

This week...
La Poule Plombée

*Every week we ask one of the
people who have helped
make Cabaret vs Cancer a
success the same ten
questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

La Poule Plombée. I suffer.

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

My Papa. He was a butcher and he never gave up on a cut of meat, no matter how tough and sinewy. He taught me a lot about love.

Marlene Dietrich. She was never knowingly under-lit.

Finally, **Mumu**, my...beloved...he plays the piano, but he is so much more than just a pianist. He is a possession. Locked in my 'heart and in my art.

3. What would you save from your burning house?* (people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

My little black dress of course and Papa's knife.

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

French cheese and French wine. Always. Steak tartar when I am drunk. Je suis végétarienne...

5. What talent do you wish you had?

Sometimes I wish that I could feel things less deeply. I am such a sensitive soul, sometimes just breathing hurts my delicate 'heart.

I also see criticism where it is not...did I answer that question correctly? Am I wrong? Have I disappointed you? (Takes small pause to weep).

6. Where is your favourite place?

On the stage. In the spotlight. Mid-chanson.

7. What do you do to relax?

What is 'relax'?

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

Their own autobiography. It is amazing what you can learn about yourself.

9. What is your biggest regret?

How can you ask me this question? Are you mocking me? Little Sparrow...je ne regrette rien? Next!

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

I was wrong. It should have been you. Sorry.

Finally, do you have anything to plug?

Like plug in the wall? To charge, oui? (Small pause as Mumu explains the question).

Oui. We are playing the **London Wonderground** with my new show: 'Cabaret Whore Presents...La Poule Plombée'. That is a very big space to plug. How will we do it? Perhaps we could find some very large people to take up two seats? Or ask everyone to wear lots of clothes? Please come. 6th September, 9pm.

We will be returning in triumph from the Edinburgh Fringe: triumph and dept. If you are there you could also plug the **Voodoo Rooms**, August 5th to 28th, 6.30pm (not Mondays. On Mondays I sleep).