

Michel van der Aa



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VOCAL

One

2002

1 hr

Chamber opera for soprano, video and soundtrack

Text: Music, libretto (E), video, directed by Michel van der Aa

"Michel van der Aa fascinates in One... important is the sheer quality of the notes themselves, possessing a highly concentrated, sublime sharpness and a taut beauty, both mechanical and human." (Ernst Vermeulen, NRC Handelsblad, 13 Jan 2003)

"Mastery of the disorientation. With its absence of personalised psychology the piece spreads its aura over generations, since it reflects its secrets with the clarity of a mirror." (Sybill Mahlke, Der Tagespiegel, 12 Oct 2003)

"One is masterly... a wonderfully poetic piece. As enchanting as a dream." (Erik Voermans, Het Parool, 13 Jan 2003)

"Intense opera... The piece is innovative in its individual design. Imagery, sound and movement add up to more than the sum of its parts." (Roeland Hazendonk, De Telegraaf, 14 Jan 2003)

World Premiere: 12 Jan 2003

Frascati Theatre, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Michel van der Aa, director; Barbara Hannigan, soprano