Schizophrenia, "I'm Still Here" (1996). He is now seen on YouTube, through his site AncientChess.com. A consummate artist, Rick worked many years as a pianist, for the rich clubs and restaurants of Southern California, has had two CDs of solo piano music published, and has an extensive opus of paintings. Rick now deals in exotic chessmen, many of which he sculpts anew from ancient documents and archeological finds. He is coauthor of the immense and widely praised book *A History of Chess: Its Development and Variations through Centuries and Civilizations*. Rick is married to Gabrielle Lennon, with two teenage daughters. For the past decade, he has worked in many schools and organizations, teaching chess throughout the Sarasota area.

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Liz Owen

Linda Worster, songwriter, vocalist, musician

Singer/Songwriter of "The Singer," the song during the credits of our video, her music and lyrics proclaim the joy and explore the struggle of inner discovery. They are alive with the vitality of her dedication to seeking and discovering the magic and the mysteries of life. Linda's deep concern for the environment and for the choices we need to make to turn things around for future generations have inspired much of her writing. Her songs speak the truth of feelings that many people say they find hard to express. People say her songs touch their hearts and make them feel good. Paul Winter has said, "Linda speaks with the radiance of the heart spirit." And, he added, "Linda Worster is the greatest thing since sliced tofu".

Linda Worster's website:

http://lindaworster.com/

and her song, "The Singer" on Bandcamp:

https://lindaworster.bandcamp.com/track/the-singer

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