



A Glimmer

OF HOPE OR SKIN OR LIGHT
- THE SOUNDTRACK

Photo Credit: Kevin Kauer, Pictured: Original Cast

A Glimmer of Hope or Skin or Light (Glimmer) was a dance/theater/cabaret/glam-rock musical commissioned by Seattle's ACT Theatre and performed to sold out houses in 2010 and again in 2015 created by veteran choreographer/director KT Niehoff. Glimmer was described by Michael Van Baker from the SunBreak as "one of the more spectacular, unpredictable, and mood-altering performances (he's) ever been a party to."

The cast entwined with an audience that was free to watch the show from any vantage point, moving as they wish throughout the evening. Full of uncommon encounters, raucous spectacle and virtuosic dancing, Gigi Berardi of Dance Magazine wrote, "(Glimmer) is a raucous, daunting thing. . . . and unforgettable."

The cast was comprised of five core dancers, seven showgirls and a rock band led by singer/songwriter Ivory Smith. Niehoff and Smith fronted the band, singing original songs that borrowed inspiration from Pippin, Cabaret, and Moulin Rouge.

Audience member Bret Love said, "I had no idea that something so beautiful and perfect existed. And that one night spent in their world literally changed my life."

Glimmer's original Seattle luminary cast: Bianca Cabrera, Ricki Mason, Aaron Swartzman, Kelly Sullivan and Michael Rioux.

Showgirls: Sruti Desai, Jill Leversee, Morgan Nutt, Erin Simons, Violette Tucker, Hendri Walujo and Kate Wallich

Glimmer's 2015 all-star international cast: Meredith Salle, Patrick Kilbane, Amy Tuner Clem, Ainesh Madan, Antonio Somera Jr. and Molly Sides.

Showgirls: Danica Bitto, Emily Durand, Nadia Losonsky, Annie McGhee, Anja Kellner Rogers and Hendri Walujo.

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An original score written, arranged, produced and performed by KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Vocals: KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Keyboard: Ivory Smith (Join Us, Ghettoaway)

Drums: Zeke Keeble (Carny, Join Us, It's Happening, Friendly, Little Mistakes, Glimmer, Ghettoaway)

Electronics: Zeke Keeble (Little Houdini, It's Happening, Friendly, Houdini)

Bass: Jeremy Lightfoot (Carny, Join Us, Friendly, Little Mistakes, Glimmer, Ghettoaway)

Guitar: Carl Germain (Carny, Join Us, Friendly, Glimmer, Ghettoaway)

Guitar: Alex Mortland (It's Happening, Little Mistakes, Ghettoaway)

Piano and Keyboard: Alex Chadsey (Carny, Little Mistakes)

Piano Stephen Fandrich (Half Way out of Hiding)

Engineer: Jeffery McNulty

Mastering Engineer: Mell Dettmer

Produced by: Jeffery McNulty , KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Executive Producer: Case van Rij

Booklet Design: Lyejm Kallas-Lewis

Photo Credit: Kevin Kauer. Pictured: Kelly Sullivan



The Carny

Written by Nick Cave

Published by Mute Song Limited

Additional lyrics by Ivory Smith

The worst nights I don't remember at all, just the floating
Dock crew, belly slitter, gut puller, washer, weigher, patch cutter...fading
I'm floating way above you
Most of the mistakes I've made fade, but the worst nights, I don't remember at all
Willkommen! Well, come in! Bienvenue!
The fields were left behind, a rotting harvest turned to wine
The magic left with the storm, with the kings
As the legend goes, they will not return
And the rain pounded up! And the rain pounded up, up, up into the storm!
Where all they all now you ask? As the legend goes, they will not return
Les fils qui danse!
We dove under a big black sky
The dancing girls, the gargoyle, the hungry ghost, none among them looks for a way out
The dancing girls! The gargoyles! That was my way out!
We dove under a black sky
We dove under a thick black sky
Many times I tried I've tried to jump back up into the storm and many times I have been thrust back
You told me we could get out of here, you told me we could get out! That was my way out of here!
Up, up into the storm!
As the legend goes

Photo Credit: Tim Summers, Pictured: Meredith Saline





Join Us

Lyrics adapted from Magic to Do (Pippin)
Written by Steven Schwartz
Published by EMI Mills and Jobete Music Company
Music written by Ivory Smith

Join us, leave your field to flower
Join us, leave your cheese to sour
Join us, come on! Waste an hour or two

Journey, journey to a spot
Exciting, mystic and exotic
Journey through our anecdotic review

We've got magic to do,
We've got parts to perform
Kings and things to take us in the storm

Intrigue, plots to bring disaster
Humor, handled by a master
Romance, sex presented pastorally

Illusion, fantasy to study
Battles, barbarous and bloody
Join Us, sit where everybody can see!

We've got magic to do
We've got parts to perform
Kings and things to take us in the storm



Photo Credit: Kate Waters, Pictured: Amy Turner Clem, Antonio Somera

Little Houdini

Music written by Zeke Keeble, KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Lyrics by KT Niehoff

Arranged by Zeke Keeble and KT Niehoff

You said you were Houdini
You said you could get out of here
You told me you were careful
You told me you knew everything

Careful, careful, careful

Friendly

Written and arranged by Zeke Keeble and KT Niehoff

Lyrics by KT Niehoff

Hold me, unfold me
Question me

If you want to hold me
We can make friendly, finally friendly
Friendly, we can make friendly
Friendly

Open, open, open, open
To me, to me, to me

Little Mistakes

Written and arranged by Ivory Smith

They come in your dreams, flapping and gnawing
The fish, they are falling, their blood is like rain
As they drown in the air, they whisper their names

As the days go by, I am unafraid
As the hours go by, I just offer them up

A thick red sun set, on a warm Vancouver sky
We waited in the shadows, we waited in the doorways
Waited with all the other little girls and boys
for any John who was buying

And you know one of these days we will take back our youth, take back our blood
and our guts and our truth
And find out who has really been paying

My soft brush on paper is a waste of time
Out on the Bering sea, the colors fade away
And darkness ain't enough to stop my heart or mind
The spaces in between, it's underneath

As the days go by, I am unafraid
As the hours go by, I just offer them up



Houdini

Music written by Zeke Keeble, KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Lyrics by KT Niehoff

Arranged by Zeke Keeble and KT Niehoff

You said you were Houdini

You said you could get out of here

You told me you were careful

You told me you knew everything

You told me you were Houdini

You told me you could get out of here

You accepted my overture for your escape

Careful, careful, careful, careful, careful

You told me not to wander very far

And I went just a short ways beyond our grand adventure

You said you were Houdini

You said you would escape for me

And find me very faithfully





It's Happening

Music written and arranged by Zeke Keeble, KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith
Lyrics by KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

It's happening, it's happening,
it's happening-ing-ing

A sweeter time
A clearer time
A lovelier time
A fantastical time
What a good time

A Glimmer of Hope or Skin or Light

A Glimmer of Hope or Skin or Light
Written and arranged by Ivory Smith
Lyrics by KT Niehoff and Ivory Smith

Today's the day I accept your overture for escape

Don't just watch it want
Don't just sit back, lean in
Don't just wish
Don't just wish for feelin'

A world above a world below
Take me, take me

Don't just watch it
Don't just sit back
Lean on in, lean on in

Don't just watch it want
Don't just sit back, lean in
Don't just wish
Don't just wish for feelin'

It's a premise of truth, we all want more



Half Way Out of Hiding

Written and arranged by KT Niehoff

I'm way above you
I'm way up here above you

Looking down, I can see for miles
Moving through the wind the night the moon
I see you. I'm with you
I'm half way out of hiding

Ghettoway

Written and arranged by Ivory Smith

Glimmer of skin
Glimmer of hope
Glimmer of light

In the doorway
Look behind her
She is unprepared to go anywhere

On an eggplant sky
There's a jet stream
It is pointing
To the get away

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