

**The Age, Saturday March 3 2007-09-13**

**WHAT:** Harp on the Willow

**WHERE:** The Comedy Theatre, 240 Exhibition Street, city

**WHEN** Today at 2pm and 8pm and tomorrow at 2pm

**TICKETS** \$39-\$79. 132849, harponthewillow.com

Based on the fascinating and sometimes tragic life of Mary O'Hara - the Irish singer turned nun and recluse. ***Harp on the Willow*** is a beautifully rendered piece of writing by John Misto.

The show was first performed to much acclaim at Sydney's **Ensemble Theatre** in 2003. With her faultless Irish accent and deep sense of empathy for O'Hara, Marina Prior was stunning in the lead role.

Despite being eight months pregnant at the time - an obvious fact that could easily have reduced her character to ridicule. Joyous at playing O'Hara once more, Prior says it is as though she has not been separated from the part. The production also includes Joan Carden and Christopher Stollery.

- Lily Bragge