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Welcome to Fringe! 2024.

This is our fourteenth edition. That means that this year, for the fourteenth year running, we're inviting you, maybe on your own, maybe with a few people you know, to join us in East London. Come inside, weave your way through the crowd and get comfortable before the lights go down – you might spot a familiar face or two, or some people you'd like to get to know. For an hour or two, anything can happen. You could leave feeling turned on when you thought you'd be laughing. The night could take you from partying, to trying to hold back the tears because that makeup took too long for it to be ruined like this, to partying again by the time the lights come back up. We hope that coming to the cinema with us can do all this and more.

Whether you're a Fringe! veteran and you know what you're doing, you know what you like and you know how to find it. But maybe this is your first time here. Maybe you're reading this, wondering if this is for you. Don't be nervous, let us give you a few tips to ease you into cruising our programme. Why not start with something familiar and join us for our cult classic extravaganza, 2009's Jennifer's Body? As you might expect, we've got plenty of new films too from the 'genre-fluid' polyamorous kidnap comedy Underground Orange which open's this year's festival to our shorts programmes, which celebrate queers coming together and cumming together.

The bonds that the darkness of the cinema can start to fade once the lights come up but our Love Hub is open again this year with a packed programme of events making space for discussing fulfilling, sexy and healthy relationships out in the real world too. Also back this year is our arts programme and queer market, bringing a range of off-screen queer creativity to our festival too.

Whichever event you come to, that special feeling that comes from watching a film about us, made by us, in a room filled with people like us is the same and Fringe! is a festival by and for queers and we are deeply connected and committed to the community we are part of. Whether it's the guest curators and programmers who have shared their expertise and knowledge with us, the filmmakers, casts and crews who took the risk to commit to their vision and have trusted us to share it with you or our fabulous festival volunteers who have pulled everything together to make it happen, we're grateful for all of it.

And finally, thank you. Since we started fourteen years ago, we've been committed to community-led, DIY, queer cinema. The events we've organised in that time have asked our time, labour and resources but seeing cinemas and venues filled with our community and watching audiences coming together with each other and the voices on screen is why we do what we do.

Love, The Fringe! Team xoxo

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There are no trailers and ads before the films

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Underground Orange



UNDERGROUND ORANGE

MICHAEL TAYLOR JACKSON

AR, USA 2024 84'

On a trip to Buenos Aires to learn about the Argentinian pirates who conquered California in the 1800s, an American backpacker gets adopted into a squat of queer amateur actors, who rob banks to get funds for their alt-history theatre productions where they get revenge on Henry Kissinger and all the other benefactors of colonial warfare in South America. But their dreams slowly turn to fruition when the ultimate opportunity to get real revenge erupts: they're gonna take the U.S. Ambassador hostage. Expect polyamorous glamour, antifascist intrigue and rewriting the mainstream world in the image of the underground: with totally anarchic unsurveilled freedom for all.

Opening night introduction by festival organizers and partners
Followed by Q&A with the filmmaker

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In Spanish and English with English subtitles.

CW: violence, mock execution, discussion of colonialism & genocide

14 SEP

SATURDAY

RIO CINEMA

20:00

QAMERAD X Otherness Archive: Queer as Folk/lore



Fag-smoking behemoths, cross-dressing fairies, trans half-gods, queens of black magic— what’s on the horizon when queer desires reject mere visibility, and instead, manifest through these elusive, mythological characters? With the pressure to cater to certain Western identity politics being higher than ever on the global queer community, these moving images from Indonesia turn back to pre-colonial folklore, escaping current regimes of control, from neoliberal co-optation to State censorship. Within these works lie promising potential for radical liberation, where queer desires can live mythically and eternally, beyond recognition from the State. This short film programme is part of SHARED CAMERA/DERIE, a QAMERAD x Otherness Archive collaboration supported by the British Council.

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Curated by Rizky Rahadianto.
In various languages with English subtitles.
More info online.

James Baldwin: The Price of The Ticket

JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF THE TICKET

KAREN THORSEN

USA 1989 93'

Remembering James Baldwin in his would-be 100th year, Fringe! celebrates the life and legacy of an activist and an icon. An emotional portrait, a social critique, and a passionate plea for human equality, James Baldwin: The Price of The Ticket is now considered a classic. Without using narration, the film allows Baldwin to tell his own story: exploring what it means to be born black, impoverished, gay and gifted – in a world that has yet to understand that “all men are brothers.

Followed by Q&A with Karen Thorsen and Douglas K. Dempsey, filmmakers and directors of the Baldwin Project

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In English.

Madagascar Skin



MADAGASCAR SKIN

CHRISTOPHER NEWBY

UK 1995 91'

To mark the recent passing of screen icon Bernard Hill, we're putting on an almost-30th-anniversary screening of Chris Newby's dreamlike and artfully directed classic of British queer cinema, presented from a stunning 35mm print. Fed up with London's shallow gay scene (and who isn't?), shy Harry flees the city and buries himself among the wreckage of the coastline. There, he crosses paths with Flint, a stormy, sardonic and seemingly straight older thief with a mysterious past. Joined by their desire for liberated lives outside the curtain-twitching gaze of British society, the two slowly come to trust, dream, and ultimately find solace in one another.

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In English.

CW: blood & violence, animal in distress, decomposing body

16 SEP

MONDAY

RIO CINEMA

21:00

Stress Positions



STRESS POSITIONS

THEDA HAMMEL

US

2024 90'

Covid's not over, but your twink era is. TGirlsonFilm presents the UK Premiere of Theda Hammel's *Stress Positions*, a queer comedy of errors set during lockdown. Watch neurotic New York transplants navigate identity politics and their own whiteness in the wake of the George Floyd uprising. Two queer friends unravel as they approach their forties, leaving only two options, twink death or transition. The gay drama all converges at the Brooklyn brownstone of Terry Goon, a mid-thirties "I'm with her" gay guy who peaked with the legalisation of gay marriage and Lady Gaga's career. Upon the arrival of his gen-z Moroccan model nephew, Bahlul, whose peak twink-dom and intersections trigger Goon and his trans friend, Karla, who both shamelessly bid for relevance in a terminally online world. A meditation on coming of age post-9/11 with slapstick banana slips, intra-community conflict and live streaming surveillance. If that all sounds like too much adulting, come for a dazzling cameo by Nymphowars host and pop starlet, Macy Rodman.

Followed by Q&A with filmmaker Theda Hammel
Presented in partnership with TGirlsonFilm

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In English.

CW: Drug use, transphobic and homophobic slurs and millennial cringe.

17 SEP

TUESDAY

GENESIS CINEMA

UK PREMIERE

21:00

Collage à Trois

ARTISTES EN ZONE TROUBLÉS	LIONEL SOUKAZ, STÉPHANE GÉRARD	FR	2023	39'
LES GARÇONS DANS L'EAU	PAWEL THOMAS LARUE	FR	2023	39'
VESTIGES	JOFRE CARABÉN, YOANN DE MONTGRAND	FR	2023	24'

For this triple-bill of midlength films from France, we're diving into the pasts & presents of gay men's romances, unravelling memories and artifacts of departed lovers and using them to navigate how to redefine yourself through processes of changing bodies, whether it be through aging, transition or seroconversion.

Presented in partnership with Positive East.

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In French with English subtitles.
Programme Runtime: 1h 42m
CW: discussion of HIV/AIDS, death, transphobia, internalised homophobia

Your Disco Needs You



SHADE IN THE SUNSHINE STATE	OLIVIA BENDIS, BEN NAKHUDA, JULIO ROCHA	USA	2024	14'
BURNING WORLD	BENJI HUMAN	UK	2023	12'
IF THIS WERE PURGATORY	HONEY BIRCH	UK	2024	5'
HOUSE OF RENCONG	RIZKY RAHADIAN TO	INA	2022	25'
THE BACKSTREET	ROMAIN BECK	UK	2024	29'

Here's a toast to the birthplaces of queer revolution: to the community spaces and DIY club nights, the places and people that keep us thriving & surviving through onslaughts of fascism, TERFism and pinkwashing. Stroll through the doors of a dearly-departed local fetish bar, dance your shoes off to the punks of tomorrow, and join the drag queen kickline to boot out the cops.

Followed by a Q&A with filmmakers

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In various languages with English subtitles for films in other languages.
Programme runtime: 1h 25m
CW: police brutality, fascist politics, transphobia, racism, nudity

Pink Palace x Fringe Present: Mermaid



MERMAIDS

RICHARD BENJAMIN

USA

1990 104'

Fringe! joins forces with Pink Palace, the Rio's weekly queer film club, to bring you the fabulously camp treat MERMAIDS! Fifteen-year-old Charlotte Flax (Winona Ryder) is tired of her wacky mom (Cher) moving their family to a different town any time she feels it is necessary. When they move to a small Massachusetts town and Mrs. Flax begins dating a shopkeeper (Bob Hoskins), Charlotte and her 9-year-old sister, Kate (Christina Ricci), hope that they can finally settle down. But when Charlotte's attraction to an older man gets in the way, the family must learn to accept each other for who they truly are. Please note there are NO ads or trailers, we start on time! Pink Palace is a super low fi highly relaxed event that takes place in the basement bar, it's a safe queer space so come along and catch some queer film and pop culture history, each week the film is introduced by curator Andrew Woodyatt, and feel free to stay and chat afterwards, participation is encouraged!

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In English

19 SEP

THURSDAY

RIO CINEMA

19:30

Open Arms



CONFUSION OF THE AFTERNOON (午後的迷茫)	YUNG-CHIEH LEE	TPE	2023	3'
TOXIC ASTROLOGY EX-BEST FRIENDS	JACK WARREN	USA	2024	11'
THE ANGLE OF OUR WRISTS (L'ANGLE DE NOS POIGNETS)	RÉMI DAYRE	FR	2023	30'
QUEER CRUSH: PLACES	MARGARET GRANT	USA	2024	12'
GENDER REVEAL	MO MATTON	CAN	2024	12'
CLAN	JAIME LOCK	UK	2024	11'
A POEM CALLED LOVE JONES	LINDA NEVEAH DENSON & DIANA KHONG	USA	2023	4'
FAMILIAR TOUCH	EMBER HASKINGS	UK	2024	5'

Unwind and kick back with laughs, surprises and tender moments in this eclectic collection of shorts guaranteed to make you feel good. From charming animations about childhood crushes to murderous plot twists, these films explore the connections between people and the healing power of relationships—whether with friends, lovers, or oneself. Experience joy and triumphant narratives that celebrate leaning on friends and trusting them with your innermost secrets.

Followed by Q&A with filmmakers

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In various languages with English subtitles for films in other languages.
Total runtime: 1h 30m
CW: gender essentialism, homophobia & transphobia

Hearty



HEARTY

KIER COOPER & ROSIE POWELL

UK

2024 40'

Bearing wings of sharp knives and shooting fireballs into the air, Emma Frankland weaves stories of trans ancestry with an interrogation of the controversial bio-technology of HRT. In this filmed live performance, featuring the music of Mykki Blanco and I am Fya, Frankland connects the cycles of fetishisation, violence and erasure that trans people have experienced for centuries. It's messy, it's on fire and it's politically-charged. The screening will be preceded by selected short films from the Trans Performance Exchange project, a six month long collaboration between Emma Frankland and Indonesian trans artist, Tamarra.

Followed by Q&A between TGirlsonFilm & Emma Frankland
Presented in Partnership with TGirlsonFilm

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CW: Discussions of transphobia, violence against trans people, genocide, colonialism, flashing lights and presence of knives.

20 SEP

FRIDAY

RICH MIX (CINEMA)

19:00

This is Ballroom (Salão de Baile)



THIS IS BALLROOM (SALÃO DE BAILE)

JURU AND VITÁ

BR

2024 92'

The vibrancy, the drama, and the shade of it all is the beauty of Brazil's modern day Ballroom scene, depicted through stagings and recreations of these ballroom houses on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro and historical characters and events relevant in the formation of ballroom as an artform. Queer families are formed, through the art of voguing and waacking, or freedom and expression. The challenges faced within a dance competition, holds a mirror up to the challenges faced in the everyday for these young queer people and highlights race and class tensions within the scene. This is another world, a transgressive parallel universe, and a space made by and for the LGBTQ+ youth of Rio de Janeiro, which you are invited into. *"50 years after its inception in New York. Rio is burning!"*

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In Portuguese with English subtitles
CW: discussion of murder

20 SEP

FRIDAY

RICH MIX (STAGE)

21:00

Cruising Utopia



DREAM FACTORY	ALEX MATRAXIA	UK	2023	7'
DESERT CRUISING	TODD VEROW, CHARLES LUM	USA	2023	4'
BUTCH DYKE	CAI INDERMAUR	USA	2023	5'
ROMY & LAURE... CAUGHT IN THE TIME-SPACE HOLE!	LAURE GIAPPICONI, ROMY ALIZÉE	FR	2023	18'
ECSTATIC UNITY	GERARD X REYES, POPPY SANCHEZ	CAN	2022	18'
PATHWAY TO THE GOATS	CLÉMENTINE ROY, MARTA ORLANDO	ITA	2023	9'
SWALLOWING DUST	ACHILLE BOCQUIER	FR	2024	17'
ANGELO	HELIAS DOULIS	GRE	2024	14'
GILIPOLLAS	JOAN BENTALLÉ, POL DIGGLER	ESP	2023	7'

Let's go outside (or inside!) For those who love taking our intimacies and pleasure wherever we want it, whenever we want it. Whatever your pre-dilection: seduction in the cinema, lakeside lushness, caves, cars or cosmic holes, dudes in the desert, badass butches – even penis puppets in the pub. These shorts will take you to the places that you love best! Presented in partnership with Smut Press and introduced with a live reading by David Edgar.

Followed by Q&A with the filmmakers

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In various languages with English subtitles for films in other languages

Programme Runtime: 1h 39m

CW: extreme flashing lights throughout, sexual language, explicit sex & nudity, talk of STIs & HIV, comedically gross conversation about a Prince Albert piercing being ripped out

Cult Classic: Jennifer's Body



JENNIFER'S BODY

KARYN KUSAMA

USA 2009 102'

This year's queer cult classic is going evil...and not just high school evil! It's hard to believe that a babe like Jennifer would associate with a dork like Needy. But when sexy, popular Jennifer transforms into a possessed bisexual temptress and killer with an appetite for male classmates to devour, Needy discovers what's happening and vows to put an end to this blood bath. This intense queer friendship is plagued with jealousy and manipulation yet also seething with bloodlust and sexual tension! Filled with virgin sacrifices to Satan, demonic femininity this sexy horror is not one to miss. It's going to be *totally lesbi-gay* and we cannot wait for you to join us in small town Devil's Kettle on this absurdly brilliant, sexy blood drenched adventure!

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In English.

CW: gory violence, blood, some scary scenes, vomiting, implied rape

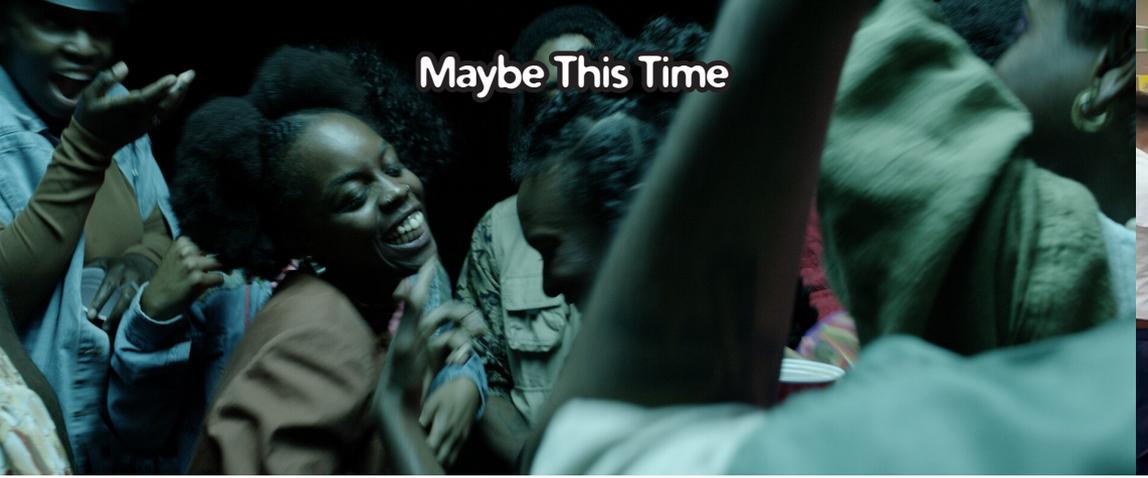
20 SEP

FRIDAY

THE RIO CINEMA

23:30

Maybe This Time



BLACK IBIS	EMMA-LEE AMPONSAH	NL	2024	18'
PILL NATION	BRUNO TADEU	BR	2024	22'
LARRY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS	DAVID SONNENBORN	USA	2023	24'
NYAME MMA (CHILDREN OF GOD)	JOEWACKLE J. KUSI	GH	2024	30'

Today's the day. Say everything you need to say, do the things you've been meaning to do, because you'll never know what can be until you try. Okay. I hear you. It's scarier than it seems. Fair. So, In the meantime, take some inspiration from the Psychedelic and Surreal. What if you could converse across planes celestially or for a fun Intergenerational team up. We're not quite making memories time travel, but we're not, not. Today is still the best day, but watching other people's regrets might be the kickstart you need. Being your best self can be tomorrow 's problem. Again.

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In various languages with English subtitles.
Programme runtime: 1h 34m

CW: homophobia, discussion of HIV/AIDS, mistreatment of queer elders, drug use

We are Family



SHAME (بى عى)	HADI MOUSSALLY	LBN	2024	4'
NEVER STOP SHOUTING	ABDELLAH TAÏA	FR	2023	10'
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT	FADL FAKHOURI	PLE, USA	2024	23'
QUEER EXILE	AHMED AWADALLA	GER	2024	10'
EVERYTHING IS EASY	PAMELA C. SAADE	FR	2023	6'
BREAKING THROUGH	SIHAM BEL	FR	2023	28'

'Nobody said it was easy, but nobody said it would be this hard' is both plagiarism, and a convenient summation of our themes. Well, the theme is basically love, which, actually, everyone says is hard as fuck. Now, finding love in a foreign land?! All the same shit with added fun: prejudice, language barriers and culture shock. Or familial love; gay uncles coming through with old gay shit you need to know or fathers saying fuck the neighbours and whoever else is stopping their baby from being happy. But against all the odds it's self-love that is beautiful to see in any diaspora.

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In various languages with English subtitles.
In partnership with Nafs Space with Q&A hosted by Drew Demetry.
Programme runtime: 1h 23m
CW: homophobia, colonialism

The Life of Sean DeLear

THE LIFE OF SEAN DELEAR

MARKUS ZIZENBACHER

AT 2023 82'

Bus, club, another club! Follow us on a wild romp through the life and legacies of Sean DeLear, a Black queer legend of the 90s LA post-punk scene, before a move to Vienna to push even more boundaries in experimental visual arts. Interwoven between SeanD's rebellious teenage diaries, three decades of lively home videos and affectionate recollections by myriads of party buddies, bandmates and found families, we gain vision of the power of culture & community-building as the heart of queer revolution. Party on, babes!

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In English with English subtitles.
CW: discussion of drug use, addiction, HIV/AIDS

21 SEP

SATURDAY

RICH MIX (CINEMA)

16:00

Summer in Daydream City

ICARUS	BILLY KLOTSA	UK, BR	2024	7'
THE ENCHANTED DAY OF THE ERÊS	CORACI RUIZ & JULIO MATOS	UK, BR	2024	11'
HEART MURMURS	DOROTHY CHEUNG	HK	2023	9'
PIGEONS ARE DYING, WHEN THE CITY IS ON FIRE	STAVROS MARKOULAKIS	GR	2023	21'
CHERRY, PASSION FRUIT	RENATO JOSÉ DUQUE	PT	2024	5'
STAY STILL OR I LOVE YOU	FEDERICO LUIS	AR	2023	13'
SAVE MY SOUL	KAM FAI LEUNG	HK	2023	14'
A BIRD CALLED MEMORY	LEONARDO MARTINELLI	BR	2023	15'

From São Paulo to Hong Kong, Buenos Aires and Athens, queer people are seeking escape from their daily lives, through religion, yearning, petty crime or pet play. Strap in for strange and beautiful tales of missing parrots, post-hookup scooter rides and catboy misadventures. Can these dreams shield them from the harsh realities of life in a burning world?

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In various languages with English subtitles
for films in other languages
CW: police brutality, murder, death, sex, animals in distress,
discussion of HIV, transphobia, racism
Programme runtime: 1h 35m

Neirud



NEIRUD

FERNANDA FAYA

BR

2023 72'

Neirud died shrouded in mystery, leaving behind no trace of her past. Confronting family secrets, the filmmaker pieces together the life of her enigmatic aunt, who toured Brazil as a wrestler in an underground all-female circus troupe throughout the 60s and 80s. As she investigates Neirud's controversial ring persona, Gorilla Woman, the filmmaker uncovers a fascinating story about race, identity and queer life.

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In Portuguese with English subtitles.

CW: racist language, violence, murder, racial discrimination and persecution

21 SEP

SATURDAY

RICH MIX (STAGE)

UK PREMIERE

17:30



TOPS

AMES PENNINGTON, JOS BITELLI

UK 2024 70'

Fun, satirical and a pastiche of the chaotic, brash, self-deprecating and clueless 1990s/2000s British reality TV, **TOPS** sees self-proclaimed future award winning filmmaker Amy Pennington present their landmark faux-documentary. Casting themselves as an invasive TV presenter, Amy goes on a satirical odyssey through the lives and homes of four unique individuals, exploring the crucial question that defines trans masc experience, "What TOP did you wanna wear after TOP surgery?"

Q&A with filmmakers after the film

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In English with English captions.

21 SEP

SATURDAY

THE RIO CINEMA

18:15



Bang!

GAMETES	NOVA LOV	BEL	2024	16'
A QUICK FIX	ORAN JULIUS, APRIL FLORES, MANON PRALINE	GER	2024	7'
DEEPTHROAT	MIKESAF	BEL	2024	6'
DISMANTLE ME	MAX DISGRACE	UK	2023	13'
BAISE PLATINE	JOHAN GAYRAUD	FR	2024	5'
AFTER WORK	JAN SOLDAT	AUT	2023	5'
OBJECT(S) OF DESIRE	LIBERTY ANTONIA SADLER	UK	2024	4'
UNDER THE CHERRIES	FRIDA RETZ	DEN	2024	16'
CALL ME	ALEXIS LANGLOIS	FR	2024	5'

Calling all mucky Margarets, filthy Filipes and kinky Kaidens: we want you! Tune in for our latest porny exploration into the operations of the international wankers of the world, from plumbing cracks to T4T trysts at the clinic to the radical resonances of a hands-free orgasm. Cum & join us today!

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In various languages with English subtitles.
Programme runtime 1h18m

CW: explicit sex & nudity, medical setting, fascist imagery, ASMR sounds, S/M and pain play.

Dyke Video Dungeon 2

An evening celebrating the legacy – and continued power – of The Great Dyke Music Video

This sold out event was a hit last year! Join us for Volume 2 of The Great Dyke Music Video. From the subversive, to the influential, to the downright naughty, join us in this screening of iconic moments in queer pop, country, rap, dance and cultural history. From the sapphic underground, to the instigators of LEZ cultural change, to MTV-watching queer youth and beyond.

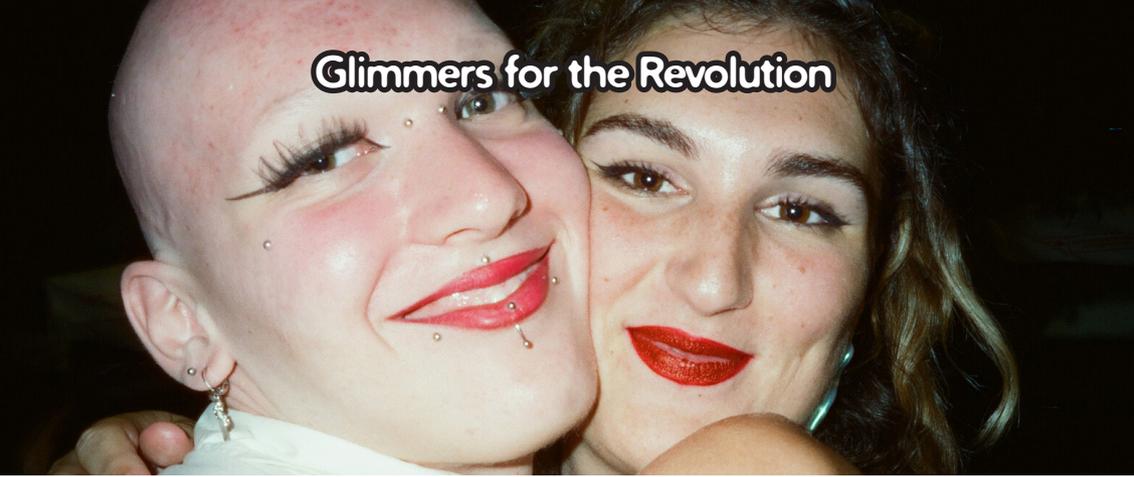
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This is an 18+ event.

Curated and hosted by Sweatmother

CW: Sexual content, outdated use of language, minor domestic abuse

Glimmers for the Revolution



THE ANTI FAMILY	FREAKY FILM COLLECTIVE	NL	2023	12'
I FEEL (FOR) YOU	BELLA CINTRA	ESP	2023	7'
ALPHA & ALPHA	ELIAS ANKARVIK	COL	2023	28'
ANYWHERE THE WIND BLOWS	JAY LIU	USA	2024	18'
BLACK TRANS MIRACLE	TINAYE NYATHI	AUS	2022	18'
I'M IN LOVE WITH MOTHER NATURE	THE SALT AND PEPPER COLLECTIVE	IRL	2024	14'
AND A LITTLE FOR ME	KATHRYN ROAKE	USA	2024	6'

What protects, nourishes and delights us? Journey with these queers dancing for joy & self expression, flourishing in cities, in wild nature and in magical protective castles. These beautiful short films show the multitude of ways queers find, co- create and grow the kinship, spaces and communities we need to be safe and to thrive. As activist Mariama Kaba reminds us: hope is not optimism, it is a discipline and we have to practice it every single day.

In various languages with English captions.
 Programme runtime: 1h42m
 CW: Police brutality, transphobia

Body Language



COCOON	HOLLI XUE	CHN	2023	11'
MY HOROSCOPE SAYS I SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH WHAT I'M DOING	ADERET FISHBANE	USA	2024	5'
MAYBE I WAS ANTICIPATING THAT LOSS	BEN SAMBROOK	USA	2023	31'
THE SHIP OF THESEUS	LEO TORRE	UK	2022	1'
THESE KIDS DON'T GET IT, MA.	JUNE JUNG	USA	2024	6'
	JO REID	UK	2022	6'
YOU ARE HERE	SARAH HILL	USA	2023	9'
CLOSET WITCH - MY WORDS ARE SACRED	AUTOJEKTOR	UK	2023	1'
IN SEARCH OF LIGHT	DANIEL PINHEIRO	PT	2023	5'
WEE GAY USA	KAT MACMILLAN	UK	2024	14'

The body is a messy, fun, frustrating, fragile, fuckable and fabulous thing. What do you say when you find you're not actually in control? When there's too much to say and not enough words we just got to try and *show* how it feels.

Followed by Q&A with filmmakers

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In various languages with English subtitles for films in other languages.

Programme runtime: 1h 32m

CW: discussion of transphobic violence, self harm, mention of rape and suicide, misogyny, animal abuse, flashing lights

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Go Fish

GO FISH

ROSE TROCHE

USA 1994 83'

A seminal classic of 90s lesbian cinema, and one of Fringe!'s own ultimate faves – now presented in stunningly–restored 4K for its glorious 30th anniversary. Happy bday, Go Fish!! What happens when dykedom's hottest property Max falls for Eli, the crunchiest granola gal this side of Chicago? Will Kia & Evy settle their situationship, and will Daria survive the throes of local dyke drama? Only one way to find out...

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In English with captions.
Join us after the film for a joyous end of fest celebration!

22 SEP

SUNDAY

RICH MIX (CINEMA)

18:00

Steamy Intimacies: A Fringe Sauna Experience



Water Sports! Sauna Shorts!

Join us at Hackney Wick Community Baths for this splashy post-festival sauna special! The night begins with a screening of juicy, watery, steamy short films and ends with dinner, plunge pools, and unwinding in the saunas together. An unmissable chance to link up with your new friends, lovers, and everything in-between while sharing your festival highlights! Curated by April Lin 林森 and Jeng Au, this event is a sequel to the highly coveted Steamy Intimacies sauna screening event which ran as part of Queer East earlier this spring. Check our website closer to the date for more details on the programme and the running order of the event.

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In various languages with English subtitles
*Evening (check website for precise timings)

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love hub: home

Digital Connections: Intimacy and Technology

How does technology enable or limit intimacy? Is there such a thing as too much swiping right? Can you fall in love over OnlyFans? We welcome neuroscientist and adult content creator Leander to talk us through sex work, intimacy, mental health, and technology.



Online Bondage Session

Online for the first time, an opportunity to learn the ropes of bondage from the comfort of your own home. This interactive workshop will be a safe space to get to grips with some of the basic ties that form the basis of rope bondage.

Let's talk about Sex Compulsion

What is Sex Compulsion? And why are we not talking about it more openly. In a thoughtfully led discussion, Adam Zmith will guide our guests through an honest exploration of Sex Compulsion and how it is affecting members of our community.

Queer Parenting for Beginners

Thinking of becoming a parent but don't know where to start? Is adoption the right path for you, or are you looking to co-parent with another queer? Parenting takes all shapes and forms, and in this open session we will highlight a few of the ways for those looking to take this step.



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Don't Yuk My Yum

Do you love licking food off someone's skin? How does what you eat affect what sex you enjoy? In this Friday-night odyssey, a troupe of sassy performers will serve up a smorgasbord of treats all about SMELLS, TASTES, BODIES and FERMENTATION. As entertaining as it is informative, expect gagging games, gender-fluidity and belly laughs!

Eleven Words For Love: On Queer Palestinian Joy

Brought to you by activists, writers, and artists from Palestine, Lebanon, and beyond, join our interactive panel discussion on what love, defiance, and joy might mean for queer people of Palestinian and Arab descent.

Home Essentials

Are you more of a DIY SOS than a Fixer Upper Fiend? Do you lack the home essential to put up a shelf without a YouTube tutorial? Then this workshop is for you!!! Led by the Love Tank's DIY expert Dani Singer, we will show you there is nothing to fear when it comes to doing it yourself and making your home your castle.

Rope Bondage 101

Back by popular demand, another chance to learn the foundations of bondage. Leave the workshop with the skills to express your own creativity through rope play. This guided workshop will provide the opportunity to practice, and to discover next steps in the art of rope-bondage. This event is suitable for all queer adults, regardless of experience.

Bottoming/Topping Panel

To bottom, or not to bottom... that is the question. But what do the politics and practicalities around bottoming and topping say about ourselves and our sex. In this informative panel discussion we cover the broad spectrum of what it is to top and to bottom.

After Eights – Cruising Monologues

Nothing finishes off a lovely meal like a delicious After Eight... or a bit of Cruising. Digging deep into the treasure trove of experience, our performers will entertain and enlighten you with tales of cruising. Full of saucy details and go-to hints on cruising with respect, consent and dignity.



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Embodiment for Intimacy

Discover the profound power of connection and self-exploration in our embodiment for intimacy workshop. This is an invitation to explore our body-ody-odies using the somatic practices of breathwork and movement combined with mindfulness to cultivate greater intimacy with ourselves and others. Together we'll deepen our self-awareness, increase our body literacy, and play. Please bring a sense of curiosity and your body.

Zhuzh & Trade: Travellers & Queer Culture

Join us on an exciting whip round through queer Traveller history, as our expert panel discuss theatre, vaudeville, jazz, and Rita Hayworth, demonstrating the indispensable role Traveller communities have played in Drag, Polari, and queer spaces.

DIY Healthcare

Curious about hormones, injectables, and other means of managing your own healthcare? Join this discussion with our experts in DIY healthcare on safer use and self-advocacy, alongside a demonstration on safer injections.

Working Out Working Out

If you're queer, trans, and/or disabled, the gym can be a scary place at first. In this discussion, we'll talk through how you can get started, how you can build confidence in working out, and how you can feel right at home when lifting.

Pups win Prizes

Our annual queertastic quiz is back... with a Pup twist. Think you know everything about queer film, music, sport, politics, health, and art? Well, think again! Asad Zafar returns with the quizhoster's mic and fires quick-fire questions, picture puzzles, and team-tagging with a twist. Come in pairs, groups, or on your own – and leave with new best queer friends and a box full of puppy prizes!

Love Hub Lounge

For when you need to relax, chill, and have a chat, our Love Hub Lounge is open all afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday, where you can sit down and grab a drink, or join in on some relaxed crafting workshops.



EMBODIMENT FOR INTIMACY	22 SEP	SUNDAY	RICH MIX (THE MIX)	11:00
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LOVE HUB LOUNGE	22 SEP	SUNDAY	RICH MIX (STREETSIDE)	12:00 – 18:00

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Black Yogis

We know how you love your Saturday stretching. This space is for QTIPOC and friends to come together to connect through the practice of yoga. This peer-led class will be an open-level introduction, so will cater for all levels of experience. Please bring a yoga mat, if you have one.



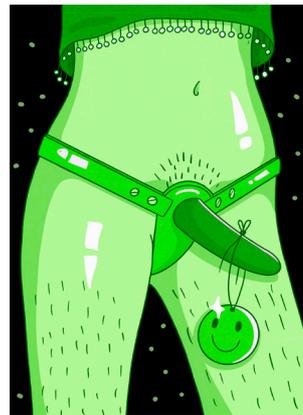
Touch This Skin

Touch this skin honey, touch alllll this skin.....or just come to this exciting panel discussion on Black skincare, where we'll be covering choices and challenges when it comes to keeping your melanin glowing.



Tools Of The Trade: Strap Ons & Pegging

With interest in pegging increasing year by year, we thought the Love Tank better provide our community with a little workshop, and give everyone the tools of the trade so they can peg with confidence.



BLACK YOGIS	21SEP	SATURDAY	THE COMMON PRESS (BASEMENT)	12:00
TOUCH THIS SKIN	21SEP	SATURDAY	THE COMMON PRESS (BASEMENT)	14:00
TOOLS OF THE TRADE: STRAP ONS & PEGGING	21SEP	SATURDAY	THE COMMON PRESS(BASEMENT)	16:00

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How To Be Gay

Are you a friend of Dorothy? An Omi-Palone? Do you know why you should walk into a friend's house and say "What a dump?". Our expert panellists are here to explore how gay culture is transferred between generations, and what it means to be a gay person today.



Ace Of Base

For the Grays, the Demis, and the Aces, we're here to talk about how to navigate queer life and identity through asexuality and aromanticism, and what intimacy, sex, love, friendship, and culture mean to the "A" part of the acronym.

A Little Death

Do queer people die differently? Do we need different end of life care? What happens (to us and our loved ones) after we die? Talking about death and dying is never easy. It's also something we don't talk about as much as we should. In this candid and sensitive workshop will look at aspects of the queer experience in the context of our mortality.

Who is the New Ethical Slut?

The Ethical Slut brought the idea non-mogamy to the masses, but nearly thirty years after its publication, is it still relevant? Join our discussion to learn how consensual non-mogamy sits within contemporary online queer dating and community building, touching on kink, decoloniality, and excel spreadsheets.



HOW TO BE GAY	21 SEP	SATURDAY	THE COMMON PRESS (BASEMENT)	18:00
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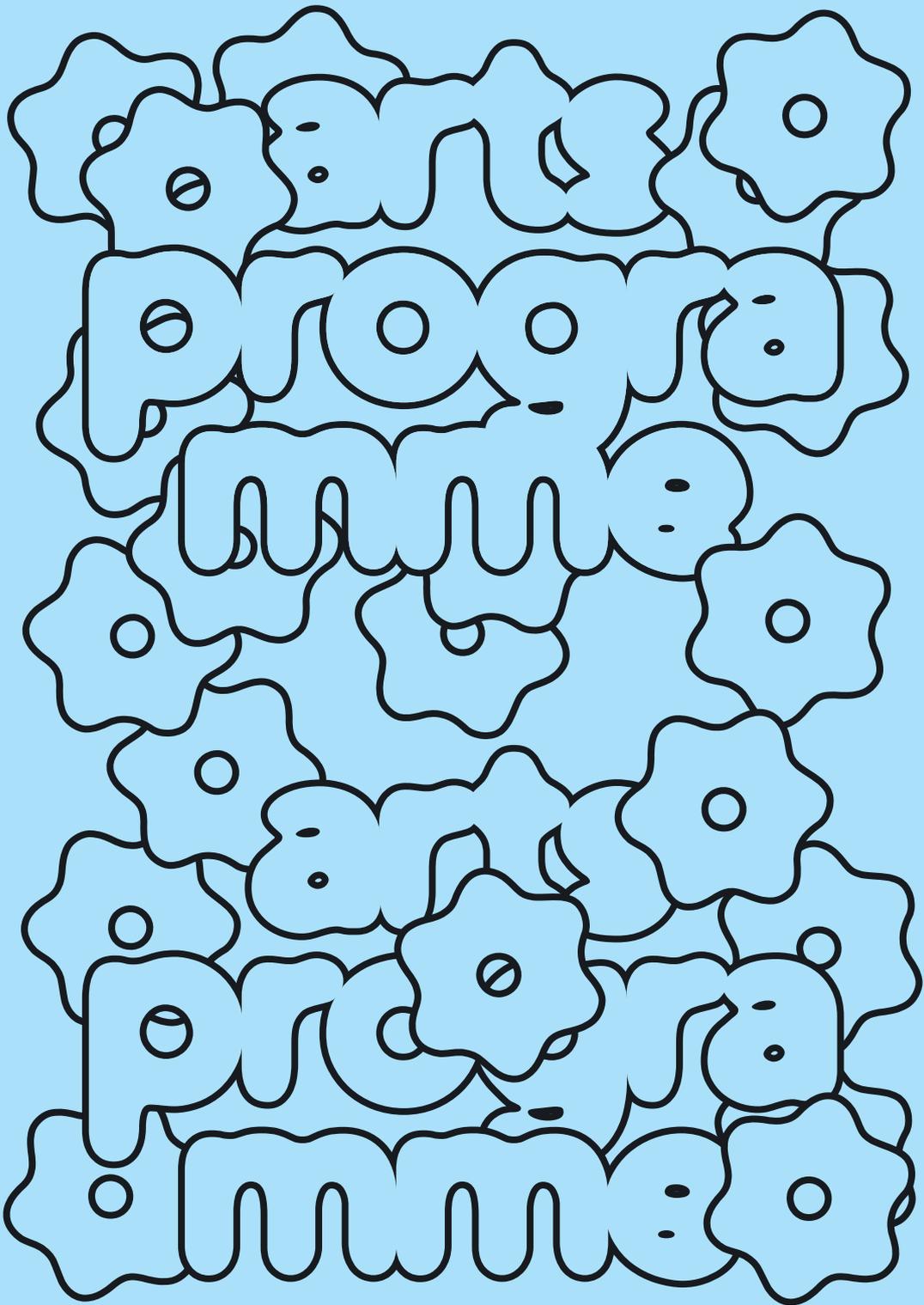
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The Fringe! Queer Market is back –
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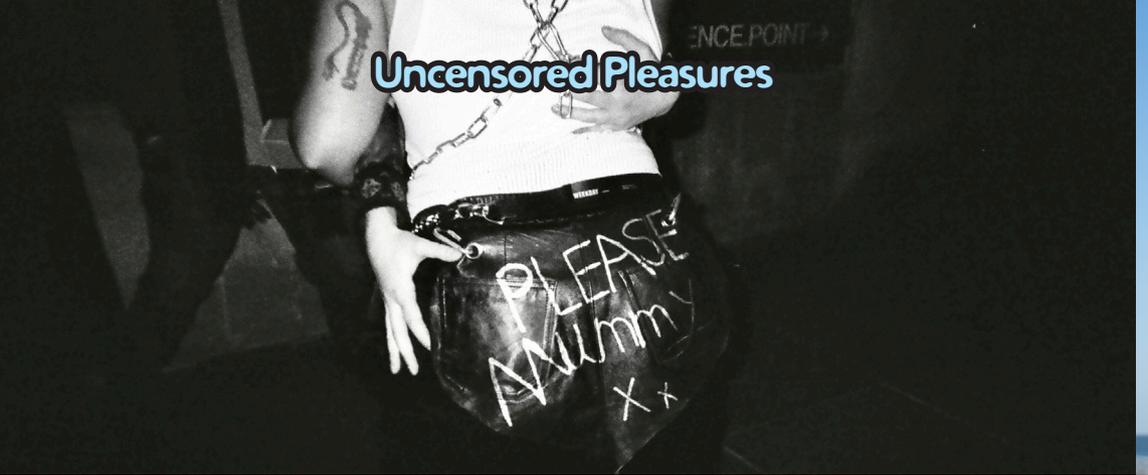
Queer Family

Who do you call family? We asked our extended Fringe! fam to show us what their family looks like. Our gallery of submitted portraits are breaking boundaries and conventions of what families look like. It shows the broad spectrum of what queer fam can be. We're redefining the word family to be shaped from our experience and our perspective. From pups and four legged friends, to guncles and grannies, we're celebrating our nearest and dearest. These portraits are in pride of place on the metaphorical mantel-piece to be shown off and seen by all.

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Uncensored Pleasures

Uncensored Pleasures is a group show probing into the murky depths and glistening joys of dyke desire. With a fist full of leather or a mouth full of piss, this show is for the proud perverts. The exhibition spotlights a new generation of artists who are tapping into lineages of erotic visual languages. Trends come and go but the semiotics have staying power. There are traces of the hands that made it in the fine lines of the exposed film and the near-perfect prints. That well worn copy of *On Our Backs* tells you it's nothing new, but even these days they are daring displays. Banned by the Canadian government or previously self-censored, the works have a coming out story of their own.

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Shock! Horror! Probe! Queer Horror: Panel Discussion



Do you get a thrill thinking about what goes bump in the night? Do you love leaving your seat with a scare or getting goosebumps reading page after page? Whether you're a horror film buff or you can just about stomach Scary Movie, join us for a discussion on all things queer horror. We'll be getting knee deep in the blood and guts of things with Ocean Chillingworth and talking stories of life, death and beyond with Kelechi Anucha Alison Rumfitt will be with us to tell us we're worthless. Come find out who's the monster and who gets to live forever when the queers are making the rules in horror shows!

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Closeted Desires



Got some verse up your sleeve, or a poem up your crack? Release the beast, don't be scared, it's your *closeted desires* we want to hear. Come all, come nuns, an open mic for sexy bums. From love to hate, to awkward first dates. Profess your love, read to filth, sapphic secrets from hot milfs. Queer Shakespeare, take the stage, as Fringe! gives poetry to the gays. Sign up to perform by scanning the QR code: [Open-mic poetry sign up.png](#)

Including performance of Funeral Act I by Maya Williams
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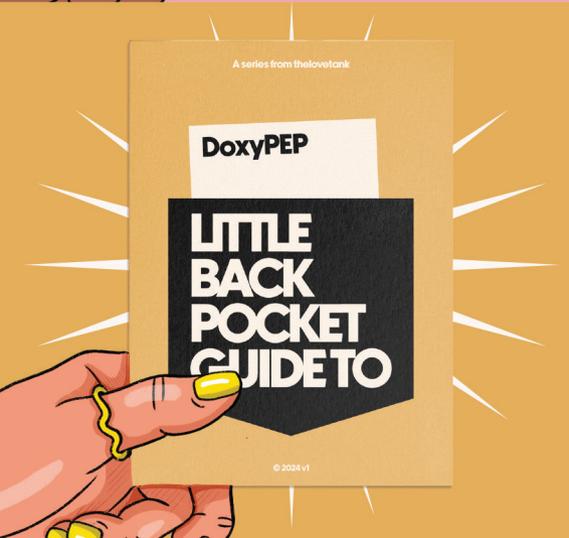


Badge Cafe

Fancy a crafty utopian hangout? At Badge Cafe, you can relax, create and connect every Sunday by reusing old books and mags to make unique badges. For these dates expect a special Fringe! flavour...

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Accessible events

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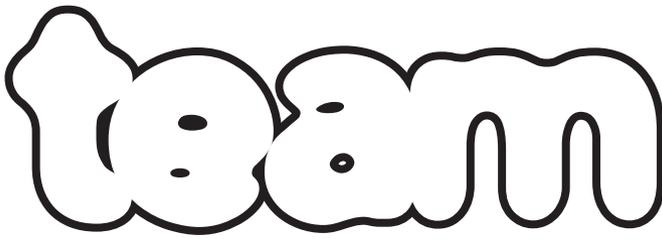
Chill out room at Rich Mix

We will have a quieter room with seating and ambient lighting for anyone wanting to take a break in a calm environment. Available at Rich Mix from Friday 20 to Saturday 22 September.

Support for access needs

If you have any questions about access or specific access needs, email access@fringefilmfest.com and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. We'll always do our best to accommodate your needs where we can.





Meet our volunteer-led team

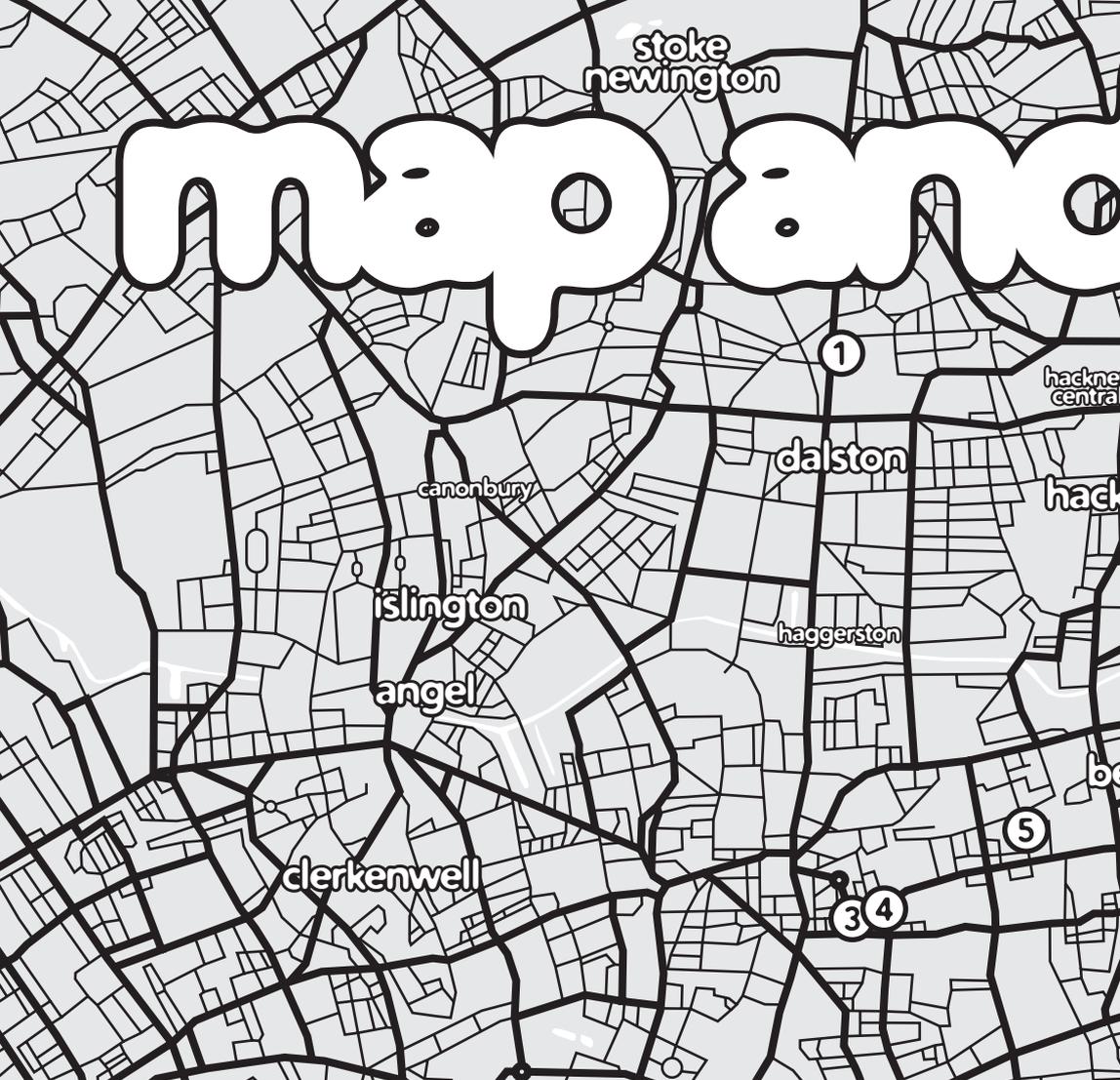
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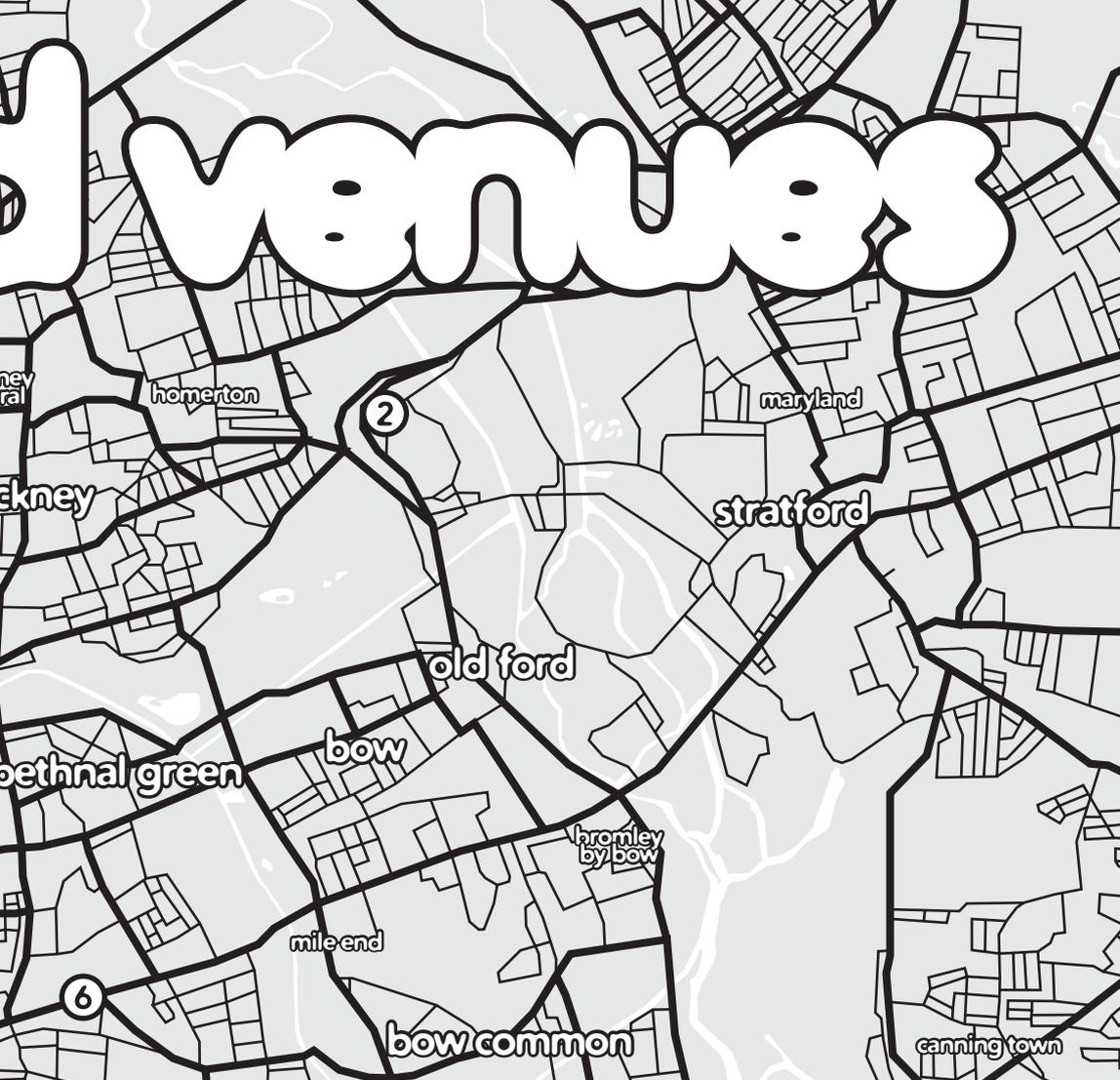
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