



PRIESTESS OF SOUL

In 2003, when Kiwi performer Sheba Williams read that her hero, Nina Simone, had died, she devised a stage tribute that drew a packed and very emotional crowd. But even she could not have expected that the musical wake would become such a long-term success – or so much fun!

Flying over this week from her adopted home of Sydney, Sheba explains, "I'm all about the costumes, so there's going to be lots of feathers, glitter and headpieces. I really like to get people out of their comfort zone, and get them singing and dancing."

But while her performance as the *Sinnerman* icon may be no-holds-barred, Sheba admits she'll get her reward at the end of the night – and she's not talking about rapturous applause.

"I'm leaving my three-year-old twins for the weekend, so I'm definitely looking forward to sleeping on my own without a child coming in!" she laughs.



Catch Sheba's *Tribute to Nina Simone* as part of the Auckland Live International Cabaret Season at the Auckland Town Hall, October 1-2. Tickets start at \$18. For more information, visit aucklandlive.co.nz.