

## **Love Me To Death**

An opera about Ruth Ellis with libretto by Nikki Racklin

*Love Me To Death follows the final tragic years of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain for the notorious murder of her lover, playboy racing driver David Blakely.*

### **Cast:**

Ruth Ellis - soprano

David Blakely - tenor Desmond Cussen - baritone

### **Instrumentation:**

Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, piano, percussion (1 player), strings (violin1/2, viola, 'cello, contrabass)

### **Duration:**

Ca. 55 mins.

### **Performances:**

Pit theatre, Barbican Center, London, 2016

Century Soho, 2016

Tête à Tête Festival of Contemporary Opera (The Place)  
London, 2018