

# The Floating Diva

**Description:** A lady, wearing an enormous dress made of umbrellas floats majestically across the water, singing to the spectators. Pulled by her two graceful 'water servants' the diva slowly approaches. The image is inspired by seventeenth century costume and the Dutch landscape. The Floating Diva evokes associations of mermaids and shipwreck stories: The wandering ghost of a lady who drowned at sea in the distant past?

The costume is worn by the soprano who sings arias from (among others) Mozart and Puccini. Music program is subject to change.

**Dimensions:** The construction is 2 metres high, the diameter is 2 metres.

## Requirements:

- A suitable spot from at least 4 m by 4 m to build up the installation.
- The installation needs to be launched into the water from a slipway or a gently sloping shore, or where the embankment is less than 1.5 m high.
- A suitable spot, such as a bridge or a pier, is necessary for the singer to climb into the costume. Otherwise we use our ladder.
- The water needs to be deep enough (1.5 m at least) and safe -unpolluted- for the swimmers.
- The water needs to be calm.
- Rehearsal (if possible) / sound check.
- Dressing room with shower (for the swimmers) walking distance from the performance location.
- 60 to 90 minutes in between the performances.
- Parking place.

Soundsystem (provided by client):

- PA with two inputs
- Laptop (for usb connection) or we bring our own ipad
- A headset condenser microphone suitable for classical singing.
- Wireless in-ear monitor
- A sound technician who operates during the sets and sound check

**Construction time:** 2 hours building and putting up the umbrellas (with lights it takes longer)  
Dismantling: 1 hour

**Performance preparation:** 1 hour

**Number of people:** 4 : Soprano, 2 swimmers, 1 builder

**Duration of performance:** 1 to 3 performances of 20 minutes

**Important:** In all media and publicity the client is obliged to refer to the performance as: "*The Floating Diva*". *Concept and costume design: Victorine Pasma. Name of the soprano: t.b.a.*