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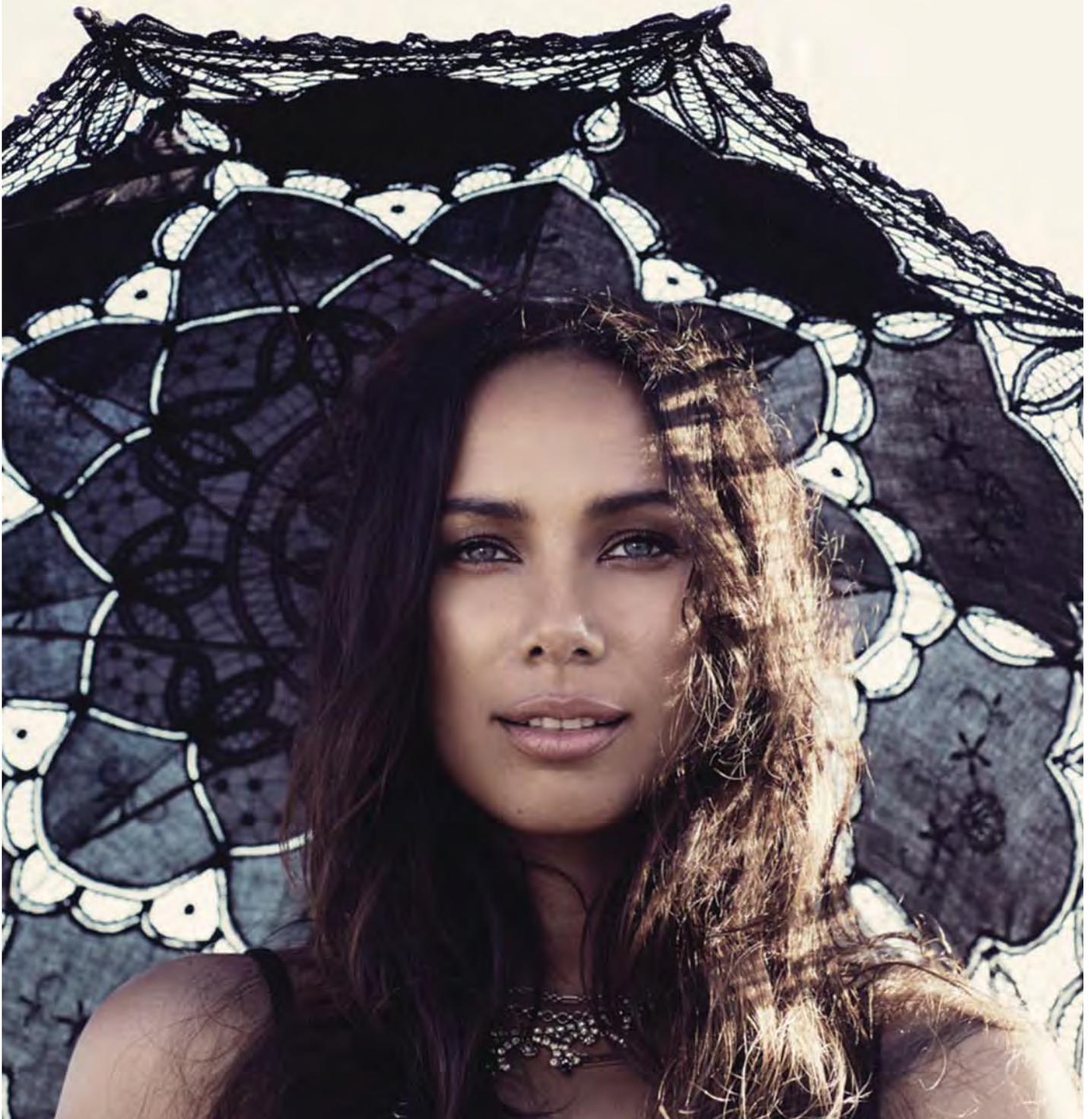
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Leona Lewis

Leona Lewis has had enough. She's taken her amazing vocal range and song-writing talents away from Simon Cowell's Syco and hotfooted it over to a new label, Island Records, where she's released new single "Fire Under My Feet".

With a corker of a show planned for this Saturday at G-A-Y, James Egan decided to have a serious chat with the original X Factor songbird about her big career shakeup, her views on animal rights and er... her drag doppelganger, Leona Lewisham.



“Leona Lewis is gonna duet with Leona Lewisham!”

“Fire Under My Feet” is a bit of a stomper! You’re sounding very confident and empowered.

Thank you! I was inspired to write it because I wanted to get myself out of a situation, get myself motivated to do something different and take things into my own hands. To write a song that would motivate myself and be motivational to other people.

It’s definitely the kind of song you could put on your iPod and strut along Old Compton Street to!

[Laughs] Yeah, it’s got that energy. A lot of people have said it feels very earthy and...

Uplifting?

Yeah, exactly!

You were with Simon Cowell’s label Syco for seven years, what prompted the decision to part ways with them last year?

It was quite hard to leave because I’d built a lot of relationships there and change can be scary, but I was really prompted to leave on around my fourth studio album, when they wanted me to do an album that wasn’t me. It was going to be a covers album and I just didn’t want to go down that route. That prompted me to go and find a different label. In the meantime I was already getting the album together. When I found Island [Records] I already had the first part of the album finished. I went in and played it, they really liked it and were really supportive. So I signed to them!

With Island Records now, is it different to working with Syco?

With my other records, a lot of them were writing with a lot of different people. At the time I really enjoyed that, but this time I had a lot of subject matter to draw from and I needed it to be consistent. That’s why I chose to do the record with Toby Gad, who’s probably one of the best producers and songwriters in the world. I thought it was important to work with just one person so the message didn’t get lost.

Simon Cowell tweeted you congratulations on your deal with Island and also credited you with putting X Factor on the map, so I’m assuming you two are still on good terms?

Yeah, we’re all good. Simon, at the beginning, helped me so much. I definitely owe him a lot for that. It’s important to me to keep a good relationship with him, but at the same time I needed to do things for myself.

Tell me about the upcoming album, I Am.

There’s the title track, “I Am” which I did with Toby Gad and Ed White, it’s got beautiful strings and a nod to Massive Attack. I titled the album I Am because I felt like it was a very strong affirmation and I’ve really had to use a lot of those in the past to help get myself into a better place. There’s a song called “Ladders” which I love, about the highs and lows I’ve experienced in the past. About being thankful for those moments because I can take those lows and make them into something positive, using it to inspire my writing. There’s also a song called “You Knew Me When” which was written by Diane Warren, it’s the only song I didn’t write on the album.

It’s worth not writing one to have a Diane Warren song though!

Yeah, it is definitely worth it!

It sounds like it’s going to be a very honest record.

Yeah, it’s very real. It’s just me and people can take what they will from it.

You’re a vegetarian and an animal welfare campaigner. You famously turned down the invitation to open the Harrods sale due to the fact that they stock fur. When did you develop an interest in animal rights?

I remember going to the West End at a really young age and seeing these awful pictures of animals being tested on, with people trying to get you to sign petitions for laboratory testing to end. Seeing those images and being quite young, it was literally burned into my brain. It was awful and very graphic. I was already a vegetarian but after that I really got into animal rights, because to me the thing that needs to change is the law. I love PETA and those organisations, but I feel like the best thing is to change laws and build relationships with people in order to do so. I also think it’s important to educate people, because at the end of the day, it’s about people being actually aware about animal cruelty.

People can’t change if they don’t understand.

Exactly, I don’t bash people for eating meat because I really think it’s just down to mis-education. People are just not aware, so I just try to bring about as much awareness as possible. I feel like the more extreme campaigners have their place too, because those more extreme moves are what people see, red paint thrown on coats and such, but to me that is also a bit... violent and I don’t condone that. I feel like there’s a middle ground we need to find and that would be going and sitting with different politicians and talking to them about changing laws.

On a lighter note, you’ve also received the ultimate accolade from the gay community: a drag queen named herself after you! Have you seen any of Leona Lewisham’s videos?

[SCREAMS] LEONA LEWISHAM!?! No! That is so amazing!

She’s on YouTube, look her up!

Oh my GOD. That’s amazing, I’m gonna look that up now! Leona Lewis is gonna duet with Leona Lewisham!

You sang the theme to James Cameron’s Avatar. It must be quite surreal singing the theme tune to one of the biggest films of all time.

Yeah, I was contacted by James Cameron- oh my god [laughs] sorry, we’re just looking up Leona Lewisham. We’re still on that! Oh my God... Sorry!

Never mind! Back to “Fire Under my Feet”, you performed it at the Palladium for the first time, how did that feel? How did the audience respond?

Really well, they were all clapping along. I don’t think they knew what to expect at first, so when the beat kicked in they were all like “Oh! Okay, yeah! We can jam along to this!”

Got them up out of their seats?

And tapping their feet!

Finally, what are you most looking forward to about your performance at G-A-Y on the 13th?

You know what, it’s so cool because you can literally do what you want. The kitchen sink and everything else in the kitchen can be thrown in! It’s fun and lighthearted, that’s what I love about it. I just get to have playtime. I’m gonna have dancers and there’s will be water involved! It’s gonna be big.



Leona Lewis is at G-A-Y @ Heaven (Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG) on Saturday 13th June, 11pm-5am. Discount entry wristbands available at G-A-Y Bar.

Leona’s new single, Fire Under My Feet’ is available on iTunes now.

Michelle Visage

With RuPaul's seventh season drawing to a close last week, Chris Godfrey catches up with the show's resident 'ball-busting bitch' (her words, not ours), Michelle Visage.

Hey Michelle! First things first, how did you find judging G-A-Y Porn Idol last month?

Oh that was so fun! I love Jeremy Joseph and everybody at G-A-Y, it's like a second home for me. When I go to London I always go. But it seems that when I'm there, Mary Mac tells me that people get shy because it's me. I think the other queens or whoever else comes are ok, but for me because I'm known to be such a ball busting bitch they get nervous. They all get really shy. It's like, I came here to see willies and fannies people, don't get shy now!

And how was being back in the UK?

Well you know it's my favourite place on earth, right? I've had a love affair with the UK since I was 13 years old and my parents took me over for the first time. It must be some kind of other worldly connection, some past life, but I just know that I'm British somewhere.

So you'll be coming back to see us soon then?

I'm definitely coming back the first week in November for the release of my book, *The Diva Rules*. But as many bookings as I can get, I go. I just love the people and love the place and I said that when I did *Celebrity Big Brother*. I think people at the beginning thought that I was full of shit because every American says that when they go in. But truth be told, I watch almost only British television except for RuPaul's *Drag Race* and maybe a few others. It's the sense of humour; it's the way of life. I don't have to explain my really, really dry, super-sarcasm, everybody there completely understands it.

Which shows do you watch?

Well obviously all the reality shows: *Made in Chelsea*, *TOWIE*, *Big Brother*, *Geordie Shore*, *The Valleys* before they cut it off, which made me very upset. And I love game shows like *Strike It Lucky*, just to see what Michael Barrymore was wearing. But I think my favourite British television show of all time - and I know it goes way back - is *Nighty Night*.

I love Jeremy Joseph and everybody at G-A-Y, it's like a second home for me.



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Nighty Night? I'm getting a lot of thumbs up from everyone here in the office but it's not one I've seen yet.

Are you kidding me, you haven't seen it? Jennifer Saunders is like an idol of mine, and Julia Davis can go toe to toe with her. The two are very different - Julia Davis is very dark - but I dare anybody to go up against her and her writing skills. She is fucking brilliant and Nighty Night is literally the best-written show ever.

I'll have to check it out! So last week I saw you were quite vocal on Twitter about Drake Bell misgendering Caitlyn Jenner...

Here's the thing: we have to educate. I did not bully him at all, and I'm gonna defend myself because the word bully is banded about a bit too much for me. To call somebody out for their transphobia and him defend it, is not bullying. I said to him if you have any questions, ask, and someone will educate you. But what you're doing right now is hiding bigotry behind opinion. And I have such a fundamental problem with people doing that.

I probably shouldn't have told him I regretted spending money on his shitty record, because that's kind of going down to his basic level and I shouldn't have done it. I'm the most opinionated bitch on the planet but I'm also open to every single opinion. I admit when I'm wrong, which is rare, but I admit when I'm wrong. For anybody to sit there and go 'I'm still calling him Bruce' is not an opinion. That's disrespect.

How do you think the reaction to her cover-shoot has been generally?

It's been 99% positive. What Caitlyn Jenner did is so brave, but there is such a war going on with people posting pictures of soldiers saying 'oh really I thought this is what bravery was' - bitch, back the fuck up. Bravery comes in so many different faces and forms. You can't compare what a soldier does to what a trans person does in that manner, but you can say they are both equally as brave. They've never walked a day in a trans persons life.

I couldn't agree more! Last week also saw the conclusion of RPDR Season 7, would that have been your top 3?

I definitely would've liked to see Katya in the Top 3. The funny thing is watching the show is so different from filming it, just like Big Brother. As a judge I only see what they bring on to the main stage, I don't see any of the workroom, any of the confessionals,



I don't know anything about what they are like. I didn't know Violet said she hated me and I didn't know Ginger defended me. Watching the show I wish I could've seen all this as it adds so much more to who they are. Which is why I beg for all the queens that are going to read this (for when we finally get to Drag Race UK) to understand that what you bring to the stage is so much more than a look. When I say 'I don't get who you are, I don't understand your personality' I am looking for that so I can see who you truly are, because I don't get

to see anything but your outfit. So bring it to the main stage, bring it all to the main stage. I beg of you.

How do you think the queens on this season compare to others? It seems to be getting a lot of stick on Twitter.

Everybody likes to talk shit. When their favourite queen doesn't win they get really upset and I understand that. They want their pick to win. But there's a way to lose gracefully and then there's a way to be violent and disgusting.

With that said, I think Season 7 was different because it felt a little more raw. It wasn't a bunch of seasoned queens, it was a mixed bag but there were a lot more new queens. I think that's very different from anything we've ever done and I think it's inspirational for new queens that are starting out to see people like Pearl and Max and Violet.

And if you were on the show which challenge would you suck at?

I would suck at sewing because my sewing is very basic. But I would slay acting, singing and anything else. I can put a look together and I could probably walk the house down, but the sewing challenge is tough for me. It's tough for a lot of these queens because most of them don't sew. But I have a 15-year-old daughter who's teaching herself to sew so it's not even about age; it's a matter of who wants to learn and who doesn't.

Speaking of which, we're always hearing about what the queens learn from their time on Drag Race, but what about you?

Oh my god, I've learnt so much. It's opened my mind in so many ways

to the art of drag. I grew up in New York City so for me that's the drag that I knew, which is kind of similar to London's drag - very cabaret, very camp, very in your face and raw. Living in LA over the years I've known all different types of drag - I get more exposed every day. I do a gig and appearance and meet new drag talent from all over the world and it just makes me happier and happier and encourages me that this art form is here to stay.

I've also learnt that I'm quite easy to please if you just listen to what I say!

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Does the Gay Community Fetishize Black Men?

Dylan Jones speaks with East London scenester **Ola Awosika** and drag performer **Cairo** to explore sexual attitudes towards black men on the London gay scene.



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ou don't need to look far to find controversial sexual attitudes to black men in the gay community. You just need to watch a bit of porn. Pornhub clips with titles like "two black thugs ruin skinny white boy's ass" say it all. It might make you cum but it's not exactly politically correct.

There's even a website called Thughunter, where Aryan twinks parade around car parks and council estates, seducing 'straight' black lotharios. The homepage proudly displays the charming caption: "they'll say no to taking it up the ass – but when you offer them a shit load of money, then you get their attention." In one fell swoop black men are stereotyped as superficial, insincere and poor.

Racial clichés are a fairly common subgenre in gay porn; a black man being discovered robbing a house, and then proceeding to forcefully fuck their innocent white victim is a particularly offensive example. There's also a shamelessly stereotypical selection of jungle themes, ghetto themes, prison themes...as you can see, I've done my research.

But does stereotyping matter in this context? It's political incorrectness, but on a very superficial, purely sexual level. The same ridiculous profiling is given to other social groups. Scallies, sportswear, straight men - we're all quick to shoot down the "masc" straight-acting ideology, but don't pretend you've never been to brokestraightboys.com.

Elsewhere, daddy/son fantasies are getting increasingly popular and even hot gingers are now a thing, with Thomas Knights' Red Hot 100 book appearing on coffee tables everywhere from Hoxton to Hampstead.

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“Not every black man is going to steal your wallet. But they may steal your heart.”

The difference is context. Factors like hair colour or fashion sense are, for the most part, purely superficial. Race is a hugely significant socio-political issue in gay and straight communities alike, and probably always will be.

Ola Awosika is a visual merchandiser and East London scenester who's had first-hand experience of exactly the kind of superficial stereotyping that still pervades the gay community.

“Black men are definitely objectified in the gay scene,” he says. “Our bodies are fetishised and sexualised. I feel as if some white gay men just want you fulfil the ‘thug’ stereotype they see in porn. I’m wary of men that ‘only date black’ too. I’m not your political statement or exotic experiment.

“A white gay male in the smoking area of a bar once said to me ‘you’re really hot for a black guy, in fact, the last guy I slept with was black.’ Why do white people think this is a compliment? Oh, so you sleep with black men? Let me just grab my jacket and let’s go back to yours so I can play out your ‘big black cock’ fantasies. Or not.”

In a recent survey by FS Magazine, 80% of black guys said they still experience racism on the scene, while 70% of white guys believed that all black men were well hung. Too often black men are categorised as hypersexual, hyper-masculine hunks, with massive egos and massive dicks to match. If people really believe that, it makes sense that they would fetishise black men; sadly, masculinity is often lauded in the gay community, and a 6’5 muscle-bound black guy could be perceived as the pinnacle of that.

Clearly, some people are just ignorant, rather than consciously racist, but that certainly doesn’t make it any better. You could even argue this scarily colonial lack of awareness only makes it worse.

“You only have to look at dating apps,” he continues. “They’re either rife with ‘No blacks or Asians’, dressing up racism as preference, or thirsty white gays screaming out for a ‘big thug dick.’

“Racism is so insidious that it impacts our dating choices. I find it funny that people deny this, especially when racism affects choices in government, in work, and in education. Why wouldn’t it alter our romantic decisions?”

Cairo is a well-known drag and cabaret performer, and a major figure on the scene. As not only a person of colour but also someone whose sexual identity is fluid, Cairo is subjected to a unique spectrum of attitudes towards race, gender and sexuality. It’s telling that there’s still consistency with Ola’s experiences.

“Black men haven’t really been portrayed as anything but big dicked, chauvinistic fuck machines, a sentiment which upsets and confuses me,” says Cairo. “I know such a diverse cross section of black men with personalities which differ majorly, some with small genitals, some who are stupendously eloquent and some who are the most kind and gentle people I know.

“It seems that people aren’t interested in the hearts or heads of black men, only girth and length. We see on Grindr that people are allowed to express their preferences, masking their internal racism. If you are someone that says ‘No Blacks’, or ‘No Rice’, then question why. Why do you not find an ethnic minority attractive?”

Like Ola, Cairo touches on the subject of Grindr, highlighting people’s insensitivity, dismissiveness and lack of imagination on the app.

“Can’t you look past their skin colour or features, and realise that they are more than their heritage?” says Cairo. “You may like tall people, but who’s to say you won’t

fall in love with a person shorter than you? Black men are still seen as less than others because people are so blinded by prejudice. Not every black man is going to steal your wallet. But they may steal your heart.”

The most distinct thing that both Ola and Cairo address is people’s seemingly inherent need for pigeonholing and generalisation. I was in a serious relationship with a mixed-race Ghanaian/British guy for around eighteen months. Perhaps wrongly, it never occurred to me to delve into the psychosexual implications of it all. I was surprised when my friends and colleagues decided to do it for me.

We’d be out in bars and whenever a black guy walked past, no matter their age, appearance or demeanour, I’d get a nudge and someone would say ‘there’s one for you Dylan.’

Suddenly, I was ‘into black guys’. I am attracted to black guys. I’m also attracted to white guys, Asian guys, middle-eastern guys, native-American guys...I could go on. I’m not into black guys, I’m into guys. And if they happen to be black, then great, whatever. But it’s interesting that even my friends, artistic and worldly as they profess to be, felt the need to define and generalise.

I think where I went wrong was to not consider it at all. My arrogance and bleeding heart liberal attitude prevented me from seeing that it was still an issue, and that it’s still something people mull over and make judgements on. As Ola says, like it or not racism is still an insidious part of our society and, unfortunately, they are still fetishised.

That said, it’s fine to be attracted to black men and to say that you are. You certainly shouldn’t be afraid to express yourself [insert Madonna dance move here], or to approach someone you’re attracted to. Just be respectful, be aware of how you conduct yourself and delete Thughunter from your browser bookmarks.

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As well as the big top marquee with over, this year's rendition has everything from a circus workshop and funfair, a host of entertaining sideshows and stalls, the usual mix of great food and licensed bars, and even the Essex Pride Dog Show. There's also the UK's number 1 tribute's to Jessie J, Girls Aloud and Amy Winehouse.

"For the many thousands that have been to Essex Pride, not only has it been a time for fun and a chance to enjoy the moment with friends, but I have also seen younger people who are coming to terms with their sexuality, who have met other like-minded people at Essex Pride and no longer feel alone," says Garry Ormes, the chair of Essex Pride.

"By showing your support and attending Essex Pride, you are helping to achieve a much more accepting community, and showing that Essex is a diverse and accepting place to live, plus it's a really fun day out for the whole community to enjoy."

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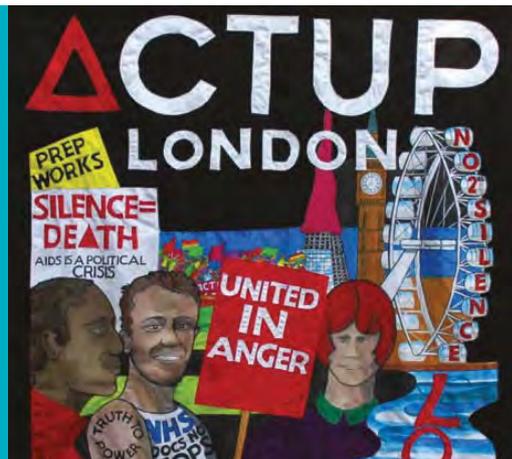
ACT UP London and London Artists Projects will be staging a peaceful demonstration at Trafalgar Square on 15th June. Act Up For Love hopes to bring HIV+ and HIV- migrants, their friends, family and allies to attend a joyful protest against Nigel Farage's HIV-phobic rhetoric and restrictions on healthcare access, which stand to impact HIV+ migrants.

Flanked by an ACT UP queen's guard, members of the public are invited to dress up and photograph themselves in front of the new ACT UP banner, which will be situated in front of Nelson's column facing up the Square towards the National Gallery. During the photo call, HIV+ and HIV- migrants and leading figures from within the gay liberation movement and HIV activism will speak.

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LOVETHERVT

The owner of the RVT has launched a petition to stop Historic England from listing the RVT building, which they feel could jeopardise the pub's future. The building is already registered as an Asset of Community Value with Lambeth Council and the current operators believe this provides the right level of protection.

"If the building is listed by Historic England, it is highly likely the RVT will be forced to close," says James Lindsay, the owner. "We don't say that lightly but the reality is a listing by Historic England is at best an unknown quantity and at worst a real threat. Heritage consultants have advised us that with a listed building, even routine or minor changes will be extremely costly and problematic.

"We have a plan to save the RVT – which we will be sharing with Lambeth Council. We'll also be sharing our accounts for the past few years, to demonstrate the very real financial difficulties the pub continues to face. We want to keep the RVT alive and preserve the proud LGBTQ heritage in Vauxhall."

The petition can be signed via the website.

www.lovetheRVT.com

Lambeth LGBT Police

The Metropolitan Police's dedicated LGBT team for Lambeth will be taking part in a community event on Saturday June 13th. Officers will join Lambeth Council, Galop, representatives from the Gaia Centre in Lambeth, the Terrence Higgins Trust and many others.

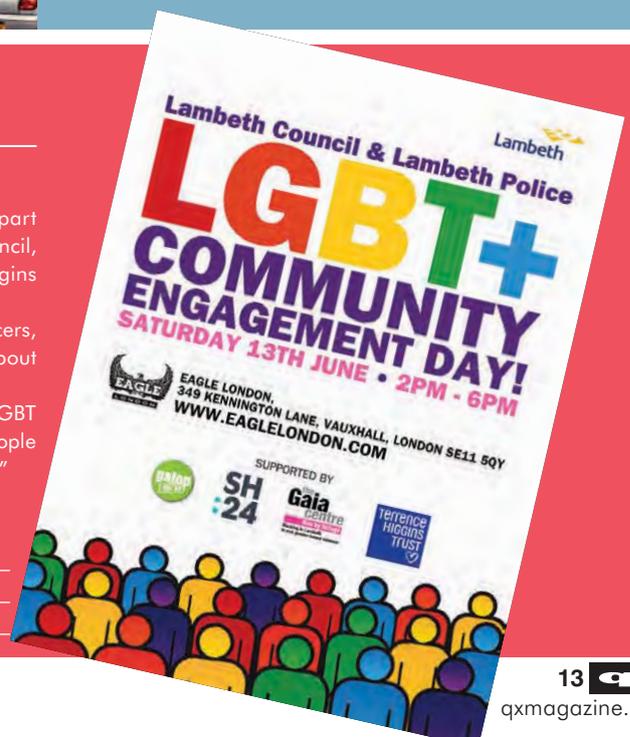
Specialist Met officers, including a crime prevention and dedicated LGBT officers, will be present at the venue to talk to those who attend and provide advice about LGBT matters. There will also be a free BBQ and entertainment.

PC Mike Constable, Licensing officer for police in Lambeth, said: "This is an LGBT event with lots of speakers where we are looking forward to meeting as many people as possible. We plan to organise similar events in the future, across the borough."

Saturday June 13th, 2pm – 6pm

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G-A-Y Porn Idol
with Alyssa Edwards



The Empress of Back Rolls, **Alyssa Edwards**, will be sharing her secrets onstage at G-A-Y Porn Idol this Thursday (spoiler: SHE'S A MAN) and judging the choked chickens being swung around the pole. Think your pecker can pass inspection? Text 07789553868 to enter, or email info@g-a-y.co.uk, you could win £100!
Next week the girl with the best Sharpie brows this side of Mexico, **Miss Fame**, will be choosing her favourite stripping star!



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Miss Fame

Ayyy que guapo, Papi Loco! Oh wait, no, that's not our latest shag, it's actually PAPA LOKO, which is a night at Dalston Superstore. Just as fit though. Expect high frequency techno, transcendental deep house and emotionally explosive electronica. Loko's ancestral spirit will be channelled at the Superstore basement, through the transpersonal sounds of Candi Bianca, Twang and party mastermind Othon. Whoa.



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We love a wrong'un at here and where better to find one than at, well, WRONG! They're evening opening earlier now at 10pm so it's... ALL NIGHT WRONG! Giving you 15 hours of cutting-edge tech house and techno to gyrate and fornicate to, courtesy of **Thomas Wonderland**, **NPM**, **Eduardo Herrera**, **Enrico Chirchiello** and **Angelo Sziklai**. No pop, no commercial dance



Union, 66 Albert Embankment, SE1 7TP. 10pm-1pm. £10 entry, £7 members.



Eduardo Herrera

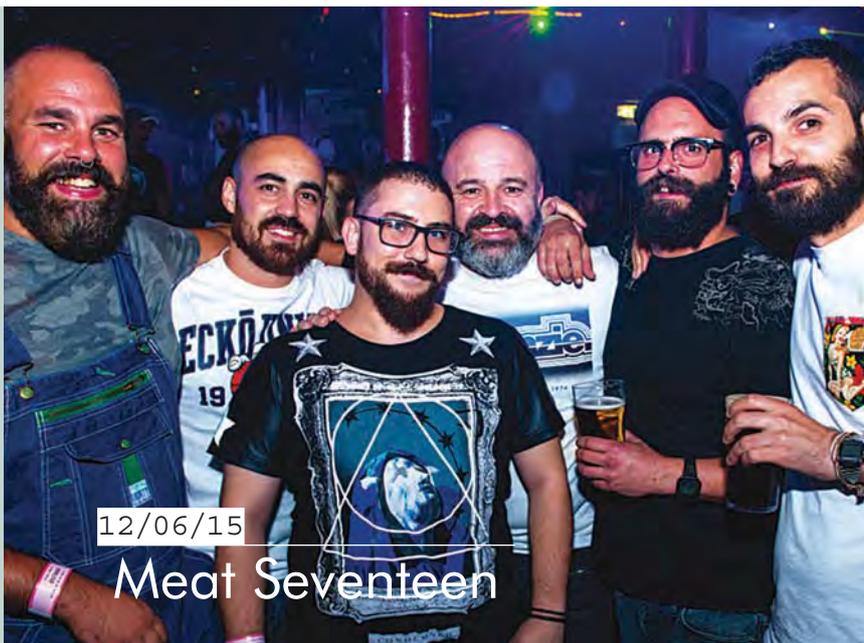


Meat Boys

It's time to grab another slice of Meat! The Tavern will have all manner of juicy slabs swinging from the rafters, with tasty beats coming from **Michael Kelly** and the **Meat Boys**, while **Harry Clayton-Wright** serves as head butcher. Don't forget to grab your free copy of cult male pin-up zine *Meat Seventeen* while they're hot. They won't be around for long!

meat

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372
Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY,
10:30pm-4am. £5.



12/06/15

Meat Seventeen



12/06/15

A:M

Become a part of the fA:Mily this week, with the debut of **Antonio Monero** aka **Tony English** and his huge collection of techno, together with Deep South Soundsystem's **Massimo Paramour** and **Paul Heron**. Music is, as always the focus point, so expect the latest house and their trademark turbocharged, bouncy deep house, tech-house and techno.

A:M

Protocol, 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP,
11pm-11am. £4 before 1am, £8 b4 6am with QX
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Tony English



12/06/15

Le Coq

Need more Coq? Thought so. Best get down to East Bloc and wrap your laughing gear around the hot homo di...sco they've got ready for you. Plus the devilish and delightful drag divas **Silver Summers**, **Fifi La True** and **Smiley Vyrus** invite you into their Salon for a good rinse and maybe even a blow dry, with top calibre R'n'B, 90s and pop tunes to shake your (fake) tits to.

Le COQ

East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN, 10:30pm-6am.
£5 before 12am/£8 before 1am/£10 before 4am/£5
after. Free entry with QX advert..



Silver Summers

13/06/15

G-A-Y presents
Leona Lewis

Arguably the best thing to come from UK X Factor (aside from Cheryl & Mel B's bitches of Eastwick-style friendship), the Hackney chanteuse **Leona Lewis** will be returning to the G-A-Y pop pleasure pad to show off her amazing vocal range and stomping new single 'Fire Under My Feet'. Better hotfoot it over! Then next week the musical equivalent of Bel Ami, **Stereo Kicks** will be storming the stage. No word on whether Barclay will be naked but we're hopeful.



Stereo Kicks



Heaven, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG. 10:30pm-5am. Discount entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar.



13/06/15

XXL Leather

The bears are going hell for leather this week, so break out your boots, your chaps and your harness and maybe even your whip (if you're into that) and find yourself a daddy. Whether you've been good, or very very bad, he'll be happy to punish you, we're sure. Expect amazing house and pop remixes from the resident DJs, including this week's DJ of the Week, **Dave Robson!**



Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 entry, £8 for members.

Wanna BANG? Of course you do, but you better prepare yourself because this is a big one. Hot hunks abound as the Shoreditch sexpots take their show south, to the Bankside Space for one Big Bang! Join **Alex Han** and **Borja Pena** for a night of explosive beats and beautiful boys in a sickeningly sexy new space. You better bang, bitch!

BANG!

Bankside Space, 32 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 9EY, 10pm-6am. £12 advance. MOTD.



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Chris Camolin

DJ **Frank.co** takes over both floors of Superstore with an extra special funky party! Upstairs queens play soul, disco and more on vinyl and downstairs **Fierce Ruling Diva** joins god on earth **Chris Camplin**, **Fredi Dimanche** and others to play house and other funk sounds. **Lewis G Burton** will be hosting the whole affair and probably wearing something he's fashioned from a landfill scavenging trip. Love.

FUNKTION

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB, 9pm-4am.
Free before 10pm/£5 after.



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The Funktion

Fredi Dimanche



Josh Caffé

13/06/15

Night Sheen

Promising 'a warehouse party feel in a small, sweaty basement' (THEIR WORDS, NOT OURS) resident musical maestros **Hannah Holland** and **Josh Caffé** return with a third instalment of twilight delights. Except minus the shit glittering vampires and WITH the additions of Italian deep house stallion **Andrew Soul** and underground disco daddy **Terry Childs**. Not to be missed!



East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN,
10:30pm-6am. £5 before 12am/£8 before
1am/£10 before 4am/£5 after.
Free entry with QX advert.



Hannah Holland

We won't lie about this; we're not entirely sure what a Duck Party entails. Paddling in shallow waters? Snapping stale bread out of pedestrians hands? Chasing after geese? All we DO know, is that there's going to be a soundtrack of killer tunes courtesy of **Adam Turner**, **Tony English** and **Paulo Moreno** plus a show that will knock the stuffing out of you. Can't say fairer than that.



Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5:30am.
£5 b4 1am, £8 after, Last admission 3:30am.
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15/06/15

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Dave Robson @ XXL

Can't Beat this Meat



Get your teeth into this! Meat Magazine are launching their seventeenth issue at the RVT. Meat is a super-trendy cult gay zine, with lovely thick matte pages full of lovely thick-thighed hairy men.

No smooth, homogenous Bel Ami boys here. Twinks in Tuscany? No THANKYOU. It's all about others in Old Street babes. Meat pay homage to the sort of man you might wake up next to after a particularly hard night out at Chicken Cottage. These men have PROPER jobs. They're not visual merchandisers at the Oxford Street branch of Topshop, they fucking BUILT the Oxford

Street branch of Topshop. With their big, bare, calloused hands. Oooft. But everyone deserves a thick juicy slice of meat, whether you're a shrivelled little Lidl's wiener, an ethically farmed Cumberland sausage from Belsize Park Budgens, or even a vegetarian Quorn banger! So get down to the good old RVT, you meatpackers. You can pick up a free copy of the magazine, and a free Meat tee! Plus a great selection of synth, Sambuca and sausage. In the words of Soho slag Baga Chipz; "I'll batter your sausage for 80p, and I love to be covered in daddy's sauce!" As well as all that, DOUCHE BAG's Michael Kelly will be DJing and Harry Clayton-Wright will be hosting. What a sausage fest!



Meat Seventeen is at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern (372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY) on Friday 12th June, 10:30pm-4am. £5.



So Dave, you're the new boy at XXL, tell us about yourself!

I'm a music geek. Chart statistics excite me and Paul Gambaccini is my hero (now he's been cleared).

How would you describe your musical style?

My style is a little bit of everything all rolled into one. Why play one genre when you can play them all? disco, pop, new wave, classic R'n'B and when in doubt; Madonna. It's non-pretentious and fun.

What can we expect you to spin for the bears and blokes at XXL?

We've got Pride coming up so I'm thinking I'll be playing a lot of anthems and floor fillers. Otherwise it'll be a mixed bag of classic and new this week. 'Years and Years' are a favorite to be playing lately. A much needed addition to the pop world.



Dave Robson is playing at XXL Leather (Pulse, No.1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF) on Saturday 13th June, 10pm-7am. £15, £8 for XXL members.

Dave Robson's XXL Top 10

1. "Macarthur Park"- Donna Summer

A timeless classic. Last week, there was a dance-off to it. Enough said!

2. "The Boss" (12" Version) - Diana Ross

Has to be played in full to really appreciate Ms Ross dance into Disco.

3. "King" - Years and Years

Just what the pop charts need! More of this and less of Ed Sheeran.

4. "Living for Love" - Madonna

Love her or loathe her, this is her best offering for a while and it sounds great nice and LOUD.

5. "Crazy In Love" - Beyonce

It just doesn't grow old. People still go wild for that intro even after 12 years

6. "Love and Pride" - King

After seeing the film 'Pride' this worked its way into being a regular in my sets. Plus, it's Pride season...get it? OK.

7. "In Private" - Dusty Springfield

Those that know and love this song really appreciate hearing it in a club. Dusty being a mistress! Oh-err.

8. "Girls and Boys" - Blur

It's all about when the beat drops in and trying to sing the chorus...drunk. No easy task!

9. "New York City Boy" - Pet Shop Boys

Another PSB production. Their tribute to disco and it's camper than camp. A bit like me.

10. "Proud Mary" - Tina Turner

A DJ colleague used to say at the end our sets he was knackered. This was why. I defy anyone that doesn't roll along with Tina.



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LONDON'S AWARD WINNING GAY VENUES



G-A-Y

G-A-Y Porn Idol
with Ginger Minj
04/06/15
Heaven, under the Arches,
Villiers Street, Charing
Cross, WC2N 6NG

Words and Photos
by Chris Jepson



In surely one of the biggest tragedies in drag herstory, last Monday's grand finale of RuPaul's Drag Race season 7 saw our favourite queen Ginger Minj lose out to fellow contestant Violet Chachki. I mean, pur-lease, even John Waters thought Ginger should have won, what was Ru thinking? Anyhoo, as consolation The Minj jumped on a plane and hopped across the pond to follow in a long line of RPDR alumni and take her seat on the G-A-Y Porn Idol casting couch with regulars Baga Chipz and Mary Mac. After last week's vodka fuelled she-nanigans, this week before proceedings kicked off Jeremy breathalysed Baga to make sure she was fit for purpose, or about as fit as she can be anyway, and it was on with the show. They say red heads have all the fun, and Ginger lived up to her name by snogging the face off not one but two of the contestants leaving her baby pink lippy smeared across their faces, but when it came to crunch they were all made to sashay away and it was audience member Glen who walked off with the £100 and Ginger's comments echoing in his ears, "well done for living your dream like a whore".



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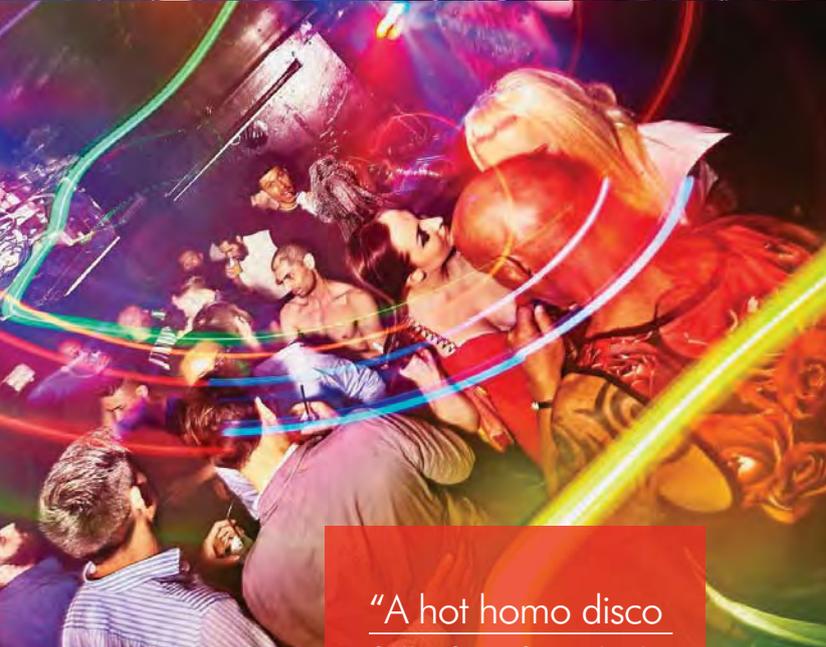
EAST BLOC

Le Coq
05/06/15
East Bloc, 217 City Road,
Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN

Words by Jaime Domingo
Photos by LUXXXER



The City Road den of sin that is East Bloc regularly gifts us with a hot helping of Le Coq each Friday. A hot homo disco full of up for it lads and burly blokes throwing shapes and taking names. However, last Friday they declared their brand spanking new Salon room two residency wide open. With Silver Summers at the helm, how could it be anything else? The ever-immaculate Silver also brought with her a cadre of top-drawer drag talent, including dragulettes Fifi LaTrue and Smiley Vyrus, alongside everybody's mother dearest, Tasty Tim (looking like Barbarella meets Copacabana) and of course, the frootiest femme in town, Our Lady Lloyd. Soothing our senses and guiding us onto the dancefloor with a hot selection of R'n'B, 90's pop and sexy beats, we popped our pussies to the likes of Mis-Teeq and more. While in the main room, our favourite royal Princess Julia held court over the boys moving their bodies in unison. Me gusta!



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XXL Bear
06/06/15
No.1 Invicta Plaza, South
Bank, SE1 7UF

Words by
The Soho Bitch Project
Photos by Mark Storey



We were having a right old knees-up last Saturday, as XXL was hosting their weekly bear mayhem. Hundreds of big hairy men danced to the best tunes until the early hours of Sunday morning, showing no signs of stopping! Both super-sized dancefloors were fully packed all night with extremely hot 'n' hunky studs that kept us wanting more! Resident DJs provided us with the latest tunes as well as some throwbacks that guaranteed a good night out to all sizes and shapes. Stumble upon the steamy dark rooms of XXL to experience the ultimate naughtiness or head over to the lounge terrace to unwind, untuck and throw some shade with your besties before heading back to the sea of hot bodies. Get down to the next beefy instalment when everything continues this Saturday with the super-tight "XXL Leather"!



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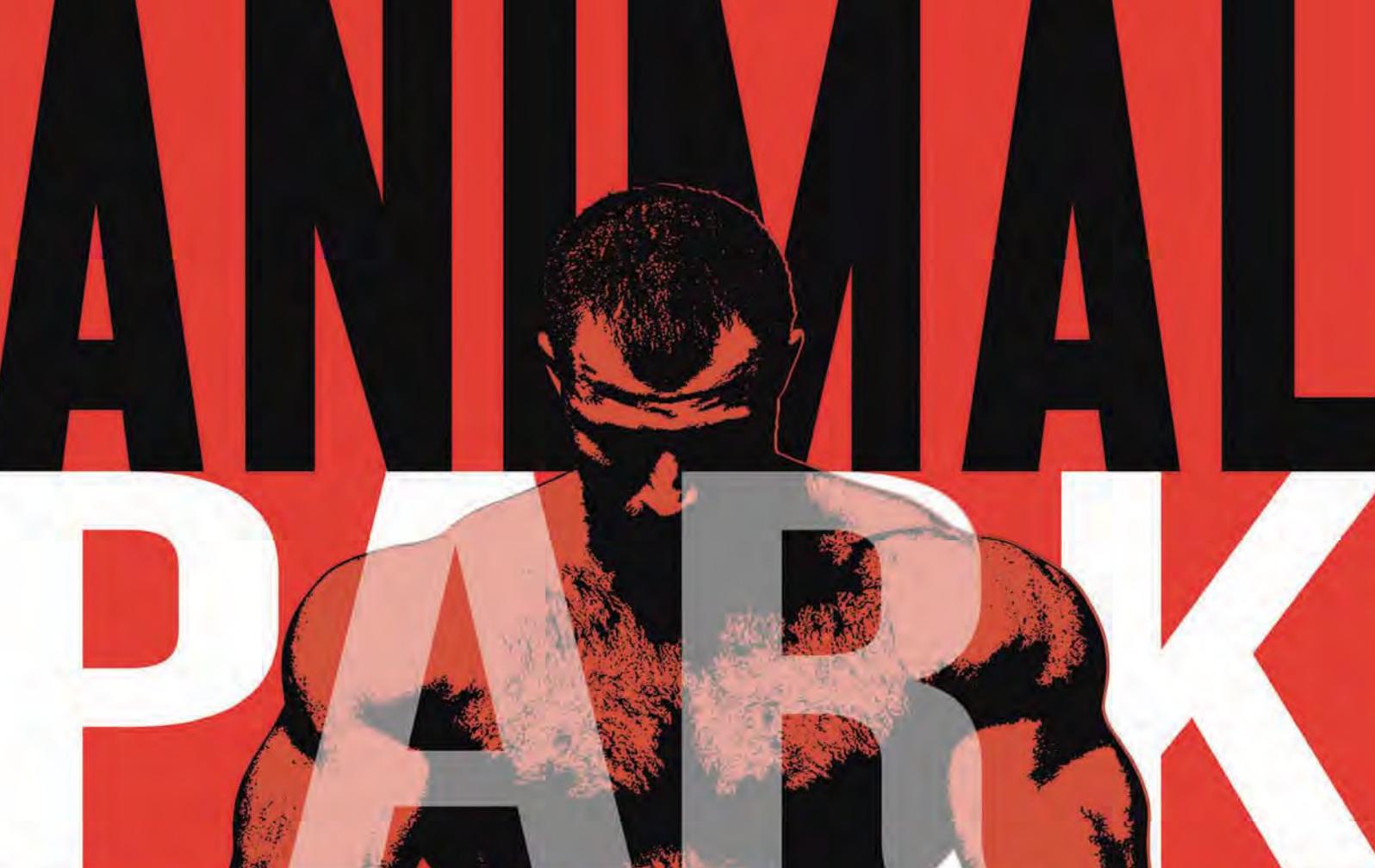


A vision in an acid lemon yellow trouser suit and sporting a new jet black bob, Carly Rae Jepsen (no relation!) rocked up at G-A-Y on Saturday fresh from Capital's Summertime Ball with her full band and treated the packed club to five brilliant tracks. The Canadian songstress proved she was no ordinary reality show fodder (she placed 3rd in 2007's Canadian Idol season five) and reinforced the argument that it is actually better NOT to win these shows if you want a credible music career! Her G-A-Y set list included 'Tonight I'm Getting Over You', 'Black Heart' and 'Gimme Love' from her new album E-MO-TION, worldwide number one hit 'Call Me Maybe' and new single 'I Really Like You' and saw her flirtatiously bouncing around the stage in heels and having a ball. While clearly holding something back and declaring "I really really really really really like you", the audience had other ideas and went all the way, screaming back "we love you". Hard to disagree.



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HOMODROP
06/06/15
Dalston Superstore,
117 Kingsland High Street,
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Words by Dylan Jones
Photos by LUXXXER



There were certainly lots of homos dropping at Dalston Superstore's HOMODROP last Saturday night. Trippy shark animations thrashed their way across a weirdly erotic projected seapunk wonderland on the ceiling, while boys in varying states of undress and inebriation thrashed away below. The vibe was fishy realness meets actual fish. Like, you know, a cod or a haddock or something. Scampi? Is that a fish? It's like a prawn isn't it. Anyway that was the feel. The always-gorgeous Julian Von Petrovsky was there, looking appealingly insane, as well as that long-haired barman we fancy (Greg? Craig?). We also got chatting to a drag queen in the smoking area who looked like Ariana Grande after three days of no sleep. She wouldn't tell me her name. Maybe it WAS Ariana Grande after three days of no sleep. Super-duper DJ extraordinaire Alex Smoke woke her up a bit with his instantly electrifying set, which had the crowd FLOUNDERING for more. After that we found a lovely catch of the day, fished out our Oyster(card) and swam home!



"We also got chatting to a drag queen in the smoking area who looked like Ariana Grande after three days of no sleep."



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19th June

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Fitladz East
05/06/15
117 Charterhouse Street,
Farringdon, EC1M 6AA

Words by Chris John
Photos by Chris Jepson



"Those lusty ladz
kept the party
pumpin' right up to
closing time."

QX found ourselves fumbling in Farringdon as Fitladz got its rocks off with a super-sexy launch bash at a brand new location last Friday. Taking in a marathon twelve hours of sizzling shenanigans, the venue may have changed but the antics are just as hot as ever. Featuring two romping rooms of top tech-house and chilled-out lounging at ground level, plus X-rated action in the basement

cruise zone, promoter Steve Darragh pulled in a misbehavin' mob of tasty totty for non-stop intimate action through 'til 6am. Highlights included a giddy soundtrack from the Fitladz resident DJ crew in the atmospheric front bar, that had us throwing funky shapes under the mirror balls into the small hours. Meanwhile there was endless relief and relaxation to be had watching steamy vids and exploring the cruise cabins downstairs as those lusty ladz kept the party pumpin' right up to closing time. Fitladz East is open seven days a week – watch this space for special themed nights launching soon!

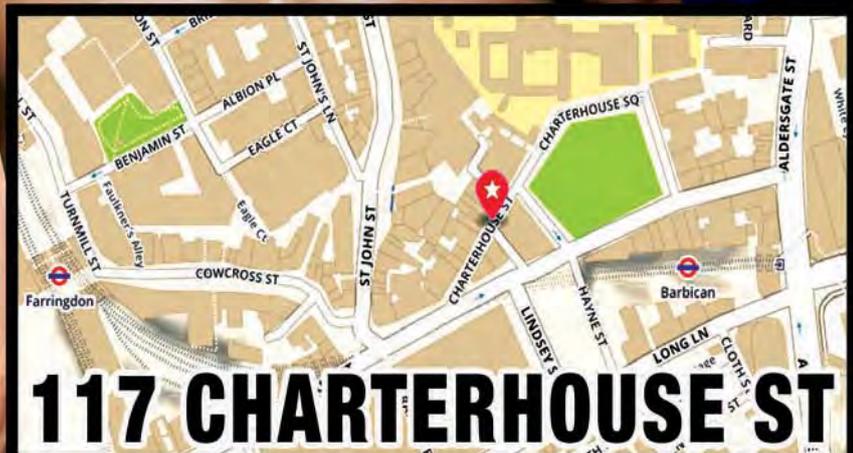
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On June 19th, **Pam Ann** crash lands into the Two Brewers where she'll be serving up nuts and showing you ALL her exits. She's the filthiest flier we've ever met! And that's saying something, we once met someone called Tristan who's a steward for Virgin and let's just say he did NOT live up to his company name (but he gave the best service imaginable).



Kara Van Park

BJ's White Swan

556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD.

Summer time means it's time for a spot of caravanning... **Kara Van Park** is set to make the White Swan her camp site on Saturday 13th June, in all senses of the word. So set up those awnings and light your barbecues (actually don't, we don't want the White Swan burning down, we've lost enough gay venues already).

Zoe Tyler



Hippodrome

Hippodrome Casino, Cranbourn Street, Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH.
Show starts 8pm, tickets from £20

It's **Zoe Tyler** at Hippodrome on June 11th! Hey hun! She used to be on Loose Women, now she's performing in a casino. Just goes to show, you CAN have it all. And Zoe Tyler HAS got it all! Her diva show is made up of a host of talented female singers from around the world singing your fave diva hits. Perfect.

Ku Bar

30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA.

On Fridays at Ku Bar, **DJ Rodrigo** will give you that Friday feeling you've been craving all week long! Grab a cocktail, relax on the heated outdoor patio and enjoy the sights, before you head downstairs to KuKlub for even cheekier fun. There's also the gorgeous **DJ Kerol** as well as their usual cast of sinfully sexy bar staff.



Bebe van der Belt



Counter

Arch 50, South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. 1pm-4pm.

Bebe van der Belt will sing away your weekend hangovers on Sunday afternoon between 1pm-4pm, while delicious **Duncan Day** bashes away at the piano keys. He might even bash away at YOU if you're lucky! This is all happening at the lovely Counter restaurant. Friendly staff flit hither and thither serving gorgeous gastronomical gourmet greatness!

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Mister Glory
03/06/15

The Glory, 281 Kingsland
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Words by Dylan Jones
Photos by Holly Revell



We knew there'd be trouble as soon as we saw John Sizzle's dress. "It's stitched together from old

gay bingo t-shirts no-one wanted!" drawled Jonny Woo gleefully as Sizzle grinned and twirled. Three increasingly drunk guest judges (Timeout's Sonya Barber, drag extraordinaire AManToPet and international slut Amber Waze) surveyed three increasingly naked contestants in three increasingly insane rounds. Eveningwear, talent, and swimwear. At first nobody seemed to know what cute contestant Alastair's talent was. "She makes dildos from saliva and the Sun newspaper!" cackled John Sizzle. It turned out to be a reading of the lyrics of 'Work Bitch' in the style of a dramatic monologue. The swimwear round descended into anarchy as soon as hot, hairy Austrian Georgio poured bottles of an unidentified liquid on himself. Amber, incognisant with lust, leapt on him from the judging panel, and they both collapsed off the stage into a large inflatable palm tree. Lucky it was there really. Of course, Georgio was crowned the winner, sparkly gold hot pants and all. Head down next week to see who makes it through the second heat!



"She makes dildos
from saliva and the
Sun newspaper!"





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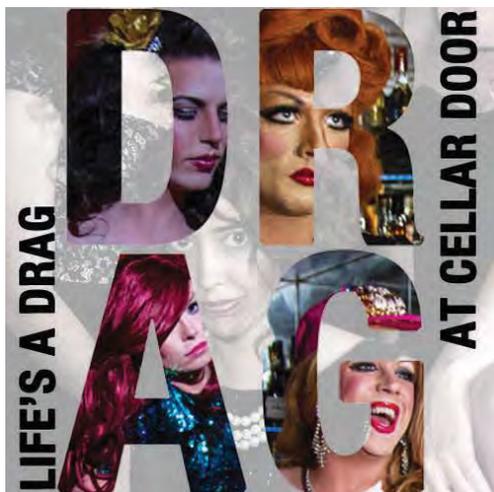
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London's cabaret scene is one of the most thriving and diverse in the world, with new artists and shows constantly emerging. And it's not just all happening at the weekend. Each night of the week there's always something going on, catering to all tastes. Most of which is free entry or significantly less than a theatre ticket - perfect for these 'times of austerity' (and that way you have more to spend on shots). This week **Jason Reid** guides you through a selection of the best ongoing weeknight shows out there, from drag kings to drag legends via queer variety and showgirl glamour...



Monday

Life's a drag
CellarDoor
0 Aldwych, Royal Opera House
WC2E 7DN
www.cellardoor.biz
9pm
Price Range: ££

One of London's premier cocktail bars, this bijou basement space nestled at the Aldwych end of

The Strand plays host to **Topsie Redfern**, **Ginger Johnson**, **Michael Twaits** and **Cosmic** every Monday (with each artist playing once a month) accompanied by the nimble-fingered **Sarah Bodalbhai** on the piano. If you want an intimate live music venue to kick back in, and a luscious cocktail menu to go to town on, away from the hustle and bustle of Soho, then CellarDoor is the place for you.



Monday Nights with Mrs Moore
Two Brewers
114 Clapham High Street
SW4 7UJ
www.the2brewers.com
10pm
Price Range: £

The voice of a thousand fags (and as many catchphrases) lights up the Brewers stage for some late night gag-telling and merriment. Expect a sprinkling of Shirley Bassey, a generous portion of show tunes, and many skittlebombs to be guzzled. Relaxed atmosphere with cheap drink offers all night.

Tuesday



Bar Wotever
Royal Vauxhall
Tavern
372 Kennington Lane
Vauxhall
SE11 5HY
www.vauxhalltavern.com
Doors 7pm, Show 8.30pm.
Price Range: £

One of the jewels of the cabaret scene! If you've never been to Bar Wotever, I implore you to go and experience this uniquely queertastic night at least once. Packed with traditional cabaret & burlesque, plus live music, performance art and spoken word, there's a different theme/performers every week, based around highlighting and celebrating Queer culture and performance. Set up by **Ingo Cando** ten years ago, Bar Wotever is a welcoming and non-judgmental space for the Queer Community by the Queer Community.

See You Next Tuesday with Bette Rinse
Halfway to Heaven
7 Duncannon Street
Charing Cross
WC2N 4JF
www.halfway2heaven.net
9pm
Price Range: £

Bette Rinse (pictured) has been around as long as the dinosaurs but she's still as great today as she was 165 million years ago. No two shows are ever the same, mostly because she goes off on the most hilarious tangents and rants. Expect traditional cabaret sing-alongs and heated debate in the weekly 'Question Time' section. There are often guests too, usually novice performers, who Bette likes to nurture and encourage. And then there's the legendary **Hannah** of course - as much a fixture in the Centre Stage Bar as the various pictures that adorn every speck of wall-space available.





Wednesday



LoUis CYfer's Wankered Wednesdays
Admiral Duncan
54 Old Compton Street
W1D 4UD
www.facebook.com/1AdmiralDuncan
9.30pm
Price Range: £

This sassy, tequila swigging drag king has been resident here for over a year, but it was after winning last year's Drag Idol UK competition that **LoUis CYfer** emerged proper, and was catapulted onto the performing circuit around the UK and America. Expect songs to make you strut like THE king, gender bending education, a friendly vibe and a heathy mix of all sorts in the audience.

The Dannii Dee Show
Freedom Bar
66 Wardour Street
W1F 0TA
www.freedombarsoho.com
11pm
Price Range: ££

Dannii Dee is a showgirl through and through. Flawless choreographed dance routines and masterful lip-syncing is on display every Wednesday night in the plush surroundings of Freedom's downstairs bar. Having spent two years at the world famous Funny Girls in Blackpool before moving to London seeking fame and sequins, it's safe to say she's well and truly cut her teeth with the best, and has now come into her own at her spiritual London drag home.

Sandra - The Hampstead Whore
Central Station
37 Wharfdale Road
Kings Cross
N1 9SD
www.centralstation.co.uk
11pm
Price Range: £

A night at one of **Sandra's** shows is much like a night on the Heath: you'll come home with a big smile on your face wondering where the time went. One of the true greats of the London drag cabaret scene, and an expert when it comes to improvising. Expect filthy banter, no-holds barred audience interaction and the odd song here and there. Hear me now!

Thursday

The City Shimmy
Proud Cabaret City
No.1 Mark Lane.
EC3R 7AH
www.proudcabaretcity.com
Dinner 7-8pm, Show 8.30pm
Price Range: £££

Proud Cabaret City hosts a decadent evening of 1920's speakeasy entertainment which will transport you to a world filled with beguiling burlesque and alluring cabaret, featuring a stellar cast. Perfect for special occasions/celebrations or if just fancy something 'off-scene' with a group of friends. Ticket includes a three course meal and full show.



The Jeff Kristian Show
Molly Moggs
2 Old Compton Street
W1D 4TA
www.jeffkristian.com
9pm
Price Range: £

Credited with being the longest concurrently running drag show in Soho history, **Jeff Kristian** has been performing at Molly Moggs for a whopping fourteen years. This is another diamond of a venue that most of us pass on our travels, situated at the Charing Cross Road end of Old Compton Street.

What makes it especially unique is it's clientele: kooky regulars, Soho characters, tourists, families, LGBT people. It really is a melting pot of London society, and every Thursday Jeff performs his two hour show to them all. Musically, anything from the last six decades is on the set list. A party venue that get's very busy late at night, but with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, married together beautifully with the theatrical decor. Well, when you're in the West End, darling...



Just What We Always Wanted!

Following her sellout UK tour in 2014, Mari Wilson is back with a brand new show, *Ready Steady Girls*, featuring unique interpretations of the artists and songs that inspired her growing up, including iconic classics from Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark, Cilla Black, with a personal touch of theatricality along the way. Ahead of her gig at the Vauxhall Tavern, Mari spoke to Jason Reid about how she shaped the show, past chart success, Lady Gaga and appearing on *Top of the Pops*...

Hey Mari, lovely to chat. Excited about the RVT gig?

I think it's gonna be hilarious! The last time I was there was for a chat show with Scott Capurro. And when my agent suggested returning for *Ready Steady Girls*, I instantly thought it'd be perfect because the crowd would appreciate that genre of music. Although it'll be my interpretations of their songs. Not the 60's versions, because what's the point? You could just go and buy their versions.

Or you could just go and see a tribute act...

Exactly. That's the first thing I said to my collaborator, 'I don't want to be a tribute act'. And there's a fine line between the two.

So give us a taster of the kind of twist you've put on the songs.

Well, of course there'll be live musicians with me, but also, some of the backing tracks are quite electronic. Just to make it a bit more contemporary really.

Sounds like it'll be right up the Vauxhall Tavern's street...

Yeah, I think they'll get it. It's funny isn't it, that whole thing of doing covers? Because I played Dusty Springfield in a musical a few years ago, my name almost became synonymous with hers. And my thing has always been: I don't want to be like Jane McDonald [laughs]. I mean, I'm sure she's lovely, it's just not my thing.

How do you think those artists in the show compare with the artists of today, such as Adele and Lady Gaga?

I think Lady Gaga is extraordinary. You know what I really like about her? She has a sense of humour.

Yes, that's true, she doesn't take herself too seriously.

And she has every right to take herself seriously because she's a great musician who knows her stuff. Yet she sends herself up all the time, and that's something that Madonna doesn't do: she DOES take herself too seriously and isn't particularly funny. Even with her millions and great success, Gaga still



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comes across as endearing and someone that could be your friend. That's something she has in common with the singers of yesteryear.

Let's talk about your own big mainstream success, which happened in the mid 80's. Most notably with the song "Just What I Always Wanted". Do you ever tire of people asking you to sing it?

No. I don't even get tired of people saying 'where's your beehive?' If it wasn't for that song and the other hit singles, then I probably wouldn't have a career now, so I'm grateful. And plus it's a great song.

Will you be singing it at this show?

Oh yeah!

Right, a couple of quick-fire questions to finish; as an artist, what's your biggest fear?

Playing to an empty room.

If you could relive one year, which would you choose?

1981, because it was the build-up to when I broke through. And that's always the most exciting part.

What one thing would you change about the modern music industry?

NO auto tune.

Would you ever do an X Factor/Britain's Got Talent type show?

No. Didn't take me long to answer that one. [laughs].

What's been the happiest 'wow moment' of your career?

Probably my first time on *Top of the Pops*. That's something I'd wanted to do since I was a child watching at home. Just amazing!



Mari Wilson's *Ready Steady Girls* is at the Vauxhall Tavern on Thursday 18th June, doors 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets start from £15 at www.vauxhalltavern.com

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Bourgeois & Maurice and David Hoyle: Middle of the Road
 Soho Theatre, 21 Dean Street, London W1D 3NE
 Box Office: 020 7478 0100 / Ends 13th June
 www.sohotheatre.com

If you've finally had enough of queer culture, if you're bored of having to think all the time and if you're still looking for some closure from that election result, then it's probably worth checking out Bourgeois & Maurice and David Hoyle's collaborative show, *Middle of the Road* at the Soho Theatre.

A celebration of all things bland and popular, it's a sarcastic attack on the mainstream, a musical exploration of what it means to be beige and a brilliantly devised takedown of everyone from Kim Kardashian to that cheating mutt from Britain's Got Talent. Even the really, really, really lovely Princess Charlotte is a target.

The show opens with David Hoyle's keynote speech, delivered with all the slickness of an abstract TED talk from an Apple executive. Among other things we're told to not ask questions and not think too much. With Hoyle at the reigns, it's a tempting offer.

The musical numbers throughout are irresistible;

everyone from shy Tories, the commentariat, and anyone who just can't resist giving you their opinion comes under fire from the trio's acerbic, sardonic wit. The angry ode to the world of comment sections and Twitter is particularly hilarious for anyone who's spent time in either of those tedious echo chambers.

As you would expect, trying to define the show is a nightmare. It's a mishmash of genres and set pieces; there's portraiture, there's a chat show, there's numerous costume changes and at one point we're literally watching paint dry (and cheering it on too). But whatever the trio are turning their hand at the performance remains hilarious and thoughtful throughout.

Their decision to appeal to the conventional may have been the sarcastic premise for a deliciously cynical show, but anyone capable of making Coldplay, James Blunt and Mumford and Sons interesting deserves to go mainstream.



S C R E E N T E S T

by Jack Leger



Event of the week

IN THE WORKS

Caleb Landry Jones will star with Tom Cruise and Domhnall Gleeson in the spy action thriller **Mena**. And Jason Statham (pictured) will take over the lead role in the 10-years-later Layer Cake sequel **Viva La Madness**. The original 2004 gangster thriller starred Daniel Craig.



BRITISH INDIES

In an isolated boarding school closed for the holidays, **UNHALLOWED GROUND** pits six feisty, fit students against both cat burglars and angry ghosts. An enjoyable freak-out. • **LONDON ROAD** is a musical that dramatises the real serial murders that happened in Ipswich. Yes, it's somewhat stagey, but also involving thanks to Olivia Colman and a strong cameo from Tom Hardy.

GERMAN DRAMA

Set in 1978 Berlin, **WEST** follows a mother and son who find relocating from east to west a challenge. Remarkably authentic, the film is packed with insinuating suspense and likeable but untrustworthy characters.

Film of the week

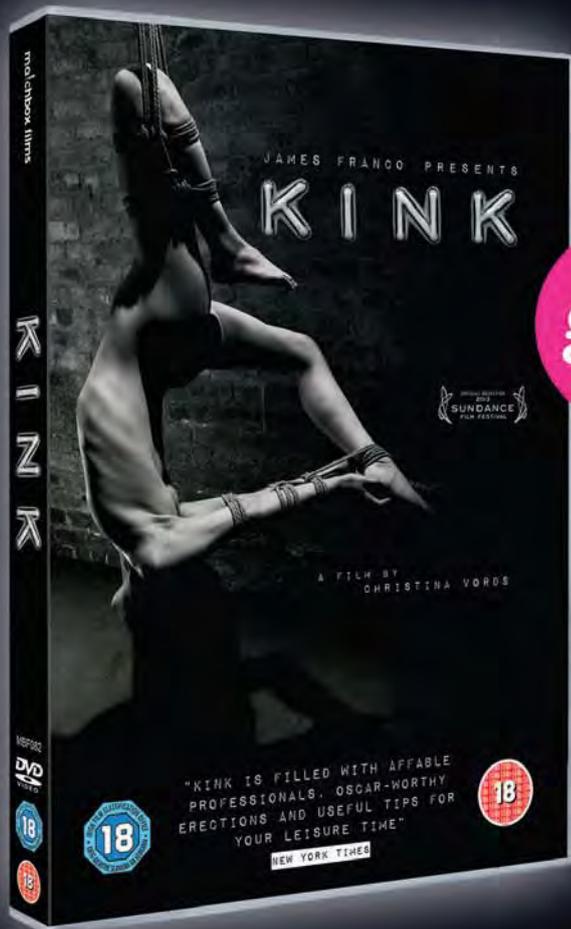
THE LOOK OF SILENCE (15)

Joshua Oppenheimer's *The Act Of Killing* (2013) explored Indonesia's horrific 1965 purges through the eyes of death squad leaders. This companion piece revisits the events through the eyes of the victims, and it's an even more devastating, urgent film. Beautifully shot and edited, it exposes what happens when we try to forget the past. Jaw-dropping, hopeful and utterly essential.



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#JULIASAYS...
by Princess Julia



Before the Last Curtain Falls at Hackney Picturehouse

The summer of sex has arrived! Flaunt it, get it and switch it up... **Hard Cock Life** opens its doors on Friday 12th June for a hot a sweaty night in the **Ace Hotel** (100 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JQ) basement club. They say, 'You know tha drill: hawttest bois & hawttest hip hop till y'all get yrself hard or get yrself home.' And who am I to say otherwise!

Meat zine celebrates its 17th issue and is back at the **Royal Vauxhall Tavern** (372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY) on Friday 12th June, what a knees up this! Eclectic crowd and music from **Michael Kelly** (Douche Bag), **The Meat Boys** and hosted by **Harry Clayton**

Wright. 10:30pm 'til 4am everyone.

Go on, get some **Anal House Meltdown** at **The Glory** (281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS) this Saturday 13th when the notorious art collective join **Jonny Woo** for **Her Majesty's Pleasure**. Performance shenanigans live on stage from 9pm, **Pleasure Pit** disco with the Anal House Meltdown boys playing music from 10pm 'til 2am.

Over at **East Bloc** (217 City Road EC1V 1JN), **Night Sheen** is cumming all over you on Saturday 13th 'til 6am. Join the resident DJ gang **Hannah Holland** and **Josh Caffè** with

special guest **Andrew Soul** from **Snuff Trax** on the main floor. In Room 2, **Terry Childs** and **Bespokesounds** (that's **Thanos Kostasantis**) indulging us in an array of fabularity!

Up at the **Dalston Superstore** (117 Kingsland Road, E8 2P) on Saturday 13th get down with the **Basement Boyz** at **The Funktion** presenting headliner **Fierce Ruling Diva** from Amsterdam. In the upstairs bar they're playing vinyl-only with DJs **DJ Charlie A**, **Joshua Wiley** & **Elliot Stevens**. Downstairs **Chris Camplin**, **Raphael Mello**, **Frank.Co**, **Pedro** and **Fredi Dimanche** spin. Hosted by the one and

only **Lewis G Burton** and **Madeline Wood** doing their thing with a splash of panache!

For something completely different, catch film **Before the Last Curtain Falls** at **Hackney Picturehouse** (270 Mare Street, London E8 1HE) for its UK premiere on Thursday 18th June at 8:30pm. Presented by **Fringe! Film Fest**, it's a documentary about choreographer **Alain Platel** enlisting a troupe of aging drag queens and trans cabaret artists to return to the stage. Looks absolutely amazing! www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Hackney_Picturehouse/film/open-city-docs-before-the-last-curtain-falls

WHAT INDIE DID NEXT

by Patrick Cash



Jonny Abrams / The Iain Duncan Smiths / The Far Right Express

We discovered Jonny Abrams at Not Suitable For Work, dressed up as a guitar-plucking Nigel Farage. Together with his purple and yellow colour-clad backing singers, the satirical band was named 'The Far Right Express', mocking UKIP and all its policies with witty, political satire. What a pleasure to find on Jonny's SoundCloud that he also has a sideline in satirising the Tory government through Smiths covers; a project brilliantly named The Iain Duncan Smiths. 'The Boy Paralysed On One Side' tells the tale of a boy who falls off his motorbike and nearly dies but gets denied benefits: 'how can we look into his eyes and say we don't believe him?... He clearly isn't fit to work, but we'll never, we'll never, believe him... We stopped his benefits and that's when he really died.' Morrissey's lyrics having a slant for the pessimistic at the best of times, some songs are quite ripe for the satire already, particularly 'Heaven Knows You're Miserable Now'. Abrams doesn't hold back here: 'Some

wheelchair guy passed me by, and Heaven knows he's miserable now.' An inspired take on 'Big Mouth Strikes Again' becomes 'Big South Strikes Again' and, of course, that infamous Joan of Arc line is translated to: 'now I know how Maggie Thatcher felt... as figures froze and unemployment as she tightened the belt.' The first Far Right Express song is the 'UKIP Diversity Carnival', dedicated to Mike Reid, who released the risible UKIP song last year. But the best and savagely funniest is undoubtedly 'UKIP Nutters'. 'UKIP Nutters! UKIP Nutters!' is the memorable sing-a-long chorus, with a touch of the anthemic to its lines, and the verses of course reference one of the nuttiest things a UKIP person has said, in a long, rich legacy of nuttiness: 'My name is David Sylvester, and I am here to say, that flooding over Christmas, was because

"This is musical satire of the best kind - not personally abusive, but stemming from a moral heart and true belief."

of all the gays,' sings Abrams frenetically. 'Ever since David Cameron, granted their marriage, God is super-pissed and that's why he fucked the drainage. Homosexuality is a spiritual disease, but you can cure yourself of it, if you get on your knees - I speak of course of praying, and not of oral sex.' This is musical satire of the best kind - not personally abusive, but stemming from a moral heart and true belief. We hear that The Far Right Express is soon to be producing a UKIP musical, directed by Ray Malone. Personally, we'll be in the front seats.

www.headsbodieslegs.org/far-right-express/

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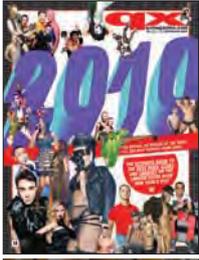
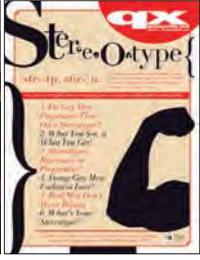
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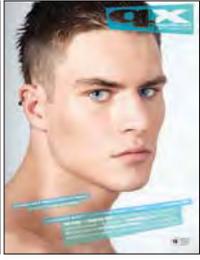


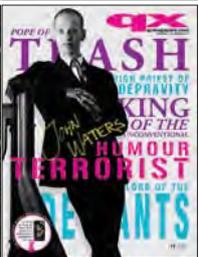
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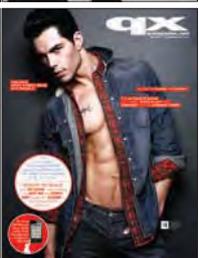
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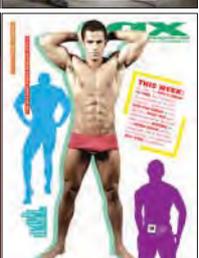


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M U S T S & M A Y B E S

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
CLUBS & EVENTS

Clam Jam at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. The Premiere Thursday night for lesbians and their gay boyfriends.

G-A-Y Porn Idol with guest judge Alyssa Edwards at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. London's biggest amateur strip night. Get yer kit off and win £100 tonight, or £1000 in the final. To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk or text 07789 553 868. TONIGHT: Alyssa Edwards shares her secrets.

Trash Fashion at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 9pm-1am. FREE b4 11pm/£5 after, NUS £3. The Dalston basement of decadent disco invites all students for a night of pished revelry.

Grunge at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-late. 90s theme pop and anthems night with alt. cabaret, messy drag queens and club kidz.

Create at the Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £8, £10 with Gravity (afterhours) ticket. Orange Group steps back into Soho with a new weekly venture bringing a selection of house DJs into this slick new space for a decidedly hot weekend warm-up.

Ted's TV/TS Night at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am. £5. The night for fellas in frocks and their admirers.

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. £3 entry, free entry for members. Cruise spaces to explore to darker, deeper beats.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. Pop sounds and floor fillers.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds get played out across the club, drink specials, cute guys and an almost unrivalled highly electric atmosphere. Open 7 days.

Room Service at 49 Greek Street, Soho, W1D. 10pm-3am. Don't you dare miss this fiercely social, sexy club spot, playing edgy and upfront house. Expect hot gogo eye candy and hosted by fab scene faces. Get snapped by the legendary resident papper!

BARS & CABARET

Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Official Room Service Pre-Party with Adam Turner, Munroe Bergdorf and Jonathan Bestley on rotation.

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm.

Weekly dance session at the popular Soho bar.

Dr Woolf's Thursday Surgery at Kazbar, 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free. Dr Woolf presents his weekly cabaret turn at the funky Clapham bar.

Diva Night at Hippodrome at Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 8pm. London's biggest night out. Tickets from £20. Grand Baby Live from 11pm, tickets from £15.

Comptons of Soho - Tasty Tim Teaches House at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. One of Soho's best loved traditional gay pubs, always busy and always friendly and always fun. DJ Tasty Tim plays the delicious tunes.

Quiz Night at The Roebuck, 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. 8pm onwards. £1 entry. Cash prizes to be won at The Roebuck for their awesome Quiz Night.

Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot. TONIGHT: Birthday bash plus cabaret bar DJ Chris Reardon with Titti La Camp

Gossip at West 5, Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Ealing's hugely popular club, bar and cabaret spot.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 4pm-late. Last entry 1am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder.

Mr Glory At The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 8pm-12am. Jonbenet and Ginger Johnson get you to sing for your supper (or bottle of prosecco).

Quiz Night at The City of Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The legendary pub holds its monthly quiz night with Sonny.

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
CLUBS & EVENTS

PAPA LOKO at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free b4 11pm/£5 after. Get ready for the return of sonically multi-orgasmic night Papa Loko, presented by the great Houngan Loko. High frequency techno, transcendental deep house and emotionally explosive electronica will initiate Hyperspatial Oneness.

Meat Seventeen at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-4am. £5. The cult male pinup mag celebrates it's 17th issue with a beefy bash at the Tavern with tunes from the Meat Boys and

Michael Kelly, free shots, free copies of Meat and it's all hosted by Harry Clayton Wright!

G-A-Y Camp Attack at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. FREE with wristband from G-A-Y Bar. Room 1 plays 70s, 80s, 90s, 00-05. Rm 2 is '05 to present day. Musical theme sing-along in Rm 3 and Life Before R&B (i.e. Rihanna & Beyonce) with classic R&B in Room 4.

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-6am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun! Get ready for fit tech house from the likes of Steven Geller, Riano and the crew, plus cruisey, chilled vibes.

Le Coq Discotheque at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £8 after. A mash-up of pop edits, disco, Italo, house classics, 90s anthems from Marilyn Fitzgerald, The Greek Ambassador and Ben Jamin, with Silver Summers' Salon open for business in Room 2.

The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 7:30pm. £5. With a pub vibe upstairs from 5pm, there's a queer basement disco downstairs from 10pm.

Trashy Pop at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5. Trashy pop, slutty R'n'B, more dirty disco, with art visuals by Nigel Grimmer and tunes by Andy Darling and Crystal.

Wrong! at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-1pm (Saturday). £5 before 1am. London's latest-running party now opens earlier! Uplifting tech house and techno from Jamie de Rooy, Steven Sharp, Eduardo Herrera and more!

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm, £5 after. Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.

A:M at Protocol, 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. 11pm-1am. £3 before 1am, £7 b4 6am with QX ADVERT/NUS/Conc, £12 others. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend early spinning out boomin' house beats across two rooms.

Men Inc. at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after. Free for Eagle/Paris Gym members before midnight. Sexy social night night with men of all kinds; lads, rugby players, daddies and more! Free mega-buffet, free shots, big tunes and BEER. Get involved!

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 7.30pm-3am. Hot pop sounds, drink specials, cute guys and a pop perfect atmosphere.

George & Dragon at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am. The friendly Greenwich local. DJ Tony Tim on the decks playing 80s and 90s camp until 4am.

BARS & CABARET

The Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm/£6 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: Rigger Club, the night of champions with Lola Lasagne

Frisky Friday at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 4m-4am. Happy hour 4-7pm with Dave Lynn and DJ Ian James. 4pm-4am. Free Entry before 10:30pm.

Ku Bar Soho, 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open 'til 3am. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across two floors for that perfect Soho warm-up drinking session and a little dance with downstairs DJs.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 1am. FREE.

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West 5 at South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun.

The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. 6-11pm. Happy hour all night at this enticing gay friendly venue in the Oval area where you can meet local lads and sexy drinkers.

BackCOUNTER at Counter, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 11am-late. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene, BackCOUNTER serves cocktails and food in a relaxed, plush environment, with brunch from 11am-5pm and Lady Diamond in residence from 1-4pm.

Friday Night Live at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. 9pm-3am. The central London cabaret hot spot. TONIGHT: DJ Justin Swift from 9pm with special guest Miss Jason at 10pm.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. Free. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. TONIGHT:

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 12noon-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! Ground floor DJs spin top 40 and radio edit chart dance and commercial and chart R'n'B on the 2nd floor.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 9pm-2am. The grand dame of

Soho. TONIGHT: Fat Tony from 9pm
Smooth Eddie's Cocktail Club and Friday REMIX Central Station at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open from 6pm til 3am or later... FREE The super-friendly Kings Cross bar. DJs 'til late. Hosted by DJ Chris Reardon

New Bloomsbury Set at 76 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11.30pm. Open seven days a week for the more social gays around the Kings Cross/Bloomsbury area and those after a refreshing new experience. London's only 21+ bar!

Camp As Hits at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. Venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. Midday-3am. Last entry 2am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! DJs spin a blend of commercial, house, pop and chart remixes. Guilty pleasures upstairs.

Drag Idol at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 6:30pm - 9:30pm. The UK's number one contest to find new talent for the gay cabaret circuit kicks off with the semi finals at 6:30pm. Followed by MEAT from 10:30pm - 4am.

Circa at 62 Friith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends werq the floor!

**SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
CLUBS & EVENTS**

G-A-Y presents **Leona Lewis** at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. The palace of pop and quite possibly the world's most famous gay club packs out this cavernous venue. TONIGHT: The lovely Leona Lewis returns to the palace of

pop with fire under her feet and a brand new sound!

The Big Bang at Bankside Space, 32 Southwark Bridge Road, Bankside, SE1 9EU. 10pm-late. £12 advance. The cult Shoreditch party for homos heads south for a supersize instalment! DJs Borja Pena, Paul Heron, Julian Von Petrovsky & Shimmy G spin the fittest tunes, while Alexander Han, JJ Clark, Alfonso Cinque and friends work the floor. You better bang bitch!

The Funktion at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free before 10pm/£5 after. DJ Frank.co takes over both floors of the Superstore, with an extra special funky party. Upstairs it's a vinyl-only fiesta of soul, disco and more. Downstairs Fierce Ruling Diva headline alongside the likes of Pedro and Chris Camplin for house and funk sounds!

XXL Leather at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 guests, £8 members. Big, bear night that's open to anyone in vast super club Pulse. With resident DJs Christian M, Joe Egg and co. Plus, chill space and cruise zone. TONIGHT: Strap up, it's XXL Leather!

Debbie: Grace Jones VS Kylie at Resistance Gallery, 265 Poyser Street, Bethnal Green E2 9RF. 10pm-late. £3 before 11pm, £5 after. Sina Sparrow and Bitchcakes bring you the best in female fronted rock, pop, indie and disco. This month Grace Jones goes head to head with Kylie Minogue. Pull up to their bumper!

Night Sheen at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £10 after. Josh Caffé and Hannah Holland bring the third instalment of their serious house night to the 'Bloc, with guest DJs Andrew Soul, Terry Childs and BESPOKESOUND
KuKlub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2.

6pm-3am. The party continues in Ku's basement club with hot pop and floor fillers from the DJs.

T.L.C at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5. The monthly 90s R'n'B party is back! Tasty Tim and Lady Lloyd throw down the jams and floor fillers, ably assisted by their Tranny Dad!

Savage at Metropolis Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. A new weekly Saturday club night from the Sink The Pink crew. DJs on rotation Raf Daddy, Jonjo Jury, Josh You Are, Gaff-E, Severino and more at this bonkers venue.

The Shadow Lounge at Brewer Street, Soho, W1G 0RF. 9pm-3am. £10 entry, half-price with guestlist. Soho's sexy and slick club spot, digitally remastered and looking hot.

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. Unwind and release some tension after a stressful week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

Duckie at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Alternative London club/entertainment night. Hosted by Amy Lamé, with music by Readers Wives.

The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Doors 5pm, show 9pm, club 10pm-2am. Free b4 9pm, £5 after. The new Faggerston super-pub from Jonny Woo and John Sizzle hosts cabaret on the ground floor and goes clubby in the basement. TONIGHT: Her Majesty's Pleasure, with Jonny Woo and Anal House Meltdown.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds, drink specials, cute guys and a pop perfect atmosphere.

Beyond (afterhours) at Fire, South

Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 4.30am (Sunday morning)-late. £12 before 7am with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The link between your Saturday night club session and your Sunday carry-on as this late night party beasts brings the beats to Fire.

BARS & CABARET

Saturday at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 9pm-5am. Free entry b4 10:30pm. Come down and party with Kara Van Park and DJ Stu.D

West 5 at South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. 7pm-3am. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun.

Saturday Market Slash Swap Shop & Xanadu at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. TONIGHT: Rose Garden provides Saturday shopping light relief followed by DJ John Moore's camp disco Xanadu, 8pm

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-midnight. Cabaret: 8.45pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: New Look Party, Mandy Gap with special guests in aid of St Joseph's hospice

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm, £7 after. Cabaret and clubbing 'til late at the famous venue. TONIGHT: Sandra, The whore of Hampstead, plus cabaret bar DJ Demon

Central Station at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Dave Lynn followed by REMIX with DJ Chris Reardon

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: Brent Nichols from 9pm





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George & Dragon at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am. The friendly Greenwich local.

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Ku Bar at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Chiswick, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-3am. One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs, with the hottest boys both behind the bar and in front of it, stretching over three floors.

Soho Burlesque Club Late Hippodrome at Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 8pm. London's biggest night out. Tickets from £15.

New Bloomsbury Set at 76 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11.30pm. Open seven days a week for the more social gays around the Kings Cross/Bloomsbury area and those after a refreshing new experience. London's only 21+ bar!

Kazbar presents **Push Push** at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish.

Counter and **BackCOUNTER** South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 11am-late. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene, Counter serves brunch 'til 5pm, with Lady Diamond in residence 1-4pm. Open 'til late for cocktails and food.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. Midday-3am. Last entry 2am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! DJs spin a blend of commercial, house, pop and chart remixes. Guilty pleasures upstairs.

Pick N Mix at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. Top tunes and late night fun at the legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch.

The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. Gay venue in the Oval area. Worship the weekend with Bar-Buck-Q's in the secluded garden.

Ku Bar Soho at 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. 12 midday-late. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across three floors for that perfect Soho warm-up drinking session and a cheeky dance with downstairs DJs.

G-A-Y Bar at 30 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UR. Midday-Midnight. FREE. Soho's palace of pop with the hottest videos screened out across the venue, great drinks deals and discount entry wristbands for G-A-Y @ Heaven.

Duckie at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am, £6. Hosted by Miss Amy Lame.

Gay Brunch Club Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 1pm-4am. Casual brunch to cure the hangover and meet with nice guys followed by hand-in-the-air Saturday night commercial house action with Adam Turner.

1st Birthday Bash at Desi Boyz 229 Great Portland Street, W1W 5PN. Celebrate Desi Boyz first birthday

with DJ Doni Brasco and live performances.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 1am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE CLUBS & EVENTS

Beyond (afterhours) at Fire. 4:30am-late. See Saturday.

Later at Fire, 39 Parry Street, SW8 1RT. Midday-late. £10. Continue Beyond vibes into Sunday afternoon as Later funks it up.

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm-3am. £6. The HMD gymkhana continues to shake Vauxhall down every week.

Sunday Social at the RVT at Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm-3am. £6. All new afternoon/evening clubbing session slot playing huge dance anthems with cabaret shows. TONIGHT: Sean Sirrs, Simon Le Vans and co. play you anthems to spice up your Sunday, while La Voix gives you world class cabaret at 5:30pm.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds get played out across the club, drink specials, cute guys and an almost unrivalled highly electric atmosphere.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues in Ku's basement club with classic 80s, 90s and 00s tracks from DJ Pablo and the lovely Lady Lloyd.

Orange at Fire, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 11pm-8am. £7 before 1am with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The weekend ends here with funked-up house sounds from the resident disc jocks.

BARS & CABARET

CK Sunday Halfway 2 Heaven at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. TONIGHT: m1

Leather Social's 2nd Birthday at Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd.

George & Dragon at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-2am. FREE. The friendly Greenwich local. The Duchess hosts the weekly Piano Bar with Ian Parker on the keys.

Dusty O's Musical Menagerie at the New Bloomsbury Set, 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. Doors 4pm, show 6pm. Well-known scene matriarch Dusty O hosts a sing-along around the piano with guest vocalists, singers and pianists at this charming basement bar.

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 4pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £3 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: Power of Three starring Miss Jason, La Voix

& Sandra

The Imperial Arms at 8 Lillie Road, SW6 1TU. From 7pm. Making West London queerer! Nye & Jimmy welcome all to their new venue in Fulham.

The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. New gay venue in the Oval area. Serving top Sunday Roast every week.

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-midnight. Cabaret: 8.45pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: Candy Slag in Drag

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 4pm-late. Last entry 1am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder. Ground floor DJs spin top 40 and radio edit chart dance and commercial and chart R'n'B on the 2nd floor.

The City of Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF.

12pm-1am. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch features weekly cabaret. TONIGHT: Tiffany Wells

#LOVEHangover at Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town. Disco Classics, pop and sexual sounds with Jonathan Bestley.

West 5 at Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. 7pm-late. FREE. West London's giant club/bar/cabaret home invites you to chill out here.

Brunch Off Broadway at Counter, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 1pm-4pm. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene. Brunch on Broadway this weekend features Duncan Day and Kara Van Park

Sunday Social at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 3pm-2am, tickets £6. An afternoon of top cabaret and world-class DJs, over a 12-hour session, at the friendliest gay venue in town.

Kazbar presents Flow at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 12pm-12am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. Nu disco, funky and deep house from DJ Eduardo Herrera.

MONDAY 15TH JUNE CLUBS & EVENTS

Popcorn: Duck Party at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £5 b4 1am, £8 after, Last admission 3:30am. FREE with wristbands from G-A-Y Bar b4 1am. Massive mixed mash-up with four rooms of top sounds, from upfront, progressive house to chart hits, via R&B tuneage. Perfect polysexual party to start the week as you mean to go on.

RuPaul's Drag Race hosted by Meth at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £5 incl. drink and coat check. Come and

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Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. DJs play the weekend out on a wave of hot pop.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, of Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Late night dancing spot for pure-pop enthusiasts doing the funky chickens.

Desire (Tuesday morning) at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 1am-11am. Monday's guilty pleasure: a 10-hour house music marathon with scene favourites Alan K and Steven Geller.

BARS & CABARET

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. The real queen of Soho. Bar £2.50 on popular drinks from 5pm. TONIGHT: Compton's Says Relax with Michael Turnbull playing the hits from 70s, 80s and 90s.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St. WC2. 7.30pm. Karaoke with singer Kevin Walsh on hosting duties.

Karaoke at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. From 9pm. Chris Reardon hosts the singing fun at the famous gay boozier in Marble Arch.

Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ, 5pm-2am, £3 after 10pm. The landmark south London cabaret, bar and club. TONIGHT: Mrs Moore, Monday night

mayhem plus DJ Demon.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

The Big Bingo Show at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm - 12am. Timberlina with Hey Baylen bring you bingo-cabaret-mayhem at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern every Monday

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE CLUBS & EVENTS

Disco Spritz at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. The Disco Stew DJs proudly present their sparkling sultry younger sister. Expect all the usual Disco Stew loveliness.

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-late. £3 entry, free for members. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. The weekend begins early or finishes late to a melodious mix of classic chart pop and current hits.

BARS & CABARET

Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town. See you Next Tuesday at **Halfway 2 Heaven** at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. See you next Tuesday with Bette Rinse

Bar Wotever at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm-midnight. £5. Genderbending cabaret, live music and performance at the monumental Vauxhall Tavern.

Miss Jason at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Showtime 10pm. The legendary gay pub in the heart of London presents a new show to dispel your mid-week blues with

cabaret from Miss Jason.

BackCOUNTER at Counter, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 11am-late. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene, BackCOUNTER serves cocktails and food in a relaxed, plush environment. TONIGHT: cocktail masterclass with Tito's Vodka

Bar Wotever at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm - 12am, tickets £3-£5. Live Music, Cabaret, Talks, Films and Spoken Word.

The Old Ship - Quiz Night at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE CLUBS & EVENTS

Mr Glory At The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 7:30pm. Faggerston's superpub serves you eclectic delights. TONIGHT: The search continues for Mr Glory 2015! Have you got what it takes to win the £1000 cash prize?

White Leather Viper Club at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Will Viper and Emma Rudge are in the bar for the weekly Wednesday takeover.

XXL at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 9pm-3am. £15 guests, £8 members. Midweek grizzly fun for bears and their admirers.

Foam Party at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. If you can't make the weekend wet fun, why not head down tonight? Relieve the midweek stress! The foam flies at 7, 8 and 9pm.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

BARS & CABARET

Cabaret Roulette at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm-midnight. £12. It honours, it lures, it corrupts. Helmed by Miss Jones with a little help from Lilly SnatchDragon.

Mary Mac's Mastermind at West 5, Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Mary Mac presents her inimitable quiz.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Quiz from 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Wednesday Naughties at Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late.

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THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-2am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. Sexy tech house ad grey trackies abound.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £8). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-late. £3 entry, free for members. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

The Underground Club, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1-6pm) Underwear fun. SPANKZ (6pm-10pm) CP night for rougher, tougher play. Followed by COME TO DADDY (10pm-2am).

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-6am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. Tonight is their FREE launch party!

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1pm-6pm) then buckle down for REMIX (12pm-3am) Free, with DJs an electric atmosphere and cruisy dark areas.

Cruise/Darkroom at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-midnight. £3. Horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Stable at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £10 b4 1pm, £17 other times. FREE use of facilities when booking a massage. The only licensed gay sauna in the West End, open 'til super late every weekend.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £7 b4 7pm/£8 after. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minute's from the West End.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 10pm-3am. Free entry before 11pm in leather. Dresscode: Leather, rubber, nasty pig,

sports, industrial, uniform or juck boots and socks.

Buff at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm. £6, £5 before 6:30pm. Big cruise area and dark room. Dress code suit & smart casual. No jeans or trainers.

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-6am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. Sexy tech house ad grey trackies abound.

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. Foam from 10pm. All the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

Pleasuredrome at Arch 124 Cornwall Road, Waterloo SE1 8XE. Open 24/7. £15, £12 under 25 with ID. FREE towel. Cruise all day and night with plenty of rooms to play. Licensed bar.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1-6pm, £4) Best undies for the boys. ABC (6:30pm-midnight) for adult babies and diaper lovers. FEET ON SATURDAY (7pm-12am), no dress code, £6. REMIX (12pm-3am) £5, with DJs an electric atmosphere and cruisy dark areas.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. BOYS & SIRS (2pm-7pm) for those into spanking. SBN AFTERDARK (Arch 1, 10pm-4am) where the dress code is naked; HARDER (Bar Berlin, 10pm-4am) for dressy, macho, strict.

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Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £7 b4 7pm/£8 after. Free drink, cloakroom, re-entry. Dark corners, catch a dirty movie, indulge your carnal side.

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Buff at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members, £9 guests. Horny, naked cruise party. Dark rooms, smoking terrace, full bar.

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Chill Out at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am. £3 b4 10pm, £5 after. Mixed/gay crowd of cruisey guys.

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Buff at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members, £9 guests. Horny, naked cruise party. Dark rooms, smoking terrace, full bar.

Vault: Underwear/Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. UNDERWEAR (1-7pm. £7). CRUISE (7pm-1am. £8). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Just pants b4 7pm, then cruise 'til late.

S.O.P. at The Underground Club, Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 1pm-midnight. £7. Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. SBN (2pm-1am) Stark bollock naked bar footwear, largest naked party in Europe. GUMMI (6pm-midnight) Monthly rubber gear party night, NBN (7pm-1am) Nearly Bollock Naked, for boys who like boots or trainers with pants, jocks, shorts and underwear. S.E.X (10pm-1am) any fetish, come and go door policy.

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

Sportswear/Cruise at Ted's Place, 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £3.

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Vault: Cruise/Stripped

at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £8). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1-6pm) BUTT NAKED (6pm-10pm) Strip down and get off with like-minded guys. HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am, free entry) Hard cruising for horny guyz.

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-2am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. Sexy tech house ad grey trackies abound.

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Underwear/Naked at Ted's Place, 305s North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £4. Strictly underwear only.

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Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £7 b4 7pm/£8 after. Cruising session at this horny hot spot.

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WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7) Then UNDERWEAR (7pm-1am. £8) Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

Buff at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Heated outdoor 'naked' smokers terrace.

Foam Party at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. If you can't make the weekend wet fun, why not head down tonight? Relieve the midweek stress! The foam flies at 7, 8 and 9pm.

Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-2am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. Sexy tech house ad grey trackies abound.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. SWEET WEDNESDAY (1-9pm) for Trans girls and their admirers, £10 for TV/TG girls, otherwise £20. HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am), hard cruising for hard men.

Pleasuredrome at Arch 124 Cornwall Road, Waterloo SE1 8XE. Open 24/7. £15, £12 under 25 with ID. FREE towel. Cruise day and night with plenty of rooms to play. Licensed bar.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. OFFICE (5pm-1am) new party, relax chill and score after work. NEARLY BOLLOCK NAKED (9pm-1am) 9pm-1am. City. Boots or trainers with jocks, shorts underwear or naked.

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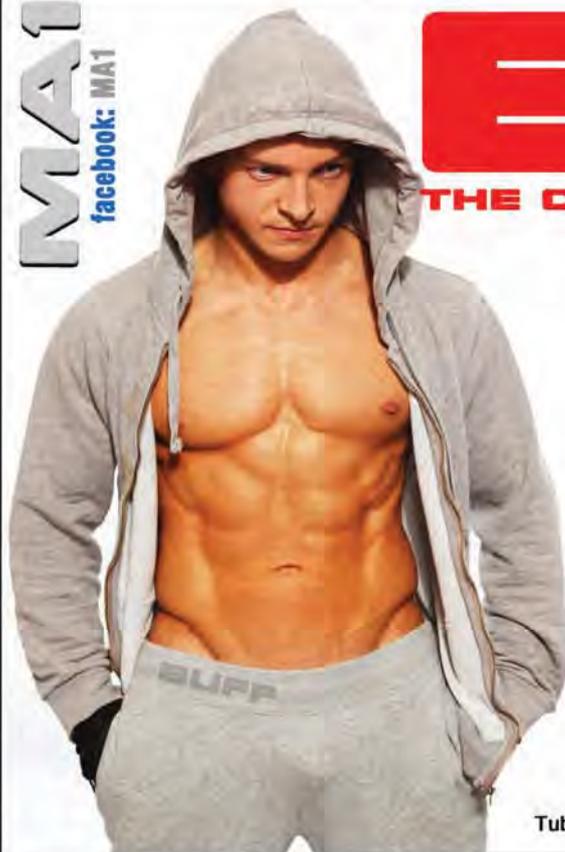
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**Dear Dr Vass,
I'm concerned for my ex-partner. He has been married for a while to someone much younger who is clearly taking advantage of him. I have now learnt that his husband is escorting in secret. Not only would this devastate my ex but I'm worried about the risk of him contracting STD's because of the escorting. Should I be the one to tell him or will I appear to be the 'jealous' ex?**
Ryan

Hi Ryan
From a purely medical point of view, yes, there is a risk that if the husband is escorting on the side and not using protection then he may well pick up and pass on sexually transmitted infections to your ex.
Unprotected anal sex would be the greatest worry as this is has the greatest risk of picking up HIV. But also unprotected oral sex risks picking up most STIs, including HIV if he is the one performing it. And while most sex workers are well aware

of the risks of not using condoms for anal sex, many do not use condoms for oral for fear that they will lose their clients.
That's the easy bit, the moral dilemma about whether to tell him, or indeed if you should be the one to do it, is not so straightforward. The nature of your relationship with your ex is not really clear from your letter, but the fact you think you could appear as the jealous ex suggests you may not be best mates. So what is the real motivation behind your concern?

I imagine that there may be part of you that is keen to point out that your ex has been misled and betrayed. I wonder if this is how you felt when things finished between you? And I also wonder if you still

guarantee that he is unaware of the escorting.
So is it right to tell him and should you be the one to do it? The decision is of course yours and there is no right or wrong thing to do. You need to decide if he

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have feelings for your ex and in some way want to show him that you are still looking out for him. Could you in any way think this may bring you back together? It seems as though he has moved on (albeit not in a direction you approve of) and you cannot be sure what the dynamic is in your ex's new relationship. He may be quite aware of the imbalance of power and may even be enjoying it; you cannot even

would really want to know. If you are sure of that then my advice is to make sure you have actual proof and not simply gossip or assumption, as 'information' can often be. Then, either confront the husband and convince him to confess, or pass the information to one of your ex's friends who may be in a better position to support him through what may be a difficult time and not be tainted by the possible motive of revenge.

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