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AIDS Ark

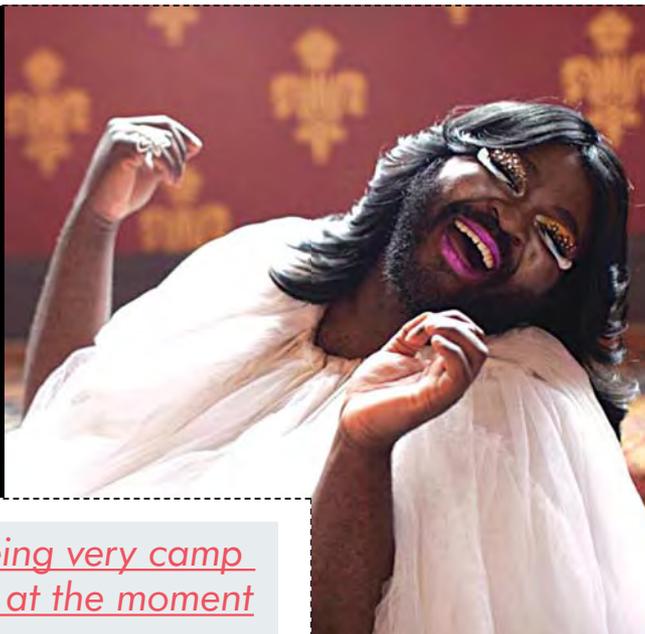
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Rupaul is being very camp in interviews at the moment



Drag Race has its flaws, but RuPaul himself is actually formidably intelligent, and always has interesting things to say about the gay/straight divide and the cultural zeitgeist. He's said in a recent interview with Vulture

Magazine that US show Lip Sync Battle is "a poor rip-off" of Drag Race, that straight culture steals from gay culture, and that the drag and trans communities shouldn't be lumped in a box together. "It's a boring topic. We mock identity. They take their identity very seriously. So it's complete opposite ends of the scale." Volatile! Incendiary! But we love volatile and incendiary. It's way better than boring and basic. Who would we be then?! Meghan Trainor, that's who.

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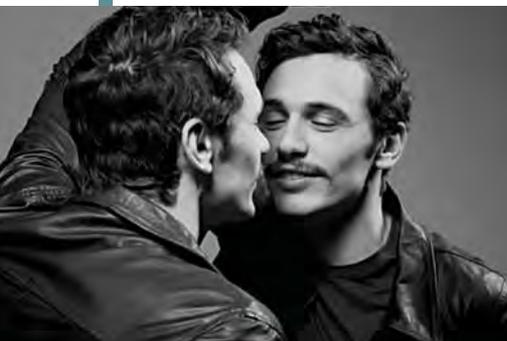
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James Franco loves queer narratives



He has explained his fixation with gays though. And BOY does he love gays. So much so, that he hasn't starred in anything other than soft gay porn indie flicks for the last five years *sideye*. Apparently it's all because he studied at NYU. We can see how that might happen, there ARE quite a lot of gay men in New York. "When studying at NYU, I took classes in critical studies and one of my favourite was queer cinema," he told Rolling Stone "We've told the straight, heteronormative stories ad nauseam by now, in our movies, our shows, our commercials - everywhere. I think it's healthy to make work that disrupts and questions that, and shows alternative narratives. That's what an artist should do." Ok James! See you at The Glory!

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OLLYWOOD VS EXTERFACE



You may have noticed our gorgeous cover model, **Ollywood**, shot by the incomparable Paris-based duo **Exterface**. Well, **Oly** is more than just a pretty (Exter)face. We tasked him with finding out a little bit more about men responsible for some of our favourite photoshoots of all time...



OLY: So boys, introduce yourselves and tell us a bit about what **Exterface** is all about.

EXTERFACE: We are Stephane and Julien from Paris. We started our creative collaboration combining photography and graphic design something like 10 years ago under the Exterface name. Over the years we've been exploring male iconography, elevating men as strong and sensual figures. We love to capture stuff and make it our own, write our own script. We see ourselves as visual storytellers!

Your images have such a recognizable look and feel. Describe the Exterface aesthetic in a few words.

Sophisticated, provocative, daring and colorful. It's European classical painting mixed with retro American porn, topped with Disney's magical touch.

You work together and you're a couple, do you ever have creative differences?

We are pretty much aligned on everything to be honest and that's something we feel really lucky for! We've been together for 13 years, same age, it's a growing and learning experience and an exciting journey to share for sure.

What are each of your roles in the creative process?

Our roles are pretty much the same. The main difference is that during the shoot only one of us has a camera. We are both creative directors of all our projects, from casting to styling, from digital processing to graphic design and layout...

Your work is very highly produced. Would you say you like to present a fantasy world through your images?

It's a subtle balance between reality and fantasy. We tend to produce our pictures to the point where they become timeless. Still we keep our model very much alive - even though we shoot still images - with a close attention to detail. We want our pictures to exude sensuality just like our model. Literally appealing to all senses, like you could almost smell an armpit or taste sweat on the skin... The model exists yet appears surreal because of that. That's a visual stimulation and we're glad to invite people to experience the world as we do.

Whats been your favourite shooting experience so far?

We really appreciate the fact that every shoot is totally different, it's like a new challenge every time. Creating, pushing the limits together, exploring boundaries, also developing strong relationships over the years. So the experience that we cherish the most is always the one to come, because that's the unknown and there's always a promise of greatness and fun!

What photographers inspire you?



"It's European classical painting mixed with retro American porn, topped with Disney's magical touch."



USA!!! We feel like people are more open and liberated there. We can shoot anywhere and nobody cares! Everything looks more fun and inspiring. The light is ridiculous! It has always been a child dreamland for many reasons, so it feels like we are realizing that dream each visit a little more. It was also our first fanbase, so everything makes total sense!

You've worked a lot with Francois Sagat, would you describe him as your muse?

Yes. Also he's been a strong influence, from porn, to performance art. We've always looked up to him. And he also pushed us to explore and to investigate outside our comfort zone. We feel we became better image makers thanks to him and it's a blessing to count him as one of our closest friends. For all of you who love our collaborations with him, stay wide awake because there's a lot more coming!

Does living and working in Paris influence your work and style?

Yes of course. It's like a fundamental base. That's where we met, fell in love, studied, shot for many years... We do have a love-hate relationship



For sure Steven Klein, he's a definite game changer in the fashion industry, visual stories with a unique touch. Robert Mapplethorpe, who was a master of poetry and masculinity. Bruce Weber, who's able to capture moments of pure innocence and beauty.

Your calendar featured mythological characters. Where else do you draw inspiration for your shoots?

Most of all we draw our biggest inspiration from our model character. We usually try to feel them prior to the shoot, discussing life and experiences. So a shoot is either a symbolic or fetish representation of who they are, who they could be or who they are dreaming to be.

You find a lot of your models from Instagram. Is that your favorite way to find the guys you want to shoot?

It's the best way for sure. There's a sense of easiness. And as it's very visual, you get an immediate idea of who the model is, what's his identity, what's his universe. As we want our models to be the best version of themselves, we love to dig deep into their visual story to know what their best look is, what we could do together... And we also love that immediate interaction with people and the fact that people are not afraid to reach out to us through Instagram. That also goes the other way! Who doesn't love a good surprise?

What do you look for in a potential model?

We strive for singular beauty, personality and sex appeal. We love them sweet, passionate and fun! We also appreciate them being more interested by creating art than getting more followers. We don't really care about ego.... Trust is a strong factor too!

If you could shoot anyone alive or dead who would it be?

Joe d'Allessandro. Miley Cyrus. Justin Bieber. Joseph Sayers. Franco Colombu or Loui Ferrigno... And if you guys feel you could be an Exterface icon, just reach out: bonjour@exterface.com

You've shot sexy guys in many different cities. What's your favourite country to shoot in?



with that city though, we feel there's a strong disconnection between the future and the past there. It's sadly a pretty dead city. Everything is too driven by nostalgia and seriousness. Maybe that's what pushes us to be irreverent and daring and to look for inspiration somewhere else.

What do you think of London?

Visually stunning and bold, London is a fantastic example of a city that succeeds at combining future and past! We feel a strong respect and appeal to history there, still being very open to new and fun adventures. Quiet and romantic and yet very loud and energetic. It's all very inspiring. We also love the fact that you still have a queen!

And London guys?

Oly! Look at you!!! We were so dying to make pictures of your striking beauty. Mesmerizing. We might make a trip very soon there so... More London guys!!!

What's next for Exterface?

Next is a book featuring our most recent escapades and some iconic pieces as well. Shooting porn the Exterface way would be great! More exciting and unexpected collaborations with designers too, because we love design!

Where can people see more of your work?

Our new website is live now! It's way better and immersive. So go check it out!
<http://www.exterface.com>

"We strive for singular beauty, personality and sex appeal. We love them sweet, passionate and fun!"



PEP talk



Dylan Jones lays out the basics of taking PEP, and recounts his own experiences on it



Now, I know I'm not the first gay to write about PEP,

by any stretch of the imagination. It's one of the issues-du-jour in the gay media at the moment, like chemsex, or femmishaming, or Tom Daley's arse.

The reason I've chosen to write about PEP is because I feel like a surprising amount of people still don't have the best idea of what it entails. Even a lot of my mates, mostly well-versed, clever, urban, sexually active gay men, don't know all the details. There's also a lot of fear and confusion tied in with it. SO, I thought it'd be good to lay things out in a casual, honest and hopefully accessible way. So here we are!



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“I had absolutely zero side effects, apart from some insanely psychedelic dreams (which may have just been a coincidence, I’d been watching a lot of Studio Ghibli that month).”

A few months ago I put myself in a very dangerous situation. I won’t go into explicit detail. Let’s just say it was like EricVideos. But with extra class A’s.

It was silly, especially since I’m so involved in the gay scene, know all about things like HIV transmission rates, risks involved in unprotected sex, etc. Even then though, as we all know, in certain circumstances and/or under certain influences, bad choices can be made. And that’s that. So, the morning after (well, 36 hours later, to be precise), I put on a pair of sunglasses, wiped my nose, and dragged myself to the clinic to get PEP.

Firstly, let me patronise you all by assuming you know nothing about it. The aim of this is to put across information in a simple way, so that’s what I’ll do.

PEP is a treatment which reduces the risk of becoming infected with HIV if you’ve recently been exposed to it. It needs to be taken within 72 hours of exposure. The sooner after exposure you take it, the more effective it is. It is not 100% effective. According to GMFA, its effectiveness is around 80%. It involves taking three tablets a day; a blue one (Truvada) and a pink one (Ritonovir) and then another pink one twelve hours later. This needs to be done for 28 days.

They say it’s very important to get the timings right and take every dose. Whilst I did take every dose, I got the timings a few hours off a few times, mainly because I woke up on the other side of London from where my pills were. One of the first pieces of advice I’d give to someone on PEP is: take those pills EVERYWHERE with you, so you don’t get caught out and have to rush home. And if you’re forgetful like me, set a reminder on your phone so you take them bang on the twelve hours.



Now, side effects. They’re powerful drugs, and possible side effects can include diarrhoea, nausea, headaches and fatigue.

I had absolutely zero side effects, apart from some insanely psychedelic dreams (which may have just been a coincidence, I’d been watching a lot of Studio Ghibli that month). Apparently though, it can be different depending on the person, and factors like stress and how powerful their immune system is can affect it too. Although, the doctor told me they’ve massively improved the drugs in recent months, and most people report little to no side-effects. A friend took it around the same time as me, and said he had zero side effects apart from a couple of slightly inconvenient bowel movements.

One thing I did experience was interesting effects with alcohol. They advise you not to drink heavily on it, and I broke that rule a couple of times. I mean come on, a month is a VERY long time to not have a night out. Especially for me. I’ve been out every night since 2010. I found that I was fine for the first few drinks, but then on the fifth or sixth, around midnight, it would hit me like a tonne of bricks and I’d become a slurring mess and have to be taken home. So my advice is, TRY not to drink on it. A couple of glasses of wine is ok. Oh and don’t do drugs on it, obv.

Anyway, I know that for many people, the main deterrent of taking PEP is the horror stories they’ve heard about side effects. SO I thought it was important to tell you, it’s really not that bad! Take note!

Getting hold of it is way easier than people think too. Just go into your local clinic, tell them you need PEP, and they give it to you no questions asked. Usually with a fast-track appointment. If the clinic isn’t open, you SHOULD be able to get it at A&E at any hospital, although this isn’t ideal, as the staff are likely to be less versed on it. From what I’ve heard there might be a few funny looks and a small dose of passive-aggressive homophobia.

When I went into my local clinic in Camberwell, the staff were wonderful. The doctor could tell I was a little ashamed of myself, and told me I shouldn’t be, saying “It’s the ones who DON’T come to get PEP that should be embarrassed.”

She makes a valid point. Whilst HIV stigma and shaming guys who are positive should certainly be a thing of the past, becoming HIV positive is undeniably still best avoided if it can be. Friends who are positive tell me that apart from anything else, it’s just fucking irritating. Remembering to take pills constantly, randomly vomiting, not being able to get out of bed sometimes, getting collapsed on by non-educated relatives who think they’re going to die. Just annoying.

If you ever find yourself in a situation like this in the future, even where there’s the smallest chance that PEP might be prudent, absolutely 100% TAKE IT. We’re lucky enough to live in a country where it’s free and readily available, so we need to take advantage of that. It’s not that scary, it’s totally worth it, and if you don’t take it, you might end up kicking yourself.



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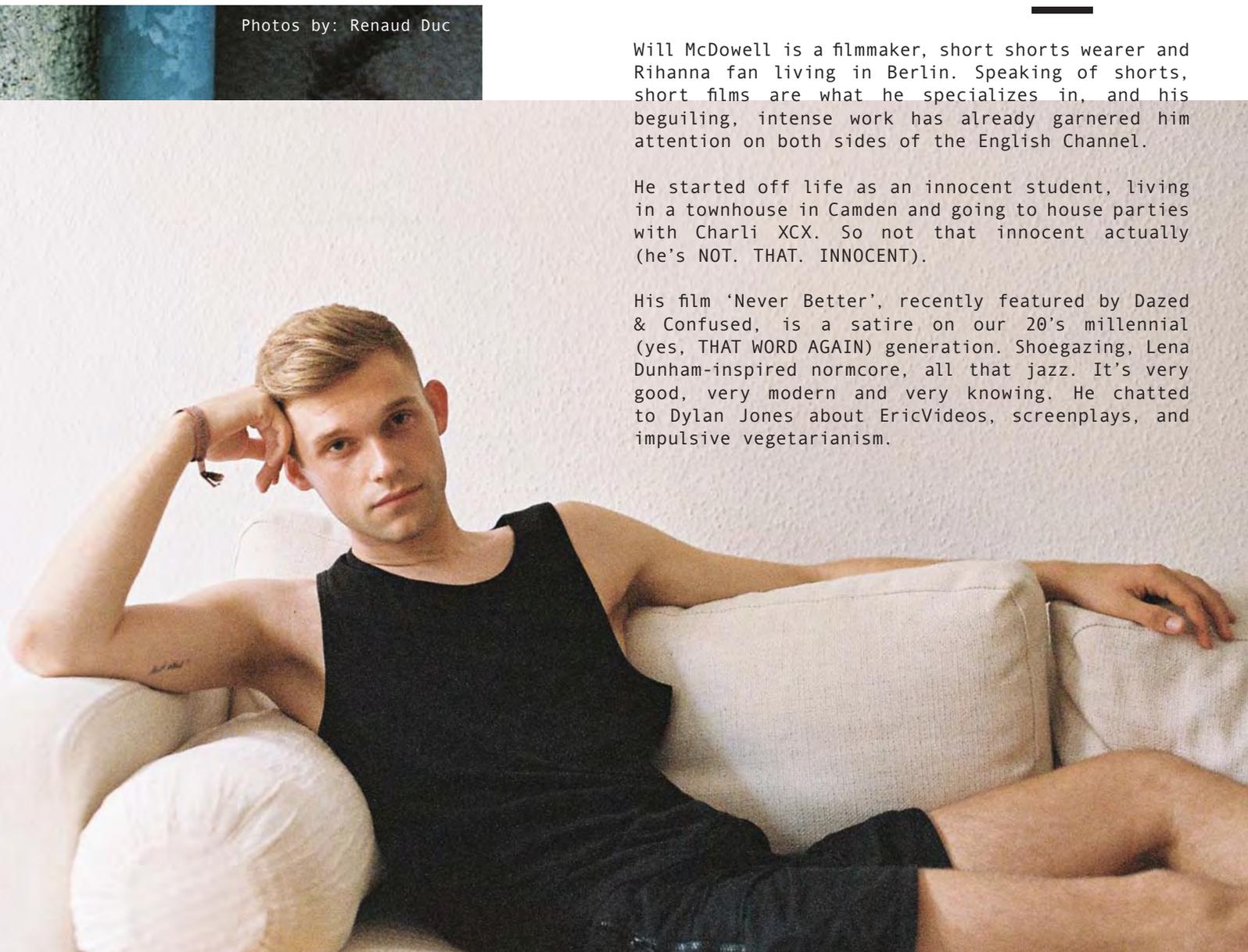
Will McDowell

Photos by: Renaud Duc

Will McDowell is a filmmaker, short shorts wearer and Rihanna fan living in Berlin. Speaking of shorts, short films are what he specializes in, and his beguiling, intense work has already garnered him attention on both sides of the English Channel.

He started off life as an innocent student, living in a townhouse in Camden and going to house parties with Charli XCX. So not that innocent actually (he's NOT. THAT. INNOCENT).

His film 'Never Better', recently featured by Dazed & Confused, is a satire on our 20's millennial (yes, THAT WORD AGAIN) generation. Shoegazing, Lena Dunham-inspired normcore, all that jazz. It's very good, very modern and very knowing. He chatted to Dylan Jones about EricVideos, screenplays, and impulsive vegetarianism.



Hey Will! Describe yourself in one gorgy sentence.

Good girl gone bad. Is that enough of a sentence? I'm Rihanna's only real fan.

So you've moved to Berlin, what's the scene like there?

I have been spending a lot of time in Berlin, yes. The scene is exactly as you'd image it: dark, dank and lyricless. Not a pop song in sight. There's a hip hop party here that has about 50 attendees and you've never seen people so happy to hear lyrics and lightness. I've graduated into one of those people who doesn't go out that much, talks about settling down, but has sculled a few bottles at a dinner party consistently for 7 days. That's my scene.

You were friends with Charli XCX before Boom Clap weren't you.

What's she like?

She's the coolest vegan I know. My pre-Boom Clap interactions were minimal. Charli was an unapologetic fan of the synth pop duo I was in called Das Kitten and I can't help thinking 'Fancy' was inspired by our song 'Get In My Eurozone'. Needless to say, Charli's music has sold millions and Das Kitten's recent hit 'Popperz Delevingne' is nearing 100 plays on Soundcloud.

But really, I had very little time to create the soundtrack to my film and Charli really helped me out, especially by pointing me towards CuckooLander who is now signed to Charli's record label Vroom Vroom Recordings.



How did you get into filmmaking?

How did filmmaking get into me? At school we made classic documentaries. My first was about the postal service when I was 12. It was 90 seconds long. I'm now 16 and *Never Better* is feature length.

As a budding filmmaker, who's your fave film director?

Harmony Korine, who is now directing Rihanna's new video in Miami. I can't even!

Have you heard of EricVideos? We think their directing is stellar.

I haven't heard of Eric's videos, he sounds like a cool guy. I know a guy called Tim who makes short movies, his sound is good. Sound is so important, don't you think? (I'm kidding, I have heard of Eric Videos, in fact I have it bookmarked).

How does the Berlin scene compare to London?

London is a trashy hellhole. It is neon and blue and beer is served in plastic pint glasses and cigarette burns are par for the course. Berlin is über cool, effortless, sinister, not frenetic. In terms that make sense to me, London would be 'Shut Up and Drive' and Berlin would be 'Pour It Up'.

I think Londoners should take that as a compliment.

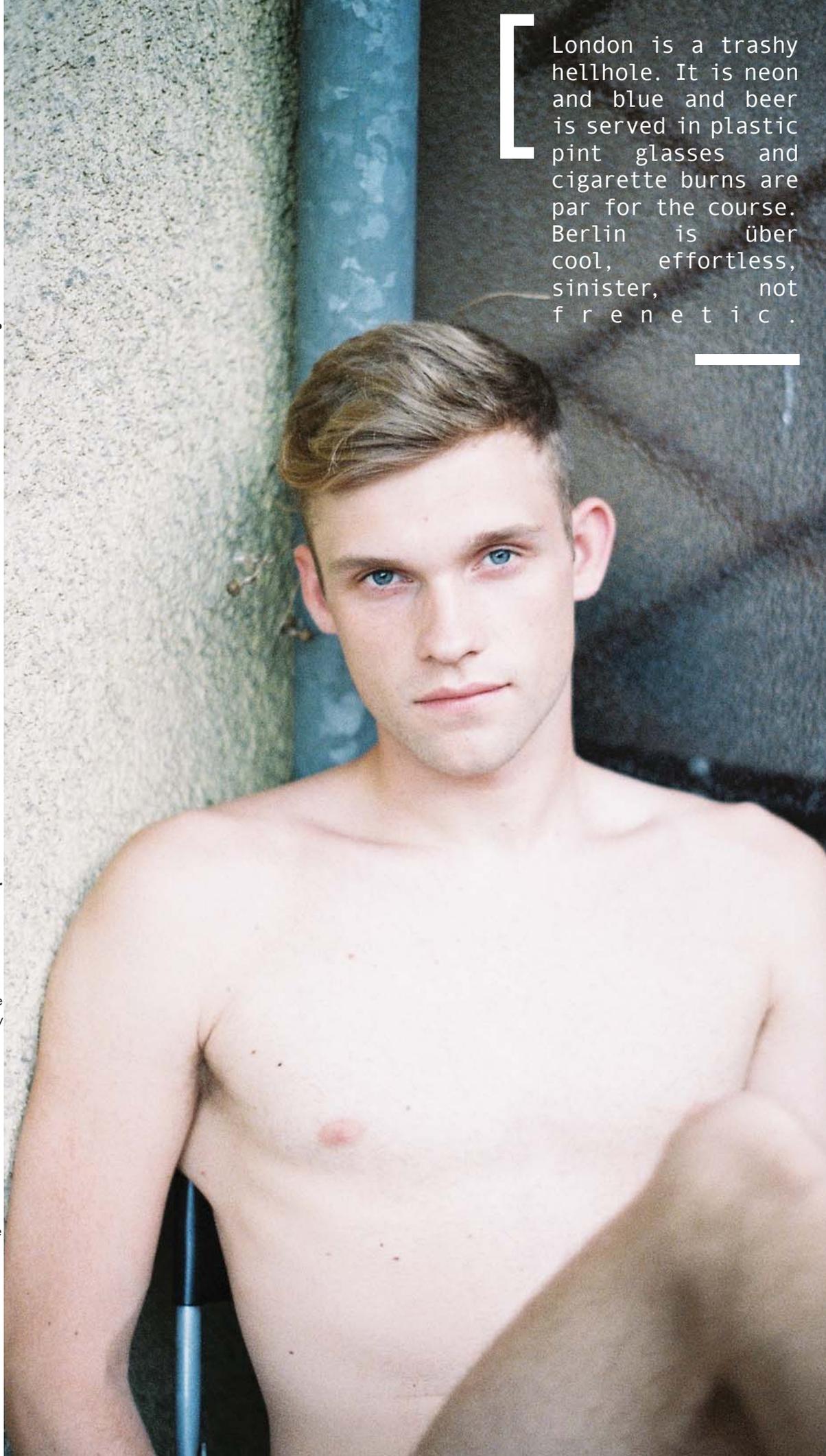
What do you have in store for the future?

I've just finished the screenplay for my next film. It's about the drug abuse epidemic in the gay community and so it's dark, but sarcastic and funny and aggressive and hopefully endearing. I'm really not holding back on this one it's going to be a slap in the face, a punch in the stomach and a little tickle on the old ribs. Heart and passion, I'm not going to turn it into a moral issue.

Tell us all about your work! What are you making and stuff?

I'm writing a novel in my underwear, giving talks about the future of things for brands with my company Futuramen, and eating a lot less meat. Oh and I want to write for TV - I'd like to collaborate more.

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Never Better is out now.



Friday 1st April
Le Cock

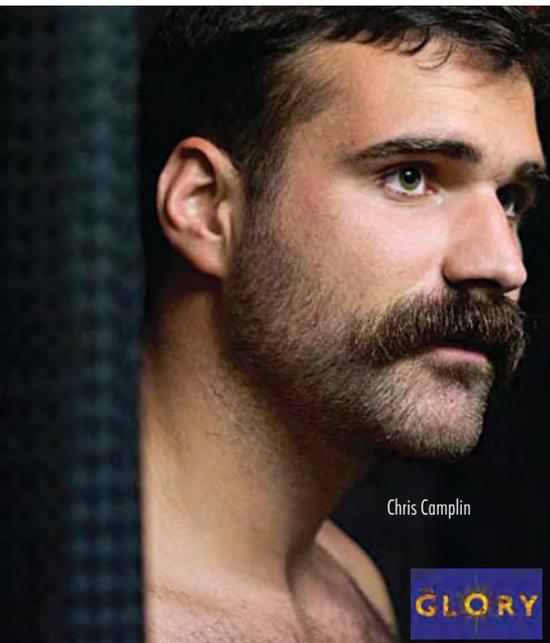


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Feeling cocky? No, wait, sorry. That was going to be a pretty appalling pun and none of you deserve that. Basically Le Cock is happening this Friday at East Bloc and they've got that **Martyn Fitzgerald** (who was in a Spice Girls video once apparently) and that **Jamie Bull** (who is not actually a bull) and that **Billie Ray Martin** (who sounds a bit like a country singing sensation) providing you with aural pleasures.



Billie Ray Martin



Chris Camplin

Those cheeky animals the Pet Shop Boys are dropping their thirteenth (!) album on April 1st, so the Pop Kids at the Glory are having a knees-up to celebrate. The upstairs bar will be playing strictly PSB all night, while downstairs will be sexy-boy music from **Chris Camplin** (woof) and **Terry Vietheer** (woof). Plus there's sure-to-be-madcap tribute shows from **Holestar**, **JOHN SIZZLE** and **A Man to Pet**. Lordy, you won't want to miss this babe.

Friday 1st April

SUPER!
Pet Shop Boys
Album Launch Party



The Glory . Doors 5pm, party 9pm – 2am. Free before 10pm, £5 after.



Terry Vietheer



John Sizzle



Sina Sparrow

Friday 1st April

Homo Superior



Moustache Bar, 58 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB.
£3 before 10, £5 after.



DIY, not G-A-Y! That's the Homo Superior motto and we sort of love it. It's a home away from home for disco queens, rock chicks and indie gays, a new dance party celebrating queer artists and icons, past and present brought to you by DJs **Panos Z** and **Sina Sparrow**. Music policy: Punk, disco, indie, rock 'n' roll, heart and soul. Queer, kitsch and cutting-edge performance. Austerity and apathy may be on the march in East London, but they won't let the bastards grind them down!

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Even the government couldn't stop them! Super-cute queer dance party residents **Rachael** and **Whitney Weiss** are back with more disco, NRG and italo jams! They'll be joined by absolute house music legend **Hifi Sean**, ballroom superstar **Cvnt Traxxx**, and Superstore favourite **Nova Dando**. It's gonna be a gold-lamé kinda affair, so get your glam on.

Saturday 2nd April

Les Poppeurs



Hifi Sean



Whitney Weiss

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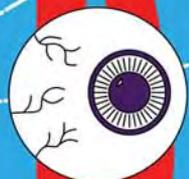
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Saturday 2nd April
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What's up bubba? We'll tell you what's up. There's bears, bulls and hotter otters down at Bloc Bar this weekend, for a mash up of rock, indie, disco, 80's, 90's and pop courtesy of **DJ Dreadful** and Herr **Hanno Hinkelbein**, who is from Berlin. Head on down and find yourself a beast to tame while you stampede across the dancefloor. ROAR! Oh and they're serving burgers all night. Juicy.

BUBBA'S

Bloc Bar, 18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX,
9pm – 3am.
Free before 9pm, £5 after.



DJ Dreadful



Saturday 2nd April
Duckie

Celebrating queer heritage, performance art and honky-tonk, every Saturday for eighteen flippin' years with **Amy Lamé** hosts this arty party playgroup, resident DJs **Readers Wives** handle the dance floor, and door whore artistes **Father** and **Jay Cloth** manage your, er, entry. Purveyors of progressive working class entertainment, best summed in the following quote: "Men dressed as women dressed as dogs dressed as cats. Asking questions about gender and identity but also pulling things out of various orifices of course, it's Saturday night entertainment."

DUCKIE

Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY,
9pm – 2am. £6.



Saturday 2nd April (afterhours)

It's coming home! After a little vacay in Elephant & Castle, London's legendary afterparty is returning to the roost at FIRE. But don't worry, Beyond is bigger, stronger and better than ever after its holiday! Expect top tunes from **Tom Stephan**, **Gonzalo**, **Fat Tony**, **HiFi Sean** and more, as well as those eye-popping shows you've come to love. Oh and say hello to the lovely **Chrissy Darling** and **JJ Clark** on the door. They're both tasty delights, and Chrissy might even be willing to taste YOUR delight. If you catch our drift.

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by Joel Ryder

*"Guest DJs the
Hoxton Whores
tore the roof off."*

Bunnies in a bear cave would usually spell trouble, but not at XXL! This was an eggstra special weekend, bursting at the seams and full of excitement in the midst of a 4 day bank holiday Easter weekender. XXL main floor residents DJs Christian M Morris and Alex Logan had everybody in a frenzy, burning through the dancefloor and shedding those chocolate egg calories. Tops off, arms in the air, nobody cared. We needed a bit of a break from the main floor so we slid through to the other arch where loveable DJs Joe Egg and David Robson had us singing for sexual chocolate and sweet satisfaction before we had to go and cool off at the bar. Back to the main arch and things had changed, it was not longer an eggstravagansa of sweet lovin' insomniacs, it was a whorehouse! As guest DJs the Hoxton Whores tore the roof off, finishing us off for the night. See you next time!





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East Bloc, 217 City Road,
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Words by James Egan
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Quite frankly a bank holiday weekend isn't complete without seeing a bunch of slags throw themselves around to pop music. Which is exactly what the BABEZ gave us on Saturday night. We're not talking about the partygoers though, who were a gorgeous metrosexual mix of revellers. We're talking about the DJs. There were the Un-Lucky Bitches eyeing up all the boys whilst providing us with mid nineties treasures and early-naughties treats. Then there was the loveable hoochie "Lady" Lloyd, stumbling around the booth in a jockstrap, a wig and not much else. She provided us with a ton of hip-pop, from Fifth Harmony to S Club 7. After that, known whore and Sex Shell Dom Top rolled onto the decks, supplying the dancers with slick urban jams and loads of fucking Britney Spears (whilst wearing a highly inappropriate t-shirt). Hottie Jason James kept pussies popping in the side room, with heavy helpings of R&B, while the Un-Lucky Bitches returned to the main room and finished us all off with a final set. The rest of the BABEZ were last seen stumbling around in the smoke, demanding drinks and corning helpless boys. Quite frankly, it was fucking amazing.



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Words and Photos
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“Our prayers
were well and
truly answered.”

In undoubtedly the biggest clubbing weekend of the year, almost every notable touring production touched down on our shores to spread their aural love, and I popped on my dancing shoes and shimmied along to as many as humanly possible all in the name of research for you lot. In one of the main highlights, Saturday night saw gridlock in SW8 as the hottest Israeli on the planet, Eliad Cohen, brought the Papa World Tour to town for PAPA DON'T PREACH powered by SCRUFF at Fire. We've not had a big gay production party at Fire for a while but this one was MAJOR with seemingly every gym card carrying stud descending on the venue to shake their groove

thing in one of the three rooms to the likes of Papa international DJ Teddy Clarks accompanied by Papa London residents Tony English, Lee Harris, Zach Burns, Miswhite, Yvette Lindquist, Terry Bryan and Steven Artis. Part of the As One Weekend Festival, Papa went straight in to the ultimate afterhours, Beyond: The Resurrection with stunning production, hot gogos and more of the best music on the planet. Our prayers were well and truly answered.



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Easter weekend started with a hot, heavy and delicious bang as The Coronet was heaving with party goers, muscles daddies and hunz alike; looking to get served with the biggest beats and performances London has to offer. Kicking off The AS ONE Easter Weekend Festival, We Party's 'Showboy's' themed night dragged in a mega crowd as Steve Pitron, Chris Brogan, GSP and DJ Binomio took to the decks in the main room. Massimo Paramour and HIFI Sean took advantage in all the right ways as they introduced 'Bordello' to room 2. As Mumma used to say 'you can't have dessert before dinner' and I think I finally understood what she meant. After the crazy shenanigans of WE Party, the rest of Easter weekend seemed second best. But what did I expect? It is WE Party after all... see you there next time boys.

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Words by Nicolas Chinardet
Photos by Zefrographica



Those who braved the ire of storm Katie (no doubt named after La Hopkins for its pointless savagery) on Sunday night to reach the end of the bank holiday weekend and the safe haven of Brüt #17 were rewarded by a welcome whirlpool of sizzling-hot Easter bears frolicking with a few (gym) bunnies and other assorted furry mammals of the gay fauna. Perhaps fuelled by all the chocolate consumed in the previous days, the atmosphere was as electric as ever and the guys flirty as hell, as we've come to expect from that most enticing of man-filled eye-candy-shops. The general butchness of the place was raised however to unimaginable levels by the mere presence of a certain masc4masc dating show contestant who made the headlines a few weeks ago after turning down a lovely stiletto-wearing Italian boy. Bearded and tatted DJs Ross Jones and Richard Harrington lit up the main vault with their beats, while the Meat Boys did their poppy thing to perfection in the smaller room. It was glorious and we are more than ready for a second (or rather 18th) coming!



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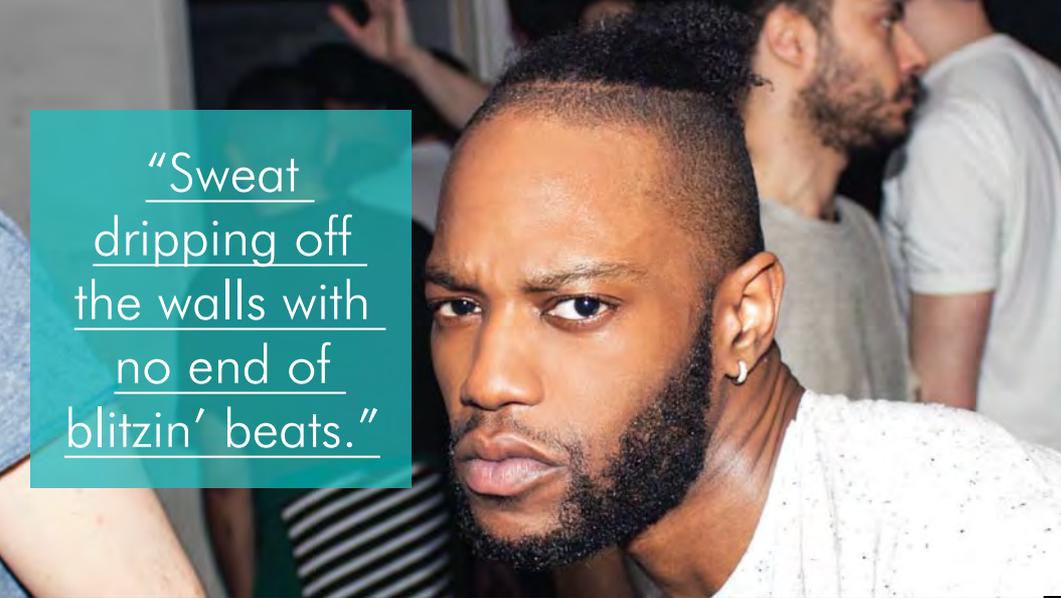
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CHAPTER 10

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27/03/2016
Bloc, Autumn Yard, Autumn
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Words by Chris John
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“Sweat
dripping off
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no end of
blitzin’ beats.”

QX braved a monster of a rainstorm for a monster of a warehouse party as Chapter 10 rocked the bank holiday weekend with a blockbustin’ homosexual rave up on Saturday night. Featuring a dazzling cast of club queens and fashion freaks, not to mention a hipster DJ line up to die for, edgy underground hangout, Bloc, kept those Easter Eggstravaganza vibes pumping right through ‘til the dawn. High-heeled highlights saw London’s craziest LGBT counter-cultural disco doyenne, A Man To Pet, resplendent in a fluffy Easter chick rig out and ankle-cracking stillies, playing ditzy-glitzly hostess to the max. Elsewhere and the likes of German deck meister, Prosumer, along with Dan Beaumont and Charlie Porter, got sweat dripping off the walls with no end of blitzin’ beats on the heaving dance floor. Meanwhile QX got bug-eyed and twitchy for a retro Tetris arcade odyssey in the lounge before heading back into the mad morass as the twisted thrills continued ‘til lights up!



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Two Brewers

114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ

Miss Jason! Lola Lasagne! SANDRA! It's a regular threesome of treats this Sunday 3rd April at the Two Brewers. A cabaret triad. A trifecta of musical men, dressed as women. Word of warning; they're open from 5pm until 2am, so if you've got work on Monday, maybe you should pre-book your Uber now...



George & Dragon

2 Blackheath Hill, SE10 8DE

"The voice of a thousand fags", Mrs Moore, is gracing the George with her presence this Saturday 2nd April. She claimed her career got started by Cheryl Baker ripping off her skirt. She's got quick wit and a filthy mouth too, and what more could you want from a Saturday night in Greenwich? Nothing. Not a thing. So get bloody down there!



Bridge Bar

8 Voltaire Road, SW4 6DH

The Bridge is described by Google as "snug", which we quite like the sound of. Snug up against a big Clapham daddy with a chest rug, that's what you'll be at The Bridge. Or a hunky little twunk. Or an off-duty gogo dancer. Or maybe one of their muscly DJs. Ufff. Anyway, pop by on their quiz night every Tuesday for gorgey drinks and the chance to win a £60 bar tab!



Virgin Xtravaganzah

Bloc Bar

18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX

Confess your sins to the Holy Mother of Christ, Virgin Xtravaganzah and back in exalted and glorious cabaret with Sunday Mass on April 3rd! We're betting you've got quite a few to tell her, post-bank holiday weekend. What's more, it's free bloody entry darling, so you'll have more pennies to splurge on communion wine and wafers.

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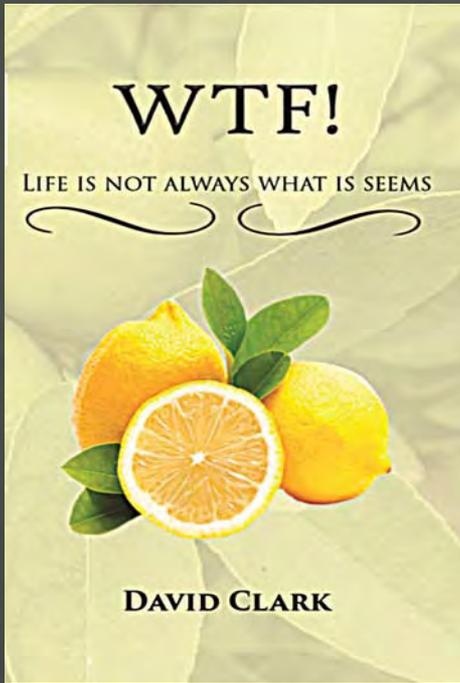
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"A sparkling evening of cabaret capped with the most sublime cocktails in Vauxhall."

Already renowned across London for delicious grub and seriously dangerous cocktails, Counter has another string to its bow in the shape of Sassy Saturdays, an eclectic concoction of camp cabaret, live music and comedy. Last weekend saw an

Easter-inspired show hosted by the antipodean auteur Dusty Limits as Lucifer. Opening with Ute Lemper's *I Am A Vamp*, the first guest was Ivy Paige as Mary Magdalene whose proclamation of 'I shaved for Jesus' lead straight in to a seductive rendition of *Fever*. Things then got decidedly hot under the collar with Phil In Gud's Burlesque Jesus fan dance that left us assled in the face (that's a tit tassel on the ass to any laymen). A brief interval to dry off lead in to act 2 with Ivy reincarnated as an Easter bunny girl for *Toxic*, Virgin Xtravaganzah channelling body and blood of Christ realness as *The Blessed Virgin Mary* and another dose of Jesus in a jockstrap with a hot sweaty workout strip climaxing in one lucky member of the audience getting a full face socking. Yes, socking is a thing now (©Dusty Limits). A quartet of versatile (not in the sexual sense), professional performers each at the top of their respective games made for a sparkling evening of cabaret capped with the most sublime cocktails in Vauxhall and a healthy dose of blasphemy. What more could you want on a Saturday evening?





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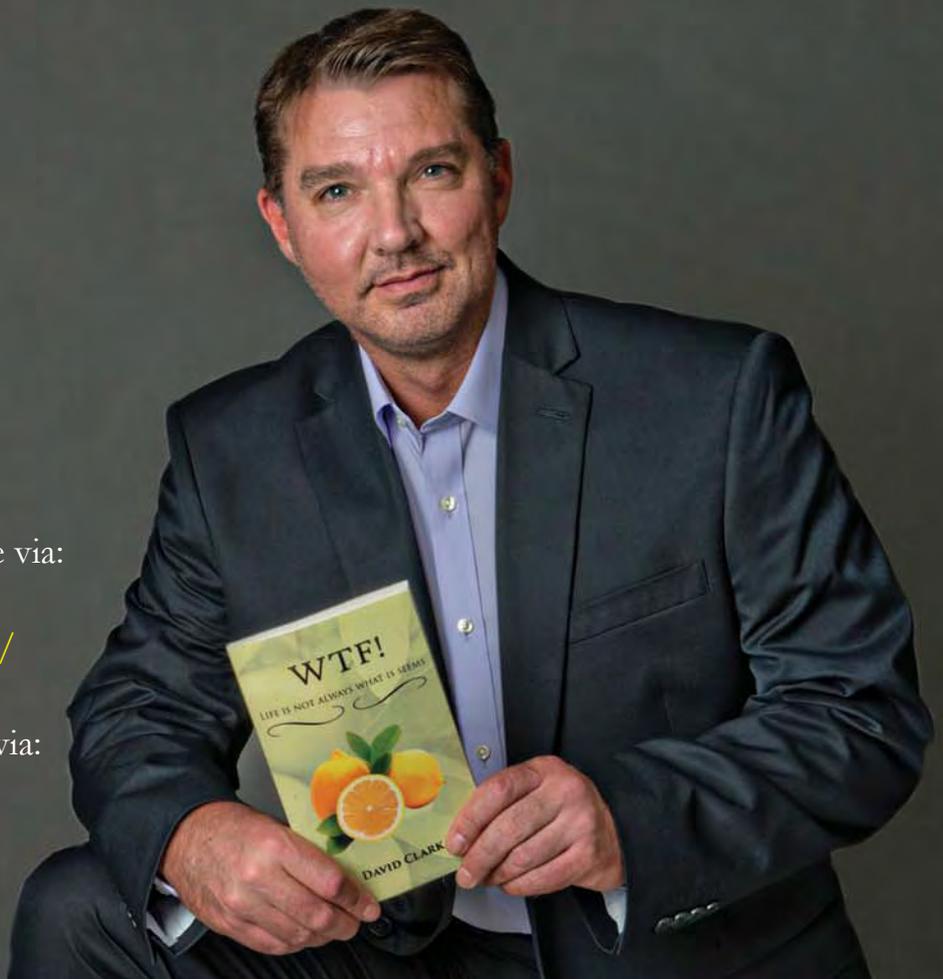
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Those miscreants at Dirty Diana are putting on their very own fetish ball at Electrowerkz this weekend! Judging by their promo pictures, it's going to be absolutely FILTHY. It's been three years since Diana kicked off her shoes and threw her tiara in the toilet, so why not celebrate with a massive all-out fetish fantasy?

There'll be DJ sets from Jack Chang, Josph Bianchi, Ursula Snakes, Pedro. Venus Ex Machina and Chadd Curry. Plus tons of gogo filth from the likes of Jaqui Potato, Francis Rushby and Jack Harwell.

Are you ready to get dirty with Diana?

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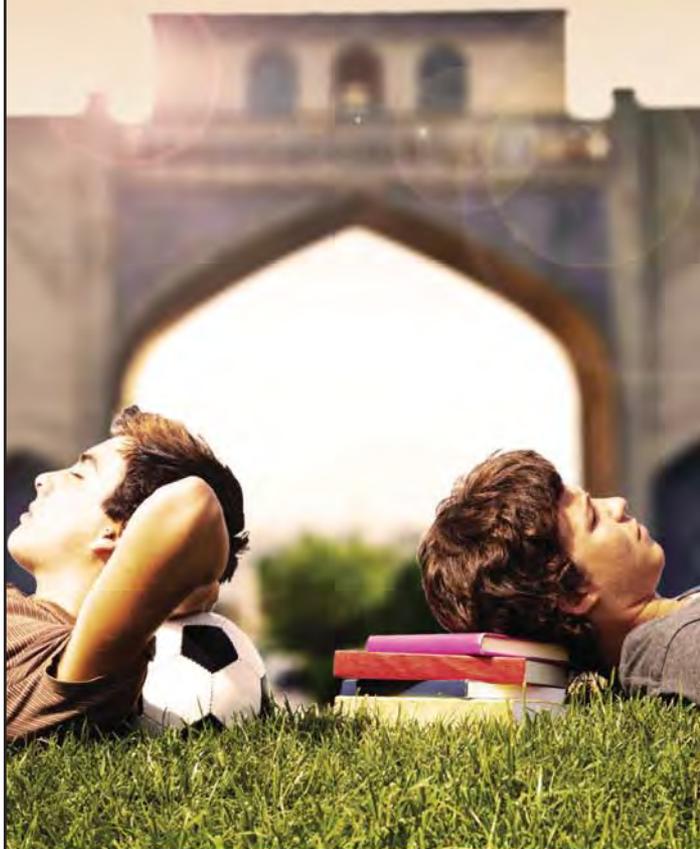
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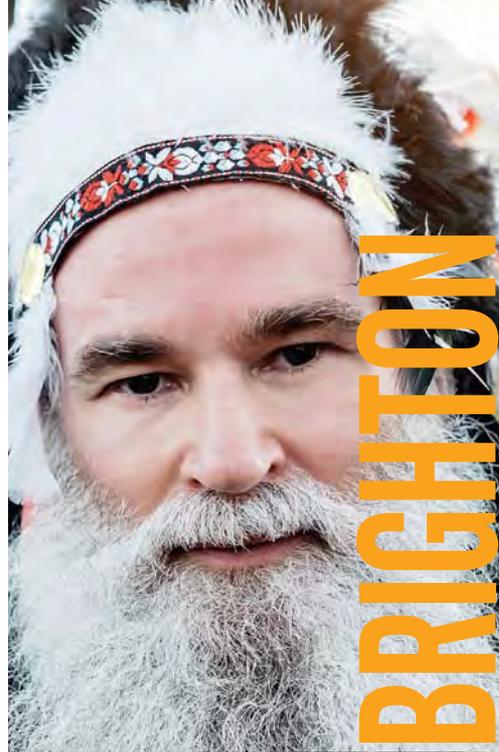
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BUT, the fact that they're already getting things underway is testament to what a PRODUCTION Brighton Pride is. The Mariah Carey of prides! But with less attitude and less Ferrero Rochers. They're the UK's biggest pride, and this year looks set to be bigger than ever.

As always the festivities will be revolving around three massive events over the weekend:

the parade, the village party and the main festival. The parade is a kaleidoscopic glitter cannon of drag queens, muscle queens in silver lame hotpants, and slightly confused mums, while the village party is general fun, drinking and debauchery supported by local businesses (always the best bit really).

THEN, this year for the main festival they've got a fuckin' wicked lineup of artists! Fuckin' wicked mate! There's lascivious lioness Fleur East (PLAY THAT SAX), dance leviathans Freemasons (WHEN LOVE TAKES OOOOVVER), Sean Miley Moore (hoop earrings), DJ Fresh (HOT RIGHT NOW) and EDM superstar, Kid Massive! We can't name any of his lyrics, but you'll definitely know his songs!

Anyway, whether you're a Fleur East fag or a Freemasons fanny (?), you'll have a blast at...BRIGHTON PRIDE. The reason we're telling you about it now, is they've already opened up booking for tickets and accommodation. Get in there now, it gets booked quickly. See you there! *puts on aviator shades, pouts*



**Brighton Pride runs from 5th - 7th August.
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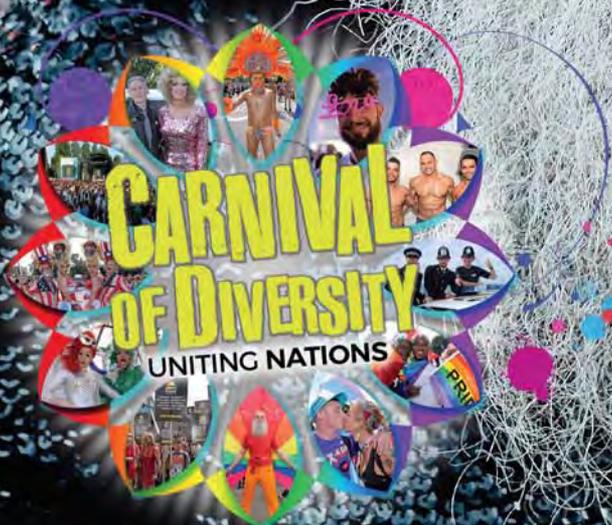
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Advice From The Best

Once again, competition season is upon us. Over the coming months a raft of new acts will perform and quite possibly take to the stage for the very first time in **Drag Idol**, **Pride's Got Talent**, **Lipsync 1000** and **Man Up**. But what is the best advice to give to these hopeful starlets? This week Jason Reid asked the performers who have been there, done it and stood the test of cabaret time...

What's the best piece of advice you've been given?



Le Gateau Chocolat

Renee Fleming, America's leading soprano once told me 'Don't listen to the noise'. She got that advice from her idol, who happens to be one of mine, Leontyne Price. Don't ever listen to your own hype or accolades. Work hard and be ferocious about curating the best of yourself, the utmost quality, ALWAYS!

Miss Hope Springs

Best bit of advice was from my late father (the actor and director Lionel Jeffries): 'Always leave them wanting more'. It's an old, but hugely important, showbiz adage. Don't be tempted to do that one number or gag more just because it's going down well. Put your show together, work on it hard, and stick to it. If the audience get too much of a good thing they may well not come back.



Mzz Kimberley

If anything goes wrong onstage always embrace it, make it a part of your act and laugh with the audience. No one wants to see a performer upset. The show must go on no matter what.



Charlie Hides

Eartha Kitt once told me, "Be the best YOU that you can be, no one wants to see a second rate somebody else". I impersonate people so I clearly ignored her, but that advice still rings true I believe.



Lola Lasagne

The best piece of advice I ever received was to be honest with yourself as an act. When asked, 'how did your gig go?' too many acts start with "Oh it was packed!" which isn't what was asked. Did your jokes/songs connect with the audience in front of you? If they didn't, then don't worry. They will. But admit when you've had an average/bad gig. If you don't, someone else will put the facts forward. Nothing to be ashamed of. Learn from it and move on.

What advice would you give to your younger performer self?



Jonny Woo

Work harder! A review I got in 2007 described a show I did as 'lazy'. It cut to the bone! So just when

you think you have done enough, think again and work on it even more. That is the ONLY way you will succeed. I am as impressed by good work ethic as raw talent and my career is still a work in progress and I keep telling myself to work even harder. And always be nice! It will get you a LONG way.

Titti La Camp

There isn't much I would say to my younger performer self because he had all the passion, drive and even naivety needed to succeed. The only thing I would say is that if you're doing something that you love then beware it doesn't consume all your time. Give time to everything else that is good in your life.



Dave Lynn

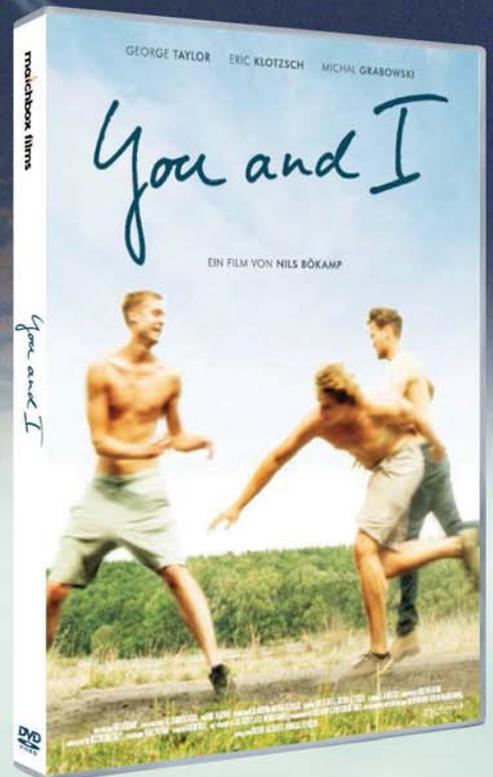
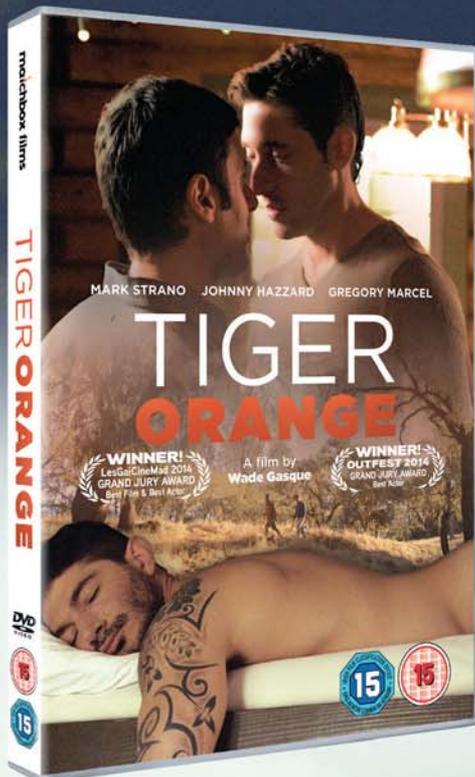
When I first started out, I didn't realise drag could be a serious career, so I would say take it more seriously and make the most of every opportunity. Oh, and don't be afraid to take risks.



David Hoyle

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Theatre Preview: HARAM IRAN

Above The Stag have got an exciting new European premiere coming up on 5th April, in the form of a challenging and emotional new production.

Based on real life events, *Haram Iran* is a coming-of-age drama focusing on two boys growing up as Arab-Iranians. As well as struggling with a volatile sociopolitical milieu, Ayaz and Mahmoud face further challenges when caught in a compromising romantic situation.

It's unclear whether they're gay or just experimenting as many teenage boys do, but they're put through Iran's legal system regardless, an establishment that's still shockingly medieval with regards to laws on homosexuality. Not only that, they're subjected to scrutiny and public humiliation.

It's inspired by a real trial that two Iranian teenagers went through in Mashad, Iran, in 2005. As well as their legal trials though, the story of the play looks into the softer, more human aspects of the boys' personalities, like their personal passions, one for sports and the other for literature.

Meaningfully, *Above The Stag* have partnered with Amnesty International, and writer Jay Paul Deratany is donating all his royalty fees from the play to them and other LGBT charities. It's directed by Gene David Kirk, who brought *Sum of Us* and *Closer to Heaven* to *Above The Stag* last year.

On Wednesday 20th April there is a special post-show Q&A with the writer, director and cast, as well as a representative from Amnesty International.

For tickets and more info, go to www.abovestag.com

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IGGY AZALEA VERSUS AZEALIA BANKS.

I know. Not again. I'm done with both of them to be honest. But it's my duty to write about these things. I'm a cultural commentator. I tried to be a waiter for a bit but I kept getting fired, so I must proceed.

Now we all know these two are problematic. Azealia Banks pretends to be homophobic to get attention, and Iggy Azalea pretends to be black to get attention. I'm not sure what's worse really. But they've both got new singles out, and surprisingly people seem to be giving them the time of day.

I am actually going back on my word here too. I pronounced that I would never speak of Azealia Banks again, when she tweeted that gay people deserve to be run over by a lorry. Although I



did enjoy it when she called Perez Hilton a "messy faggot." Because he is a messy faggot. Anyway, here we go. Let's get this over with.

Iggy Azalea - Team

Now this, is actually really good. Vicious urban hooks and edgier lyrics harken back to her cool, fashion magazine days when she was more a hip alternative blonde girl from the 'burbs, and less of a fucking twat. Some basic bitchery still manifests itself in the lyrics though. "Dutty wine", "Jamaican club" and, astoundingly, "about to go ape, returning to the Congo."



Seriously, babe? Just no. Still, I'll be playing it at the next house party. And then someone black will probably turn it off. Which would be totally understandable.

Azealia Banks - Slay Z

In true Azealia Banks style, her "comeback" this year, has entailed a court injunction for assault, several thousand angry tweets, and a mixtape/short album/concept/ nobody actually knows what the fuck is going on. The mixtape is called Slay Z and the lead "single" from the "mixtape" (?) is Big Talk featuring Rick Ross. Rick Ross is famous for

beating someone over the head with a gun. Big Talk is a good song. Well-produced, savvy, and modern, like all of Azealia Banks' music actually. That's the most frustrating thing about her, she consistently comes out with awesome material, and her talent is formidable, but she ruins it by behaving like a three-year-old on meth-amphetamines. Azealia, actually, I think you should just give up. Go work in a cheese shop in Norfolk or something and chill the fuck out. (NB: Azealia Banks has six toes on the Slay Z mixtape album cover, no-one knows why. Probably for attention.)

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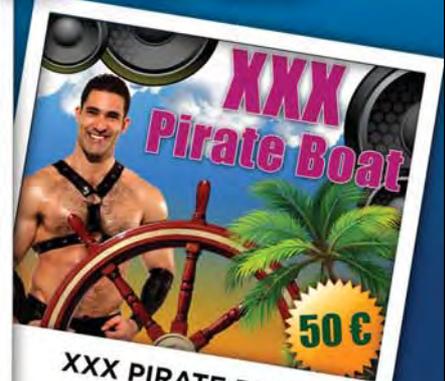
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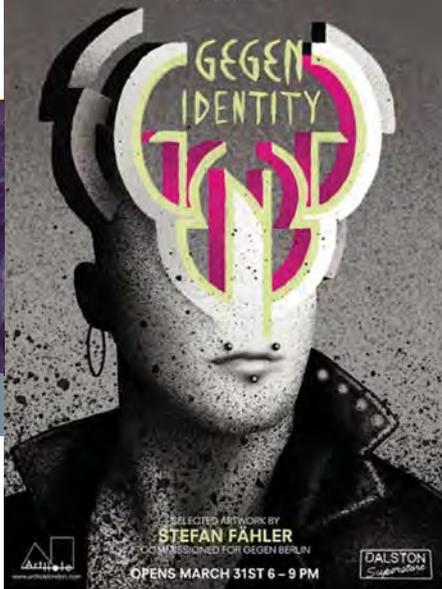


#JULIASAYS

by Princess Julia

With everything going on online nowadays, it's refreshing to experience something that really no online experience can replicate. The other week I went to the opening of the relocated **Dover Street Market** now set in the Haymarket. It's bigger and better than ever, making shopping akin to visiting an art gallery. In fact even if you can't afford to actually buy anything, it's worth visiting just to see installations from fashion designers up close.

This week we're keeping it a bit arty with **Arthole presents: Gegen Identity** up at the **Dalston Superstore**, grand opening Thursday 31st March, 6-9pm, where the artwork of Stefan Fähler will be adorning the walls.



All these things going on at **The Glory!** Last week I mentioned the **Pet Shop Boys Album Launch Party** on Friday 1st April, but I must mention **Xtrah Virgin** on for 3 nights Saturday 2nd April, 9th and 16th April. It's **Virgin Xtravaganzah** giving us a new line in rhetoric with her unique take. Show time 8pm but remember you can visit The Glory from 5pm onwards.

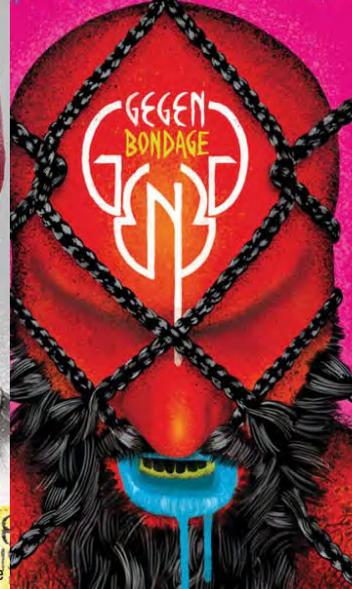
Cute night **Homo Superior** comes back for its bi-monthly night at the **Moustache Bar** on Friday April 1st. It's an alternative



Arthole presents: Gegen Identity at Dalston Superstore

shindig with DJs **Sina Sparrow** and **Panos Z** playing a switched up and switched on playlist from 9pm 'til 2am.

Haven't heard from **DAF** for a while...that's right **Dick And Fanny vs Yowsah!** are having a one-off party on Saturday 2nd April with special guest DJs from Los Angeles club Yowsah. It's all taking place at **The Arch Gallery** at 289 Cambridge Heath Road. I haven't been there but they say 'We'll be shaking our coconuts under the biggest disco ball you've ever seen!' DJs



Kim Anh, Vula, Chris Cruise, Michelle Manetti, Sandra Le and a surprise guest DJ.

OMG! I love doing things like this.... **Life Drawing-Queer Bodies** starts up on Tuesday 5th April at **The Glory**. I've been to a few classes here with artist **Morris Monroe** leading the class and it's really good! This particular 4 week series will be inviting scene super star life models to take part with performer **Jonny Woo** to be the subject on week one. Classes start at 7.30pm 'til 9pm.

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THURSDAY 31ST MARCH
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Goldsnap! at **Dalston Superstore:** 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. All-new girls night with all-girl DJ collective GYN.

Room Service at **Club 49:** 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.

Butch, Please at **The Vauxhall Tavern:** 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 8pm-12am. £5. A night for lesbians and their friends of all genders.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at **G-A-Y Heaven:** Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. Amateur strip night with £100 prize money! To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk TONIGHT:

Guest Judge Ben DeLa Creme
Klub at **Ku Bar Lisle Street:** 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Gravity Afterhours at **Fire:** 39 Parry Street, London SW8 1RT. 1am-8am (Thursday night/Friday morning). Gravity is set to shake the clubbing rules once again, giving Thursday nights a new lease of life.

BARS & CABARET

An Evening with Bonnie Langford at **Hippodrome:** Leicester Sq, WC2H 7JH, 8pm. Tickets from £30. Musical pixie Bonnie Langford takes the stage and shows you the meaning of an East-End legend!

The Family Fierce at **Bloc Bar:** 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-2am, £5 after 9pm Cabaret and crack-

ing tunes from one of London's best performing troupes, the Family Fierce!

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 7pm-10pm. Free entry. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall. BackCounter swing!
Official Room Service Pre-Party at **Circa:** 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursday's are the new Friday's at Soho's intimate bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF, 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

Backing The Stars at **Halfway 2 Heaven:** 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh. Showtime at 8pm.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

Candy at **The Village:** 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am. Snap cackling pop & chart with

Heidi Liscious and the gorgeous gogo boys.

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

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL
CLUBS & EVENTS

Le Cock at **East Bloc:** 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £5 b4 1am, £8 after. House, disco, pop and Italo mash-up with Martyn Fitzgerald, Jamie Bull and Billi Ray Martin.
Rude Boyz at **Fire:** South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. Doors 10:30pm, £8. Brand new cruise club night for horny lads in Vauxhall. TONIGHT: Twinks get in free all night.

A:M at **Protocol:** 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. 11pm-11am. £4 b4 1am, £8 b4 6am with QX ADVERT / NUS / Conc, £13 others. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend.

Spin Cycle at **Dalston Superstore:** 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free b4 11pm, £5 after. Spin Cycle introduces a new concept to Dalston Superstore: three DJs rotating across 2 floors with a mix of house, disco, techno, classics, guilty pleasures & general spun out jams! Wax Wings, Coco Cole & Anna Wall will be rotating over two floors.

Homo Superior at **the Moustache Bar:** 58 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB, 9pm - 2am. £3 before 10pm, £5 after. Debbie's Sina Sparrow and Panos present their tribute to queer artists, queer icons and queer disco!

Savage at **Metropolis:** Strip Club,

235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. Your late night homo disco now every Friday as well as Saturday.

Klub at **Ku Bar Lisle Street:** 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 10:30pm, £5 after. Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.

The Lipsinkers at **The Vauxhall Tavern:** 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm - 4am. Doors 9pm, show 10pm, £8 entry/£6 conc. £5 after midnight. Those madcap LipSinkers are back with their special brand of camp cult insanity. Panda eggs, spaghetti trees, gogos, sideshows and one of the most insane after-parties you've ever seen.

BARS & CABARET

Hey Boy, Hey Girl at **Bloc Bar:** 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, NW1 9NX. 9pm - 3am. £5 after 9pm. Hey Boy, Hey Girl is a classic club night revived; tunes from boy-fronted acts vs girl-fronted tracks, from "then" to now!

Shesus & The Sistas at **The Glory:** 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Show 8pm, adv tickets £10. Drag king sensation group present a special Easter show. Followed by FEMSESH! Super! Pet Shop Boys Album Launch Party Show 10pm. Free b4 10pm JOHN SIZZLE leads the way with an aural assault of pop & retro feel-good hits in the bar. TONIGHT: Chris Camplin and Terry Viether are in the hole playing the hits, with all Pet Shop Boys upstairs. EAST END BOYS INDEED!

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Karaoke at Central Station: 37 Wharfedale 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

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

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 9pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho welcomes blokes and boys to her bosom for a Friday night of socialising.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

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

Friday Night Live at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Tickets from £10. With DJ Little John & Sandra.

Ku Bar Soho: 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till 5am. 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 Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-12am. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

Fadoodle at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am, Free. Into the Deep in the basement and Funhouse upstairs with Heidi Liscious and the Go Go's.

West 5: South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm, FREE.

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SATURDAY 2ND APRIL CLUBS & EVENTS

XXL at Pulse: 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am.

£15 guests, £8 members. Big, bear night with no attitude at super-club Pulse!

Blocheads at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £10 after, £5 after 4am. East Bloc's flagship homo house night kicks off April with DEEP beats from Louis Chatten, Louis Lennon and Martyn Fitzgerald until 6am!

Les Poppeurs at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-5:00am. Free b4 10pm/£6 after. Super-cute queer dance party residents Rachael and Whitney Weiss are back with more disco, NRG and italo jams, joined by absolute house music legend Hifi Sean, ballroom superstar Cvnt Traxxx, and Superstore favourite Nova Dando

Duckie at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Duckie's flagship rock 'n' roll honky tonk.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am, FREE b4 10:30pm, £5 after. The party continues in Ku's basement club with hot pop and floor fillers from the DJs.

Savage at Metropolis: Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. Weekly Saturday club night from the Sink The Pink crew.

Glitter Bomb at The Shadow Lounge:

Brewer Street, Soho, W1G 0RF. 10pm-3am. Let disco do its dance with live entertainment, dancers and DJs.

G-A-Y at Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm – 5am. £5 entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar, Free entry with Wrist band. Hefty hits and huge acts at the palace of pop.

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 stressy week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

BARS & CABARET

Bubba's at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 9pm-3am. £5. A laid-back social for alternative bears, bulls and hotter offers! Enjoy beer blasts, burgers and music from DJ Dreadful & Hanno!

Sassy Saturdays at BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Cabaret: 8.45pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse, TONIGHT: Sandra helps celebrate boss man John's birthday and his fourth year helming the Old Ship!

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Xtrah Virgin at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Showtime 8pm, £5 OTD. London's own little miracle Virgin Xtravaganza gives you ecclesiastic cabaret!

Rose Garden's Saturday Market slash Swap Shop at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Rose Garden and DJ Little John from 4pm. Showtime at 5pm. Followed by **Xanadu** from 8pm, the Camp Disco.

Ku Bar Lisle Street: Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-12am. 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.

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House Party! at The Village: 81

Sandra @ The Old Ship

Saturday



Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-3am. Chunky funky techno in the basement with Paul Heron and snap crackling pop upstairs with Heidi Liscious.

West 5: South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: DJ Rob Davis and Lucie Jones

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SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Beyond Midnight - The Homecoming at Fire: South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. 12am - 12pm. Free entry before 3am/£11. Combining hedonistic dance music & show stopping performances Beyond really is the ultimate Gay party destination. TONIGHT: Tom Stephan, Gonzalo, Hifi Sean and more are taking you for one massive 12 hour session!

Sunday Social at The Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372

Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm - midnight. £4 members/£5 non-members. Special bank holiday edition of London's busiest social Sundays. TONIGHT: International cabaret superstar Charlie Hides, plus DJs Simon Le Vans, Liam Chaplin and Sean Sirrs.

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY, 8pm-4am, £8. Weekly Sunday disco gymkhana with resident DJs on rotation. Think hot boys spinning around to glittery tunes under a discoball and you're halfway there!

Power Brunch at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 12pm-4pm Brunch and Bloody Marys to lull you out of your hangover, with Miss Craig and DJ Neil Prince FOLLOWED by **Last Resort**, 9pm-2:30am. Free entry. A queer disco paradise for those not ready to farewell the weekend just yet.

Ku at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-12am. FREE. Slip in the sumptuously sexy Ku bar for a sneaky Sunday sip with the likes of Lady Lloyd and Vicki Vivacious.

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Sunday



BARS & CABARET

Sunday Mass at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Virgin Xtravaganazah soothes away your weekend sins alongside Phil Ingud. Rejoice!

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. Vauxhall's new playground. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall. TONIGHT: Happy Sunday from 3pm-midnight.

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

Big Queer Songbook at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. From 5pm. Free entry. Big ole' singalong with queer music from Jonny Woo, Rudi Douglas and friends.

Circus: 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.

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

Brunch off Broadway at Counter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The funniest brunch this side of Bleecker Street, piano bar delights.

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

CK Sunday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Another award winning Sunday at Halfway to Heaven! Followed by **An Evening with Mrs Moore & Tanya Hyde** from 7:30pm.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11.30pm. Open all week for the more social gays around the Kings Cross/Bloomsbury area.

Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Cabaret: 8pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: Lola Lasagne at 9:30pm

Power of Three at Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 4pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £6 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot. Starring Miss Jason, Sandra and Lola Lasagne.

Karaoke with Carmen at West 5: Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. West London's giant club/bar/cabaret home invites you to chill out here.

The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-11:30pm. Wind down with happy hour at the village between 5-9pm.

West 5 South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. From 8pm The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: Carmen Dioxide Karaoke with DJ Steve James

MONDAY 4TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Popcorn at G-A-Y 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.

Hard-Up Mondays at Sweatbox: 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. Under 25s FREE all day, £16 others. Finding Mondays hard to handle? Relieve the pressure with this discounted day for under 25s (ID required) at Soho's only gay sauna.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am. FREE. DJs play the weekend out on a wave of hot pop.

BARS & CABARET

It's A Drag Knock Out! at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden,

London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Bloc Bar are on the lookout for the next big drag talent London has to offer with a fierce, furious and fabulous, 8 week knock out competition!

The City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. From 9pm. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. The real queen of Soho. Bar £2.50 on popular drinks from 5pm.

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

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

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

The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. All night happy hour with 50% off cocktails and selected drinks.

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Bar Wotever at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. From 7pm, show at 8:30pm. £5. Genderbending cabaret, live music and performance at the monumental Vauxhall Tavern.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Disco Spritz at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Capelas, Donna Leake and Chaka Khan't present a weeknight helping of disco, soul and funk.

Cruise Control at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am, members free, guests £3 after 10pm Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

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

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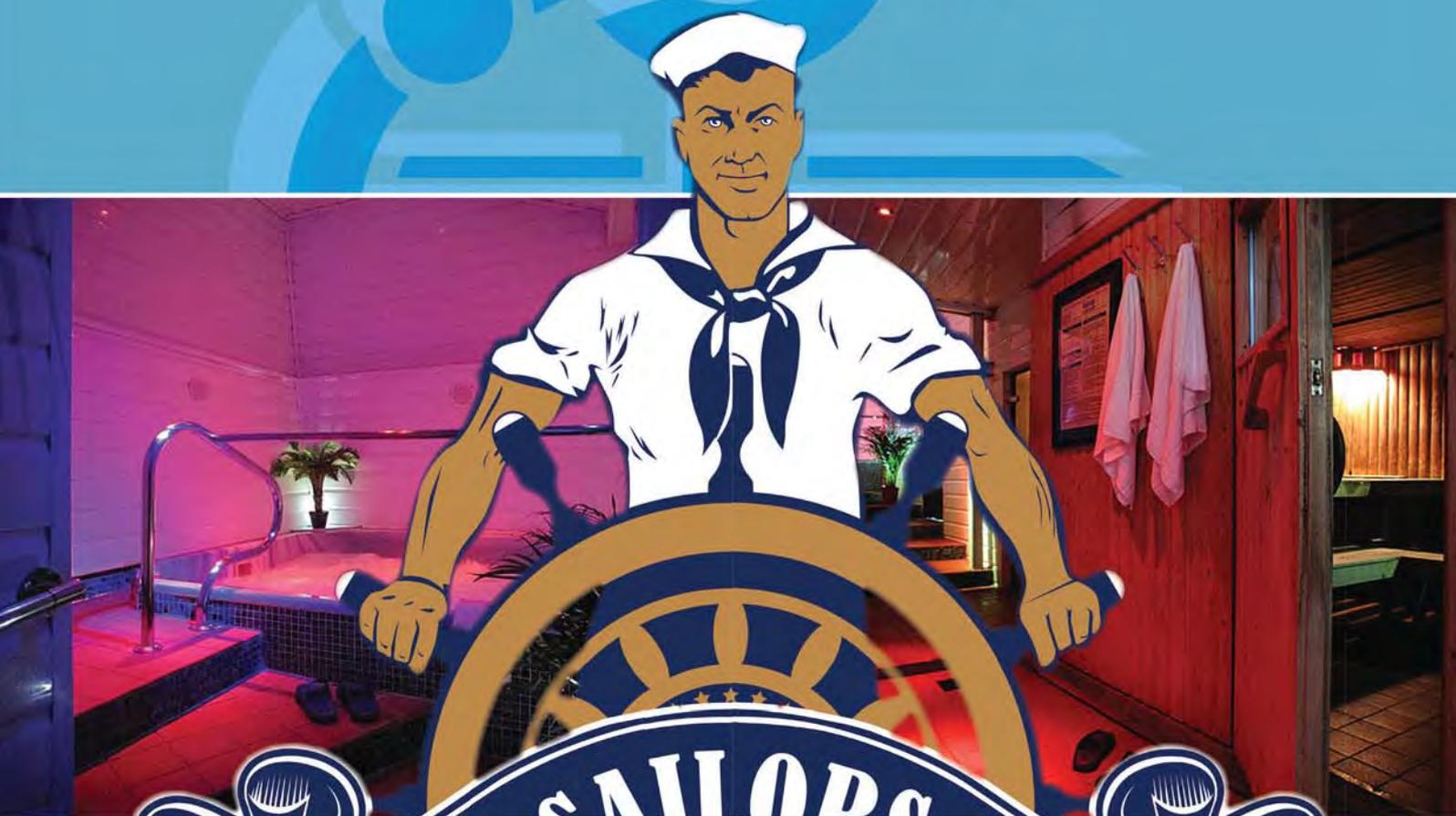
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Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

See you Next Tuesday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. See you next Tuesday with Bette Rinse and DJ LittleJohn

Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW8 6DH, 4pm-12am. Free. Snug gay bar in a railway arch, offering cocktails, wines and light meals, plus outdoor seating. TONIGHT: Quiz night, try to win a £60 bar tab if you've got the smarts!

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails all night.

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

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

Karaoke at Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. Happy hour until 9pm.

**WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL
CLUBS & EVENTS**

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

Uncontrollable Urge at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Superstore's late-night midweek dose of sleaze from.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

The Drag Graduation at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. Show at 7:30pm, £10 adv tickets £7.50. Cabaret and drag from Meth, Myra Dubois and Michael Twaits.

BARS & CABARET

Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Hits and glitz from Tete Bang.

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

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

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs with guest pianist tinkling the ivories.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

LIPSYNC1000! at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Doors 5pm, show 8pm. Free. It's The Glory's Juggernaut, Dragship Contest in which the hunt is on for new drag talent and a give away £1000 to one lucky star.

Sing-A-Long-A-Sound of Martha at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. TONIGHT: Sing-A-Long-A-Sound of Martha D'Arthur and Justin Swift.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street,

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Wednesday



Limehouse, E14 7NW. Quiz from 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

The Voice of The Village at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. Karaoke with the outrageous Robyn Banks from 9pm. Win a £50 bar tab.

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

**THURSDAY 7TH APRIL
CLUBS & EVENTS**

Goldsnap at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. All-new girls night with all-girl DJ collective GYN.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at G-A-Y Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. Amateur strip night with £100 prize money! To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Gravity Afterhours at Fire: 39 Parry Street, London SW8 1RT. 1am-8am (Thursday night/Friday morning). Gravity is set to shake the clubbing rules once again, giving Thursday nights a new lease of life.

Butch, Please at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 8pm-12am. £5. A night for lesbians and their friends of all genders.

Room Service at Club 49: 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.

BARS & CABARET

The Family Fierce at Bloc Bar: 18

Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-2am, £5. Cabaret from one of London's best performing troupes.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

Official Room Service Pre-Party at Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursday's are the new Friday's at Soho's intimate bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF, 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh. Showtime at 8pm.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

Candy at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am. Snap cackling pop & chart with Heidi Liscious and the gorgeous gogo boys.

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WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH

The Backstreet:

Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

The Hoist: Office/NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **Office**, 9pm-1am, relax, chill and score after work. **NBN**, 9pm-1am, boots or trainers with jocks, shorts or underwear.

The Underground Club: Hard Cruz at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 10pm-1am, free. Men only, hard, up cruise night where you can get it on.

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1pm-7pm, £8. Followed by **Underwear**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH

Teds Place: TV/TS

Party Night at 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-2am. £5. A horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Underground Club: Pants/Spantz/Come To Daddy at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Spantz**, 6pm-10pm, £25 b4 7pm & £7 after, CP night for rougher, tougher play. **Come To Daddy**, 10pm-2am, £5, for bears, daddies, big boys, chubs and chasers.

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

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

The Hoist: Twisted at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 10pm-3am. £12 adv, £15 OTD.

Cruise party with a difference for anyone into fetish and kink. Followed by **SBN Vs NBN**, 2am-7am. Naked and underwear night for those who like to wear socks and underwear, or go naked!

The Underground Club: Pants/Feet On Friday at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Feet On Friday**, 7pm-12am, £6, meet guys into guys' feet, socks and footwear in a private and friendly environment.

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

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL

Ted's Place: SAS at 305A North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm - midnight. £9 on the door inc free drink. Skinhead, army and leather night. Booze and cruise with your mates!

The Hoist: Rubber Reunion at South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **Boys & Sirs** at 2pm-7pm, Weekly meet for those into spanking / cp / punishment. **SBN AFTERDARK (Arch 1)** 10pm - 4am, Naked dresscode, free bar shots, hot gogos. Sexy men-only naked night.

Rubber Reunion (Arch 2) 10pm - 4am. Dresscode night for boys who love rubber.

Union: Hard On at 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm - late, £15 for members and £20 for guests. See box out for more details.

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth

Mews, London E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm, £9 members / £10 non-members (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Closed first Saturday of the month.

The Underground Club: Pants/ Adult Baby Club at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1.

Pants, 12pm-6pm, £4, underwear fun. **Adult Baby Club**, 7pm-11:30pm, £10 for Members & £15 for Non-Members, safe place for ABs, DLs, their daddies, mummies and friends to play.

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

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

The Backstreet: Mega-Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 4pm-10pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

The Hoist: SBN/NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **SBN**, 2pm-1am, the largest naked party in Europe. **NBN**, 7pm-1am, Boots or trainers with jocks, shorts, underwear or naked if you dare.

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

The Underground Club: Streams Of Pleasure at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 1pm-11pm. £7. Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

Vault: Underwear/Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Underwear**, 1-7pm, £8. **Cruise**,

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MONDAY 4TH APRIL

The Hoist: SBN/NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. Party for guys who like wearing bnoots or trainers with jocks, shorts, underwear or naked if you dare.

Teds Place: TV/TS Admirers & Gay at 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight, £3. Night for lovers of trans, drag and gay beauties. Something for everyone!

The Underground Club: Pants/Butt Naked/Hard Cruz at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm. **Butt Naked**, 6pm-10pm, £5, strip down and get off with like-minded guys. **Hard Cruz**, 10pm-1am, free entry, hard cruising for

horny guyz.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1-7pm, £8. **Stripped**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry, horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL

Bunker Bar: Club CP at 217, City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 7pm-11pm, £6 members/ £7 non-members. Spanking and CP party for men, with a big play area, video room, chill zones, private booths, equipment and changing area. Closed first Tuesday of the month.

Teds Place: Underwear/Naked at 305s North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight, £4, strictly underwear only. **The Underground**

Club: Pants/S.O.P.

at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, the attitude-free afternoon cruise club.

Streams Of Pleasure, 6pm-1am, £8, yellow fun for waterworks fans.

Vault: Frat Party! at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £8 after. Cruising session at this horny hot spot. Student Tuesdays; free entry before 7pm with student card.

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

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The Underground Club: Hard Cruz at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 10pm-1am, free. Men only, hard, up cruise night where you can get it on.

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1pm-7pm, £8. Followed by **Underwear**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL

Eagle London: #KIT at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Members free, under 25's free in trakkies, sports, rugby or footie gear, £5 after 10pm. Sportswear fetish night with a mix of horny ladz, fit fella's and more.

Teds Place: TV/TS Party Night at 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-2am. £5. A horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Underground Club: Pants/Spankz/ Come To Daddy at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1.

Pants, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Spankz**, 6pm-10pm, £25 b4 7pm & £7 after, CP night for rougher, tougher play. **Come To Daddy**, 10pm-2am, £5, for bears, daddies, big boys, chubs and chasers.

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



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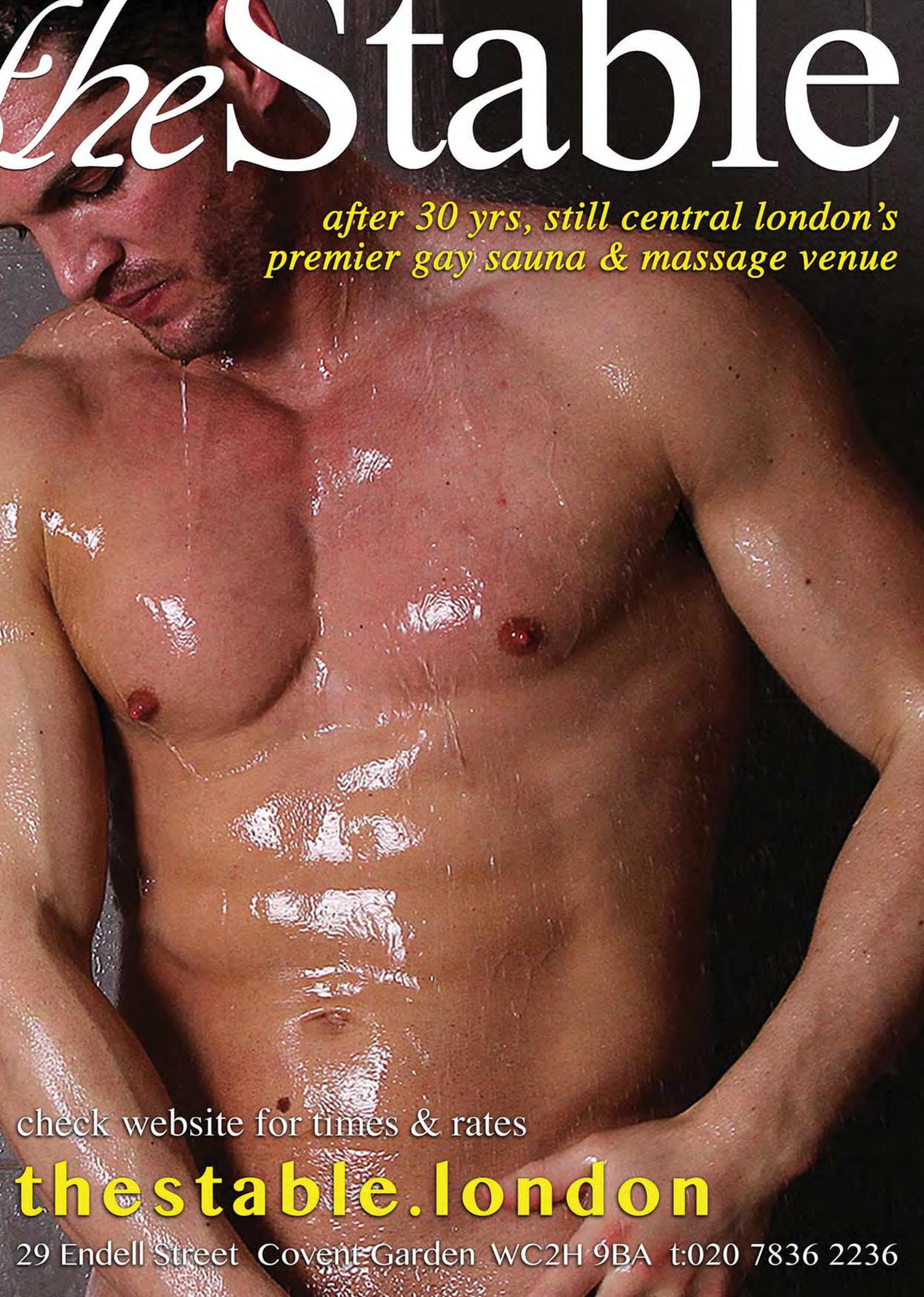
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because they lost their jobs for the same reason. Now the government is scrapping housing benefits for 18 to 21 year olds, which means things will only get worse.

Stonewall Housing is trying to help. They provide housing for young LGBT people in need, and also help them with issues happening in their own homes. As well as that, they give confidential housing advice through their hotline.

We asked Stonewall Housing Chief Executive Bob Green to tell us a little more about it.

"More people are calling us than ever before, having experienced domestic abuse, harassment or family breakdown," he said "We provide support to young people in shared houses, and offer pan-London housing advice services which has achieved the Advice Quality Standard."

"Stonewall Housing is now a referral agent for a number of hardship funds and foodbanks across London, which is especially important as more

people approach us in extreme financial hardship, with a limited range of affordable housing options open to them. Future welfare reforms and changes to social housing may make this situation even worse, meaning many LGBT people may not be able to move to safe, affordable housing."

"We need the support of our communities to grow our services and the core development of our organisation to ensure we can continue to create the high quality housing solutions that our communities need and dream of."

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