

Review

The Onion Club In Concert

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" I'd taken the car, I'd even parked it in a restricted area, my poor attempt at having a well-behaved evening. I'd been asked along by a friend to see The Onion Club, a noir cabaret performed by Dubiety Brown aka Pauline M. Hynd, an absolute star and my latest 'Wumin Crush'.

The show was dark, deep and mysterious. Songs about love provocatively performed in body hugging slips under printed kimonos and a long black over coat.

Feminist poems recited in French accompanied by skilful musicians hypnotically rattling piano keys, completing the cabaret vibe with a magnetic brass section.

Pauline kept the crowd engaged in between numbers with witty one liners and hilarious costume changes.

A cover of Surabaya Johnny made my night,

My friend and I chanting the lyrics throughout the rest of our eventful evening.

Slugging from a bottle of whisky on stage, Pauline's black bob perfectly swinging through the melodic chanting. Love, world issues and politics with an uplifting hint of sarcasm.

'I never said it would be easy... I only said it would be worth it...'