

## SXSW2021: Idella Johnson & Hannah Pepper of ‘Ma Belle, My Beauty’

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CHICAGO – After garnering a major honor at the Sundance Film Festival – the Audience Award in the NEXT category – “Ma Belle, My Beauty” will screen at the virtual/online South by Southwest (SXSW) Festival in yet another opportunity to see the modern and emotional expression of love. Idella Johnson and Hannah Pepper are two-thirds of a past polyamorous relationship.

What happens when singer Bertie (Johnson) can’t sing anymore? Her collaborator husband Fred (Lucien Guignard) calls her ex-lover Lane (Pepper), as they were part of a He-She-She relationship before their marriage. The mystery of the connection between Bertie and Lane is the key to this film, a delve into the physical and chemical connection between people and the messy emotions that get in the way. The acting is pitch perfect, and Idella Johnson’s singing voice is heaven on earth. Writer/director Marion Hill creates many hallways to go down in this three-way consortium. For MORE INFORMATION about the film click the TITLE ... [MA BELLE, MY BEAUTY](#) [18]



Idella Johnson (left) and Hannah Pepper of ‘Ma Belle, My Beauty’

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Idella Johnson began her acting journey in 2010, and as mentioned does all her own singing in “Ma Belle.” It is her sixth feature film as an actor. Hannah Pepper makes a feature film debut, after winning the role through writer/director Marion Hill. The following interview was conducted after the Sundance Film Festival.

**In Part One of an interview Via Zoom with Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com, Idella Johnson and Hannah Pepper talk about the elements of creating Bertie and Lane, the polyamorous lovers in “Ma Belle, My Beauty.”**

**In Part Two, filming intimate scenes and working with writer/director Marion Hill is reflected upon.**

*“Ma Belle, My Beauty” features Idella Johnson, Hannah Pepper, Lucien Guidgnard and Sivan Noam Shimon. Written and directed by Marion Hill. The virtual 2021 South by Southwest Festival will take place from Austin, Texas, March 16th through March 20th. For tickets, events schedule and all information click on [SXSW.com](https://www.sxsw.com) [19]*



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