

# A stunner from Koukias

*Days and Nights with Christ*

IHOS Music Theatre Troupe

Princess Wharf, Thursday, September 27

THE world premiere of *Days and Nights with Christ* was a stunning and arresting work, brilliantly crafted and movingly presented.

It augurs well for the futures of its young Tasmanian composer, Constantine Koukias, and its energetic and talented performers.

Performed by the newly created experimental Musical Theatre Troupe IHOS, the work deals with the darkness of schizophrenia.

Christos Linou beautifully played the sufferer with a sensitivity which invoked fear one moment and compassion the next.

Koukias' highly original score uses many stark musical devices and is at once cacophonous and harmonic.

Whether musical, visual or olfactory (at one stage the shed was redolent with the perfume of incense) Koukias' images are vibrantly drawn.

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