

# {The Rogovoy Report}

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## One-Woman Show Portraying Emily Dickinson Extended Due to Popular Demand

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Mari Andrejco portrays Emily Dickinson in Triple Shadow's 'Belle of Amherst'

(EAST OTIS, Mass.) – [Triple Shadow](#)'s site-specific, indoor/outdoor adaptation of William Luce's one-woman play, *The Belle Of Amherst*, performed by **Mari Andrejco** as Emily Dickinson and directed by Beth Skinner, is extending its run through Sunday, September 4, due to popular and critical acclaim. The unique location of the production, at Triple Shadow's Performance Barn and Garden, enhances the audience's experience of Andrejco's portrayal of Dickinson, in a setting not unlike the one where she lived in nearby Amherst.

Emily Dickinson lived a quiet life of transcendent reflection. Her poems were inspired by a circumscribed world of home, garden, and the village of Amherst. Although rarely published in her own lifetime, Dickinson came to be considered one of America's great poets. *The Belle Of Amherst* invites the audience to share her time and space both visually and viscerally.

Mari Andrejco (actor) trained with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City. She has performed in Europe, Mexico, Egypt and the U.S., done stage acting, television and video, appearing as Queen Elizabeth I and Susan B. Anthony for PBS. She has worked with Shakespeare and Company, Triple Shadow, and the Pleiades Company and has taught at the Institute for Arts in Education in the Albany schools.

Beth Skinner (director) has premiered ten productions at La MaMa E.T.C. in New York City with support from the theater programs of National Endowment for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts and Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as grants from NEA Opera and NEA Presenting Program. The company has toured to Egypt, Italy, Hungary, Romania, Canada and Indonesia and collaborated with artists from Japan, China, Korea, Hungary, Romania, Indonesia, Mexico, France and Russia.

Performances run from Sept 2–Sept. 4, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m., presented at Triple Shadow's Performance Barn at 621 Algeria Road, East Otis, Mass. Desserts and beverages will be offered and the audience is encouraged to bring their own pre-performance picnics. Admission is by suggested donation of \$20. Tickets can be reserved by calling 413-269-4201.

Triple Shadow creates visual theater challenging artistic boundaries, revealing the interconnectedness between human cultures and nature. The collaborative process is intercultural and interdisciplinary, affecting audiences in sensory and subconscious ways creating new perceptions of time and memory.