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SOMETHING SEXY THIS WAY COMES...

SEXCIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

MEET YOUR RING MASTERS

PHOTO: FRED LARSEN

Martin Princess and Issac Jones combine their club experience and little black porn books to create 'SexCircus' a new night of hedonistic excess that is due to make May Bank Holiday a red hot experience...

QX: Who are the ringmasters behind SexCircus?

MARTIN: Top promoter Martin Princess and King of Porn Issac Jones... We make the perfect combination.

Where did the concept come from? Whose idea was it?

ISSAC: We came up with the idea together, we wanted a men-only party that had something for everyone, from the twinks to the circuit boys, to bears to fetish, and anything in-between and with idea of some fun behind it, too. So, the 'circus' part brings in that element!

Give us the down low of what to expect on the night. How will the venue be presented as a 'Sex Circus'?

MARTIN: I think you can expect everything imaginable, along with amazing music as a backdrop, there is gonna be hot live shows and sexy gogos along with fetish fantasies and dark playrooms. We'll be transforming the main room into a circus dream and will have some out of this world circus entertainers.

You have a gazillion porn stars attending.

ISSAC: We are so excited about the line-up with the hottest, sexiest mix of guys. Damien Crosse, Jonathan Agassi, Robin Sanchez, Alex Marte and Lucio Saints are just a few of our international studs along with JP Dubois, Ben Broughton, Dave Circus and Kayden Gray from the UK.

And the DJs... who are we gonna be shaking our backsides to on the dancefloor?

MARTIN: With three rooms of totally different sounds we have not only picked the best, but the hottest guys you could ever wish for. Nathan 6 and Chris Brogan will be lifting you up in the Eurocreme Terrace. Matt Bogard, Brent Nicholls along with International guest DJ Spencer will have you down and dirty in the Hard On room, and opening MAP circuit room we have UK's finest Lee Harris and then not one, but three of the hottest International Circuit DJs, Noor Q and the sexiest twins alive, the O'Halley brothers.

We hear there's gonna be a cruise space, too? Tell us more.

Well, the Chapel Bar is being transformed into Suzie Krueger's Hard On room. So, what better place to put our own cruisey dark room, with porn screens, PVC beds, slings the rest is up to you!

"WE WANTED
A MEN-ONLY
PARTY THAT HAD
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE."



SexCircus is at Area (Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP) on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Earlybird advance tickets available now from Prowler, Clonezone Fifty&Dean, Manbar and www.sexcircus.clubtickets.com



MARTIN PRINCESS & ISSAC JONES PRESENT

SEXCIRCUS 2014



BANK HOLIDAY

SATURDAY 3RD MAY 11PM-6AM

40+ PORN STARS AND PERFORMERS

INTERNATIONAL DJ'S 5 AMAZING ROOMS

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CELEBRATING FREEDOM TO LOVE. FUNDRAISING FOR RUSSIAN LGBT CHARITIES



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MENATPLAY MAIN CIRCUIT ROOM
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I'll stop running when we have an AIDS-free future!"

This week, **Jeremy Joseph** runs his fifth London Marathon. Mildly psychotic or just dedicated to raising awareness and vital funds for HIV charities? You decide...

1st Marathon - 2010

The first year's highlight was finishing. It was completely the fear of the unknown. It was doing it and not knowing what the hell I was letting myself in for and whether I could achieve it or not. So out of all the years, finishing the first one was the scariest.

2nd Marathon - 2011

I think this was about doing it all again, I suppose. My head goes through the same thing every Marathon. You start it and you go, "What the fuck am I doing here, you idiot, I don't know why I'm putting myself through it again!" Then you're half way though it and you are thinking that you just want to go home, and then you finish it and think, I can't do this again! Then there you are again, the next year. But out of everything we do, it raises more money than anything else. It just captures people's imaginations like no other fundraiser we do. It just gets people sponsoring.



3rd Marathon - 2012

This year was the balloon release, because whenever we've done fundraising it's not just about money but awareness. I thought here we are and the streets of London are mobbed and I wanted to get across the number of people who were living with HIV in London. The red balloons represented those who knew they had HIV, and the yellow ones represented those who were HIV+ but didn't know their status. The message was to know your status and get tested.

5th Marathon - 2014

We've raised £50,000 in the last year alone, but I can't take the credit for it, because it's all the people that have donated, the team at G-A-Y and all the people that get behind it that make it. Unless you have people that get behind you on it, you don't achieve anything. I can take the credit for running the actual marathon (if I finish it, that is!) but the success of the fundraising is everyone's. Having said that I don't think you realise how frightening running the marathon is. All sorts of things can go wrong, like small injuries or worse. I compare it to your last hit single: nobody remembers your last hit, they only remember your flop!

What can you do?

There is just £1,139 to go before the target of £250,000 raised for Elton John AIDS Foundation is hit! So please donate/sponsor at www.justgiving.com/G-A-Y. This year the important thing is about getting **tested**, hence the theme 'Run For Life'. So, head down to **G-A-Y Bar** on Old Compton Street in Soho on London Marathon Day Sunday 13th April and get tested by **56 Dean Street Sexual Health Clinic**.
Knowing your status can save your life!



4th Marathon - 2013

Just before last year's Marathon was the Boston Marathon bombing tragedy, which overshadowed the London Marathon and made it a more sombre affair. That sad news was set against the good news that the week before we hit our £200,000 target for the Elton John AIDS Foundation.



G-A-Y SAT 12th APR

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FRIDAYS

HEAVEN
11pm - 4am

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WRIST BANDS from G-A-Y Bar

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THURSDAY
G-A-Y PORN IDOL
FREE ENTRY
WITH THIS VOUCHER

FRIDAY
G-A-Y CAMP ATTACK
FREE ENTRY
WITH THIS VOUCHER

SAT 12th APRIL
ALL SAINT @ G-A-Y
£8 ENTRY
WITH THIS VOUCHER



GBF - aka the 'gay Mean Girls' - is out now on DVD. Here's what we learned when we saw the film at a Soho House preview last month...



Vision of the decade:
 "It will be very... Stephen King's 'Carrie' meets Mariah Carey's 'Glitter!'"
 Caprice Winters (Xosha Roquemore)

The World according to **GBF**

How the Pope would like it:

“The only person he should be gay for... is Jesus!”

McKenzie Pryce (Evanna Lynch)

This is what Extreme Gayness is:

“We all know **you're gayer** than a very special episode of **Glee.**”

Caprice Winters (Xosha Roquemore)

Best description of hook up apps:

"ANOTHER HEADLESS TORSO IN A SEA OF LOW SELF-ESTEEM"

Brent Van Camp (Paul Iacono)

The new Jesus:

“In times of crisis, I turn to **LiLo”**

Brent Van Camp (Paul Iacono)

Best advice for partying:

“Always drink on an empty stomach”

Fawcett Brooks (Sasha Pieterse)

Telling it like it is:

“Most dramatic which is basically shorthand for **gayest and bitchiest.**”

Tanner Daniels (Michael J. Willett)

When homophobia meets fashion-conscious:

“THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE SIN, IN!”

McKenzie Pryce (Evanna Lynch)

Mum of the year:

“YOU BOYS GOT ANY POPPERS?”

Mrs. Van Camp (The amazing Megan Mullally)

Metaphor of the year:
 “A carb to a 'mo is like sunlight to a vampire”

Caprice Winters (Xosha Roquemore)

Well wishes for the ex: “I hope your Prince Charming gives you everything you want... and also crabs”

Brent Van Camp (Paul Iacono)

Kick-ass girl threat:

“Touch him again, and you won't be able to get as much as a half-arsed hand job from some flag twirling color guard skank.”

Fawcett Brooks (Sasha Pieterse)

Best incident of high expectations dashed out:

“You're the secret gay? But... you're not even that fabulous.”

Soledad Braunstein (Joanna “JoJo” Levesque)

G.B.F. is out now from Peccadillo Pictures on UK Exclusive Blu-ray and DVD now and is available at Prowler, Amazon, Play and all good retailers.

**MARK AMES
PRESENTS**



**THE BIGGER BETTER
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12th APRIL**

10PM - 8AM MEMBERS £8/GUESTS £15/AFTER 4AM £5

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WEDNESDAYS 9PM - 3AM MEMBERS FREE/GUESTS £3

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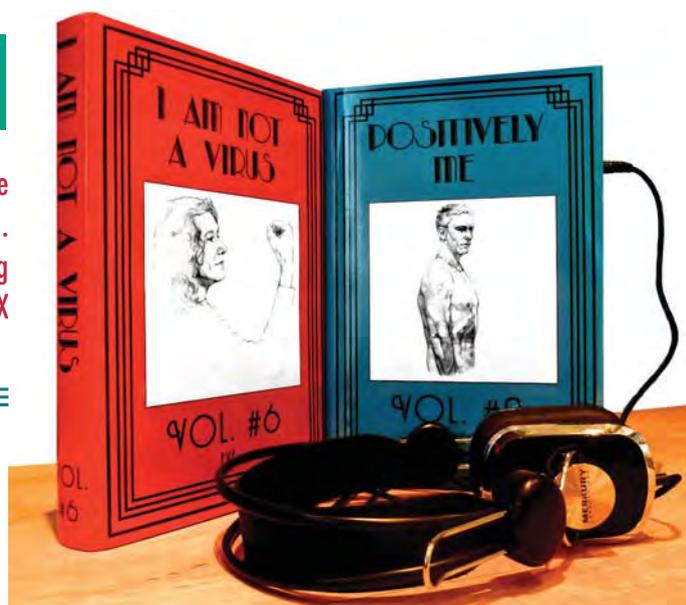
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SPEAKING VOLUMES:

TALKING ABOUT HIV

SPEAKING VOLUMES is a storytelling project that allows the voices of hidden, stigmatised and marginalised people to be heard. Currently working with HIV positive people, the team are enabling them to share their experience of living with the condition. Here, QX have printed four moving, poignant and inspiring stories.



HIV and the impact of brain damage (PML)



By
Elfrid Walkingtree

I am 53 years old. I have been living in this country since 10th Jan 1989 and 6 months after I arrived I was diagnosed with HIV. Before I came, I was working as an entertainer in the Canary Islands in 4 and 5 star hotels. It was children's entertaining.

I have a huge imagination so that appeals very well to children, and I tend to be quite playful in my thinking.

I came here (to the UK) when I was 28 years old. At that time I was waiting for the results of the clap clinic and while I was in the queue I saw the poster about testing for HIV and I thought 'OK why not.' One week later they told me they had checked for syphilis, gonorrhoea hepatitis, everything – everything was negative, and two weeks later came the HIV result, and that was positive. That was in 1989.

My health was fantastically good. Until I got brain damage everybody thought I was one of those lucky people who are HIV asymptomatic for all their lives. My brain damage is called PML, which stands for Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy.

That means inflammation of the brain and the head that is progressive and multifocal. There is a movie about it from Hollywood called *It's My Party*, from 1996, and you can see that without the NHS, and before the arrival of the combination therapy, people lost their ability of seeing well, speaking well, breathing well, of digesting well, of bowel movements, so they were killing themselves.

PML makes you less than what you are as a person. Such a diminutive disease, making you smaller, to have to depend so much on other people. And I am in the position that I depend a lot because I cannot do anything myself. I can breathe relatively well and my bowel movement is ok with limits, but then I cannot wipe my bottom when I go to the toilet, somebody has to do it. The food has to be cooked and blended for me, I am partially blind because of a problem in my eyes.

I was diagnosed with PML on the 20th March 1998 and started getting symptoms in December 1997, I was in a train station and I couldn't see the letters on the board announcing the trains. And that is how I noticed that there was something wrong. But then I started to walk with great difficulties a month and a

half later, walking as if I was drunk, but I hadn't touched any alcohol since the 2nd of November 1993.

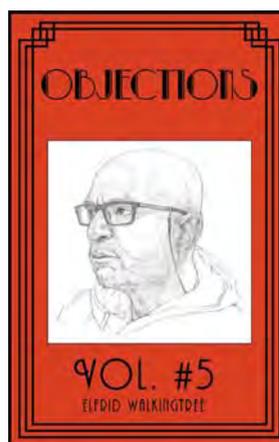
My brain damage, unbeknownst to me, did not affect only my physical body, it affected my mind as well. So from being a happy-go-lucky kind of chap, I started to become a rather paranoid kind of person.

At the beginning the hospital didn't know what to do, so they put me on the drug they give to people with CMV (Cytomegalo Virus). I don't know if it was that or if it was something else, but certainly I was having that drug and then I ended up in a wheelchair. Ten years later I find out that they had discovered that that drug Cidofovir is poisonous to people like me.

We have to remember that there is the dark side of all the treatments with HIV. They are very effective against HIV but unfortunately they have the most horrible side effects.

HIV, since I got the brain damage, became my life. Before, it was something that was there but didn't make much of an impact in my daily life. However, since I got the brain damage I have to control absolutely every single aspect of my life. Now I have a Spanish carer in the evenings, who somehow has brought me the kind of life that I used to have, to my mind only. And that has given me the happiness of living all over again.

« We have to remember that there is the dark side of all the treatments with HIV »





My Changing Relationship with HIV

By Anonymous

It was March 1991 when I was tested. I was having an affair with a guy, who I discovered was HIV+. I realised that I was at high risk because we'd been having bareback sex, and that was quite a traumatic experience because I had found out that he was HIV+ by coming across some tablets in his bathroom cabinet.

I'd had the test and then the result two weeks later came back positive. Despite expecting it, it was traumatic. When I was first diagnosed I didn't tell very many people. Now, I'm a lot more open and that came about from slowly accepting. But accepting the diagnosis took time. It was also about overcoming a sense of being a silly boy. How did I get myself in this situation? I should have known better.

The time I was diagnosed was a time when the outlook was pretty grim. My feelings at that time were of a certain level of fear, but more of shock. This became a sort of short term planning. I started looking at my life as, "What am I gonna do this year, next year and the year after?" Whereas in the past I would've thought "What am I gonna be doing in ten years time? Twenty years, thirty years' time?" At a certain point I started doing things like arranging my funeral service.

So the first two/three years I didn't become depressed but I did lose energy and I became quite tired. HIV affected my spirit, my psychological well-being and my get up and go attitude.

« I don't see why I won't get into my eighties or beyond »

The way I coped with that was by becoming much more actively involved in HIV support groups and activism – helping set up what became Brighton Body Positive, for example. So that's the one way I sort of channelled my emotions into something more constructive, and I think that helped get me through that period.

Then came a period in 96/97 when I became very ill and was in hospital with pneumonia. I came out of hospital and I started on antiretroviral treatment, which had only come into existence four months before my hospital admission. And that summer and that winter two friends died who were less ill than I was but both chose not to try anti-retrovirals because they didn't believe that they would work. One friend didn't take medication and died and another in Holland chose euthanasia.

I know now that if they had started anti-retrovirals they would very likely have lived. But at that point we'd had maybe eight, nine years of different research medication, different trials and nothing had worked for anyone for longer than 6 months with lots and lots of side effects so why think this would be any different?

The first drugs I was on were a combination, and they had more side effects than the current drugs. But one of the things was that I started taking them thinking, "Oh well maybe I will reach my 40th in '99", but it took a good five years before I thought, "No, I'm now gonna have a long term future."

So, although I became fit and well it was a slow process because again my spirit, my mood, my outlook to the distant future was still unclear as I didn't know how long this was gonna last. Something turned within me at a certain point around the turn of the century and I thought, "Yeah, things are going well, things are going up. There's no reason why this won't carry on."

And then I started looking at returning, becoming more engaged in life, doing more voluntary work, doing a little bit of gardening on the side, starting to apply for jobs. I moved back to England, retrained (as a nurse) professionally and started working full time in 2006.

Now I'm 54 and I can remember four years ago I was thinking, "Oh, I might retire in my mid 50s. When I'm 56, 57 and I'll have had enough by then and take it easy. Just work for a few years." Now I'm 54, I've got more energy than I've ever had and I certainly don't expect, or I don't want to retire when I'm 57, I don't know when I'll retire.

I don't see why I won't get into my eighties or beyond. So, yeah I see a good future, a positive future.



Speaking Volumes is on display at the Jubilee Library, Brighton, BN1 1GE from 8th April – 8th June 2014.

www.speakingvolumesproject.org

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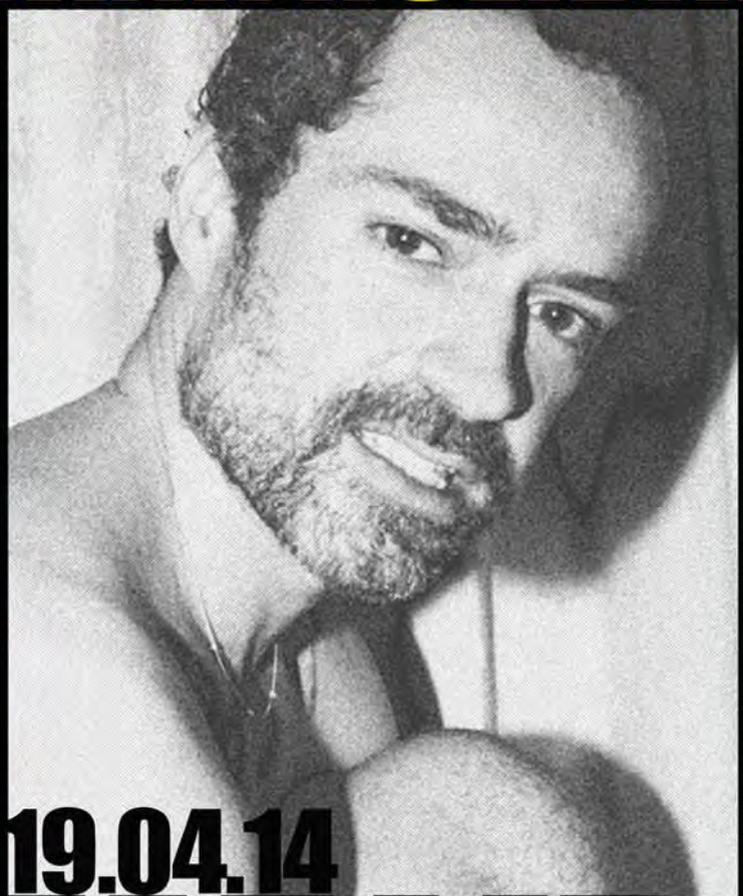
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- (KITSUNE)
- MUNROE BERGDORF
- URSULA SNAKES
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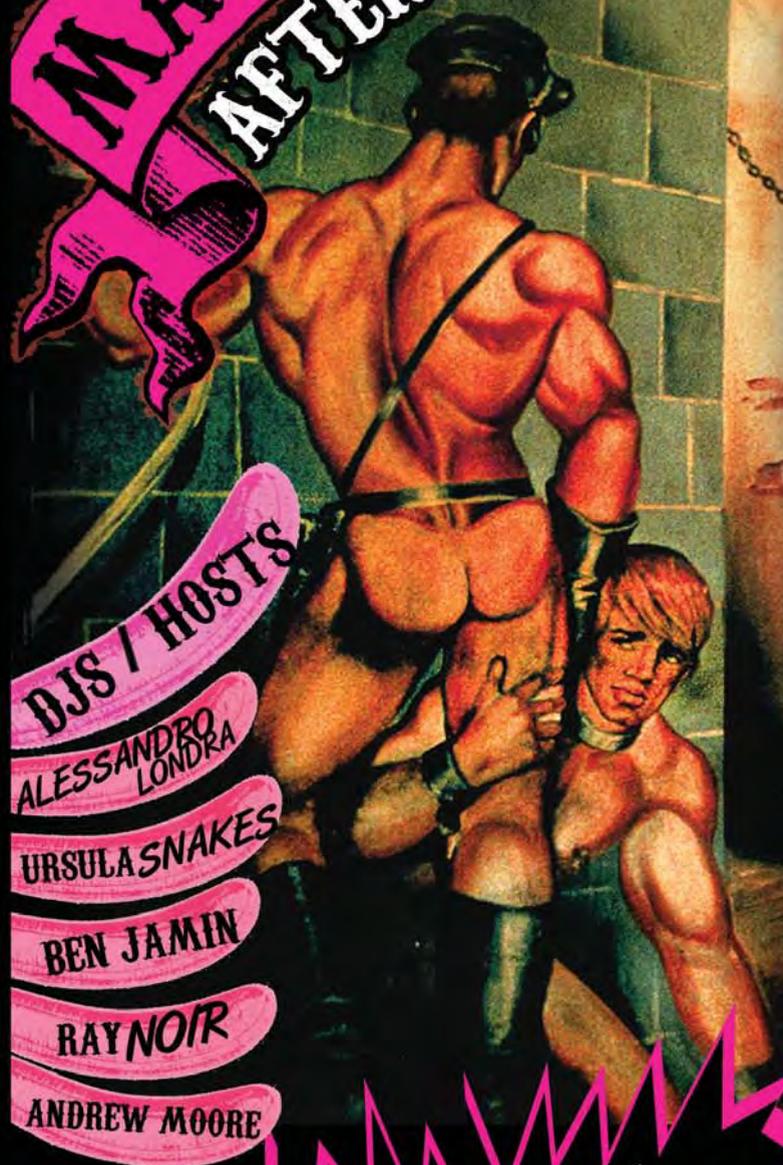
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BANK HOLIDAY
SUNDAY 20th APRIL -
MONDAY MORNING
4.30AM - 10.00AM!
Entry £8 / £5 Cons / FB list

INFORMER

THE WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN OF GAY LONDON...

QUEER FREE THINKING AND SELF-EXPRESSION

Saturday 12th April, from 12noon onwards. Free.
The Ron Todd House, 33-37 Moreland Street, EC1



A day of Free Thinking; Discussion; Performance; Film and Exhibition.

Saturday 12 April 2014 - doors open 12 noon till late
Ron Todd House, 33-37 Moreland St, London EC1 (station - Angel)

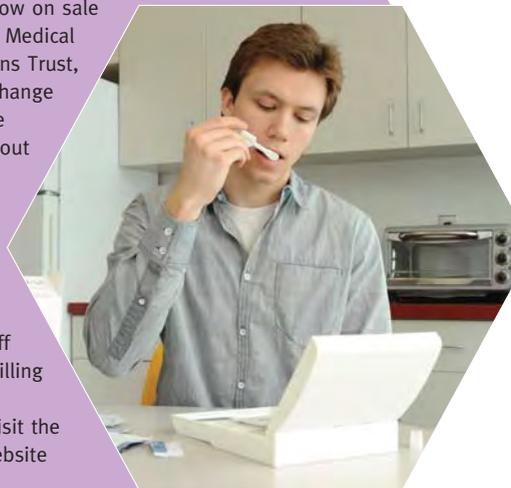
Sponsored by **Unite** this all-day event promises a mixture of performance and discussion, alongside the first showing of works by **Manu Valcarce** and a talk by eminent journalist **Owen Jones**. Plus **Maria Exall** (TUC LGBT Committee Chair), **Phyllis Opoku-Gyimah** (UK Black Pride), **Patrick Cash** (Spoken Word), **Jacob V Joyce** (Survival Guides), **Krista Papista**, **Rachel Newton** (Greece Solidarity Campaign), and the **House of Brag** hosting a discussion on Pride/alternatives.

HIV SELF-TESTING KITS GO ON SALE

www.tht.org.uk

HIV self-testing kits are now on sale in the UK. Michael Brady, Medical Director at Terrence Higgins Trust, said: "We welcome this change in the law, which will give people another choice about how and where they test for HIV. The success of our HIV postal testing scheme has shown that many people who have never tested before, or who have been putting off a visit to the clinic, are willing to test at home."

For further information, visit the Terrence Higgins Trust website listed above.



COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO LIVE

Chelsea Theatre, Worlds End Place, SW10 0DR
Friday 11th April, 9pm. £8 (£4 concs).
www.chelseatheatre.org.uk

Everyone knows things are going down the pan. The weather's going doolally, the economy is still in the toilet, politicians are nasty or useless and pop culture is grotesque or inane. But at the Chelsea Theatre, **Ben Walters** is giving you a getaway car to a better world in the form of cabaret! Pulling together an eclectic array of the most talented and audacious performers from across the cabaret spectrum, *Come With Me If You Want To Live* is first and foremost a cracking night out, with a jaw-dropping debut line-up including **David Hoyle**, **Eve Ferret**, **Dickie Beau** and **Figs in Wigs**.



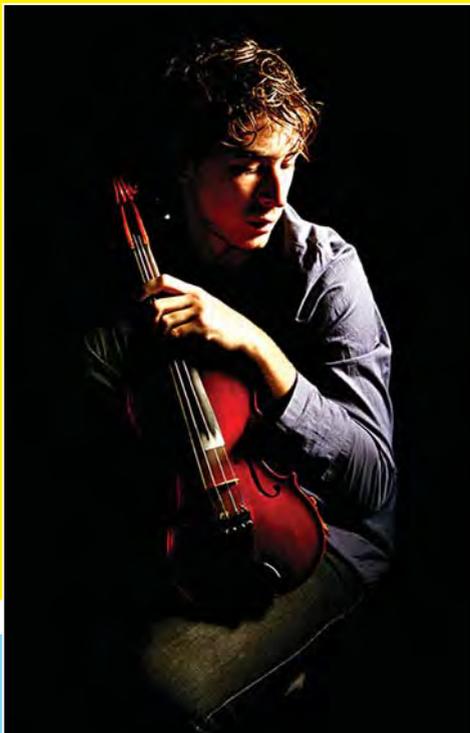
SPRING SYMPHONY

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SPRING CONCERT

St Sepulcre-without-Newgate, London EC4

Sunday 13th April

The Spring is almost here and, like sprightly nymphs, the queens of classical music are putting on a show. The LSGO present an emotional program of music, including 'Tintagel' and 'Sheherezade'. They're the UK's oldest LGBT orchestra so you can expect a delightful feast of audible pleasure.



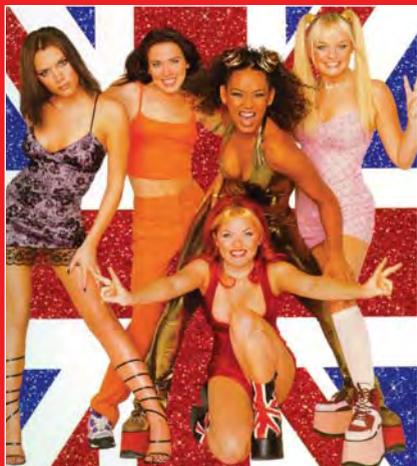
A FILM AND A FLING

FRINGE! SPRING FLING

11th and 12th April

www.fringeilmfest.com

The Fringe! Queer Film & Arts Fest have announced two days of queer films, parties and conferences over the 11th and 12th April, across venues such as the Dalston Rio Cinema, Hackney Picturehouse and Dalston Superstore (check out the website for others). There's a screening of 'Spiceworld' where we'll be encourage to dress up – of course – with partying afterwards. Or you can see 'Bruno & Earlene Go To Vegas' and there's even a special 'Dick and Fanny' night, where Colby B will be DJing. Check out the website for more information. You won't want to miss this.



GAY4PLAY

www.g4p.co.uk/london

G4P is Social Networking offline, making things happen in and around London for LGBT people and their friends 'beyond the bars'. Perfect if you're new to London or fed up with scouring apps for friends. Here's a selection of their upcoming events:

- **G4P Meet Up LIVE.**

Thursday 17th April, 6pm.

The Edge, Soho • Square. £5.

Monthly professional networking event.

- **G4P Action – Skiing. Saturday 19th**

April, 1pm. The Snow Centre, Hemel

Hampstead. £60. Learn new skills in both skiing and snowboarding.



MARC THE DATE...

A MIGHT BIG IF

The House of St Barnabas, 1 Greek Street,

Soho, W1D 4NQ

Monday 14th April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £10, Booking: wegottickets.com

Richard Strange presents a new series debuting at the Soho-based theatre this Spring, and in this edition he'll be appearing in conversation with **Marc Almond**. Having sold over 30 million records worldwide, and featuring as half of Soft Cell (Tainted Love, anyone?). Needless to say, we're hoping Strange will grill him like a Peri-Peri chicken breast. Piers Morgan who?



Don't You Know Who I Am?

JIMMY SMITH, GM @ THE TWO BREWERS



above, and covering me with thick, brown stinking sewage.

Who are the world's best DJs? (Not any that work for you)

Sorry, I think the Freemasons are one of the best and they are working for us on Friday.

Who is your favourite cabaret performer and why?

Are you nuts!!!!

What makes the London gay scene so special?

Diversity, we are all different and there are clubs, bars, saunas, sports and social groups to cater for everyone.

And what is the worst thing about the gay scene?

Judgemental and bitchiness (and Mutley).

What question do you get asked the most when working?

"Can I get on the guest list?"

If you were a cocktail, what would be your ingredients? (They don't just have to be alcoholic ingredients)

Vodka, vodka & vodka... with a straw.

Which TV show character would you love to meet if they were a real person and why?

Hilda Ogden (I'm so old!) She made me laugh.

Tell us something about you that nobody knows...

I am Regina Fong's love child, and I'm typing this on April Fool's Day.

The Two Brewers is at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ.

Where are you from?

I was born in Aden (now the Yemen!), grew up in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and have lived in London since 1982.

How old are you?

I am old enough to know better than to answer that question.

Describe yourself in five words.

Passionate, determined, single-minded, loyal, forgetful.

Sum up your personality in a song title and a movie title.

'All Night Long' and 'Birdcage'.

Who are your three ultimate icons?

Striesand, Liza and Mandella.

What was the first gay venue you ever went to?

A club called Fire Island in Edinburgh and I walked past it a dozen times before going in... (I was still married!)

What was the first club you ever worked at?

The King William IV in Hampstead. I managed it and had a brilliant time.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Impossible to answer, sorry. Far too many moments of complete joy!

What has been your worst club moment ever?

Having the ceiling at the Black Cap burst open

TWO BREWERS

CLUB NEWS

12/04/14: Dish

It may be their early Easter celebrations but we're hoping to nosh on something other than eggs. (Although they are also a spherical shape.) This month, residents **Tom Stephan** and **Borja Pena** kick-up a storm in the main room, while **Jacqui Potato** and **Cathal O'Brien** get the side dish simmering. **Ollywood** and **Ray Noir** will be doing the **Tapass** room as **La Paquena** and **Alex Han** host – sounds like a recipe for a sexy, sweaty Saturday if you ask us.

East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10pm–6am.



Tom Stephan



Jacqui Potato



12/04/14: XXL 'Wrestle'

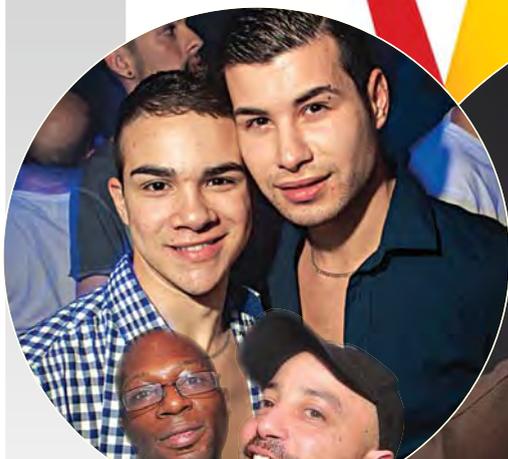
When we said we liked head, we weren't talking about a headlock. Still, that's not to say that at this week's XXL you won't get both. C'mon lads it's time to don those Lycra suits and get ready for a roll about (although not literally, save that for when you get home). Resident DJs **Mark Ames**, **Joe Egg**, **Christian M** and **Alex Logan** will be spinning the uplifting tracks to your Saturday night.

Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southbank, SE1 7UF. 10pm–8am. £8 members, £15 guest

12/04/14: Queer Nation – Frankie Knuckles Tribute

Patrick Lilley presents the seventh monthly Queer Nation event at Barcode Vauxhall as a tribute to DJ **Frankie Knuckles** who sadly passed away last week. The legendary maestro, friend, mentor, producer and remixer has been championed by Patrick and Queer Nation since the club opened in 1990. Stellar resident Djs **Supadon**, **Mista Pierre** and **Maximus Crown** are joined by special guest **Big John Freeman** and hosts **Clington**, **Kurt** and **Leroy**.

Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 11pm–6am. £5 with QX advert before 12.30am/£8 each after (valid for two people).



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**12/04/14:
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We're sure you've noticed by now that 90s reunions are big at the moment, and this week G-A-Y are reeling in one monster girl group that dominated the 90s charts; **All Saints**. The sexy quartet will be performing 'Under The Bridge' under the arches of Charing Cross, (see what we did there?), along with a hoard of other number 1 singles. So, if you're looking for soulful nostalgia, 'I Know Where It's At' - Heaven.

Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2H 6NG. 10.30pm - 5am. Entry: £4 with wristband from G-A-Y bar.



12/04/14: Debbie 2nd Birthday Party

Debbie's marvellous brains, **Sina Sparrow** and **Bitchcakes**, invite you to their second birthday party where they'll be celebrating two years of female-fronted rock, pop, indie, new wave and disco - expect the likes of Blondie, Beyoncé, Cheryl Lynn, Neneh Cherry, Stevie Nicks, Kate Bush, Hole, The Bangles, The Breeders, The Go-Go's, Britney Spears, Taylor Dane, The Runaways, X-Ray Spex, Girls Aloud, Nicola Roberts, and many more! Phew!

The Resistance Gallery, 265 Poyser Street, Bethnal Green, E2 9RF. 10pm-late. £3.



12/04/14: Discosodoma

Brand new night DiscoSODOMA brings you sexy, sleazy (just as well we like it dirty, eh?) beats to two floors of the 'Superstore! **Amateur Boyz**, Athens' energetic party duo, will have the entire basement shacking out to their filthy beats whilst upstairs, **Polanski** lays on Italo disco and more. So, for those of you that like a little European flava, this is the place to be.

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after.



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17/04/14: G-A-Y Big Thank You Easter Weekend

G-A-Y are attempting to raise £250,000 for the Elton John AIDS Foundation – if they reach their target (which we've no doubt they will), they'll be holding a big thank you party, which means no entry fees for not one, not two, not even three – but for **FOUR** whole nights! That means you'll get into **G-A-Y Porn Idol**,

Good Friday's **G-A-Y Camp Attack**, **Neon Jungle's** Live Performance at G-A-Y @ Heaven on Saturday, and Bank Holiday **Popcorn** for not a single penny!

Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2H 6NG. Times vary. Entry: FREE.



18/04/14: Horse Meat Disco

It's Good Friday, which can only mean one thing... Horse Meat heads East! And you know those east boys love a bit of Horse Meat! Or so we've heard. **Jim Stanton** and **Luke Howard** will be playing the commercial sounds to kick start your Easter weekend, with **Martyn Fitzgerald** upstairs for Nancy's.

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free b4 11pm, £5 after.



Jim Stanton



James Hillard



Luke Howard



19/04/14: XXL Easter

XXL describes itself as 'the bigger, better, bolder bears' club' and for many who have entered its hallowed halls at superclub Pulse, it really is, hence the reason why it is so packed with a happy-go-lucky, ruggedly handsome clientele each week! For their massive Easter blowout don't miss their regular collection of superstar DJs including amazing spinners **Christian M** and **Joe Egg** giving it to you large across the club.

Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-8am, members £8, others £15, £5 after 4am.

19/04/14: Handsome

It's that time of the month when the hotties come out to play, and we come out to play with the hotties. This month's edition sees another house legend from Chicago, **Marshall Jefferson** take over the main room. He'll be followed by **Geddes** with resident **Dave Kendrick** spinning the tracks, too. **Mark-Ashley Dupé** and **Mistamaker** lay down R&B and **Johnny Kalifornia** and **Martyn Fitzgerald** do the dance room. What more could you want?



Johnny Kalifornia

East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £7 b4 midnight, £10 after.



19/04/14: Cliché

It's the brand new party from the acts of Bestival that looks set to take over Scala this month featuring disco queens **Jodie Harsh**, **Scottee**, **Jonathan Bestley**, **Daisy Confused**, **Josh You Are** and **Severino**. And with a line-up like that, you can surely expect the night to go off. You can also probably expect to be leaving with glitter all up in yo' weave and carrying your stillies in your hands when waiting for the night bus, erm, we mean taxi – obvs.



Johnathan Priestley

Scala, 275 Pentonville Road, King's Cross, N1 9NL



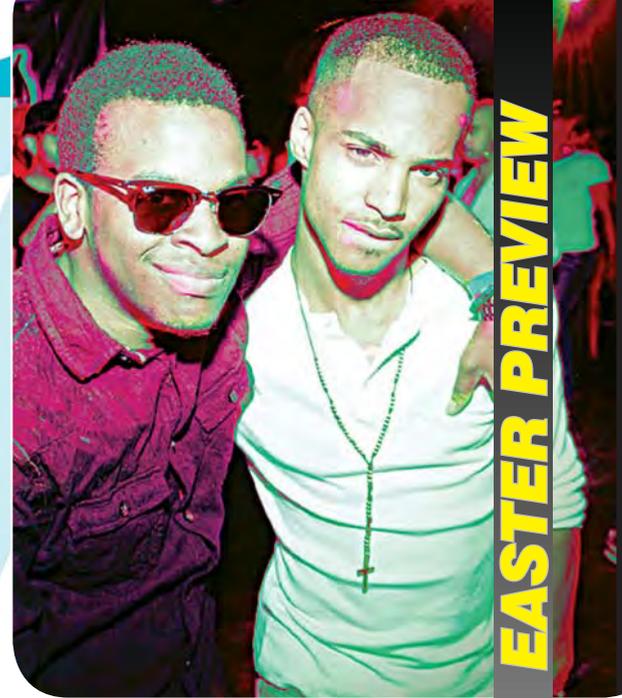
Scottee



Jody Harsh

19/04/14: Bootylicious 'Final Party'

After over half a decade, Bootylicious will be moving from its home at Club Colosseum. As the venue is being turned into (another) block of flats – wow, racey – the club night will be bidding farewell to Vauxhall. So for everyone who's ever been to a Bootylicious and turned it out on the dance floor, it's your responsibility to make sure they go out with a bang – and a drop, pop and twerk. As it's their final one at the venue, we're guessing it will be one to remember...



Club Colosseum, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, SW8 5NQ. 11pm-6am. £6-£13, conc. apply.

19/04/14: Body Talk

Actions speak so much louder than words, so why not head to Dalston this Easter Saturday and really get communicating, if you know what we mean.

In the laser basement electroclash pioneer **Larry Tee** brings his NYC club kid madness,

whilst upstairs International vocalist **Lindy Layton** treats the top deck disco to her iconic sounds.

Residents **Rokk** and **Tristan Reed** will be laying down their own brand of slippery soul, original house and Kentucky fried funk.

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after.



Rokk



drag, no doubt. Plus, there'll be a live show from **Soul Divaz**, aka **Honey Foxx** and **Raven Mandella** (stars of the TrannyShack Academy 2014) who be channeling Janet, Whitney, Mariah and who knows who else in one momentous lip-synch

mash-up! Plus, a free BBQ, cheap booze, cheap men and free shots and free entry before 11pm!

19/04/14: Carpet Burn

After a brief period of sobriety the 'Burn is back! And she has got a thirst on, bringing the glamour courtesy of London's premier gender illusionists **Tasty Tim** and **Lady Lloyd**, plus **Simon Kilner** will be in the space in some form of demi-

The Eagle, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-4am. Free before 11pm. £5 after.



Tasty Tim

20/04/14: Sister Pantychrist

Lord have mercy! The naughty nuns have arrived – and they're in outfits that would make Satan blush.

DJs **Smokin Jo** and **Lakuti** stir up an unholy storm this Easter Sunday for hot lesbians and their gay

friends. But there ain't nothing saintly about these sinning sisters, and if you see one on her knees – we bet she'll just have a spontaneous pray.

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after.



Lakuti



Smokin Jo

20/04/14: Bust Yo' Nut

Well, they obviously wanted to get you excited and with a night as jam-packed as this, how could you not be? With **Mark-Ashley Dupé**, **Q Boy**, **Mistamaker** and **Jefferey Hinton** all on the decks – it's no doubt that East Bloc will about near implode. There's also **2 Pas** and **MC Tyron** to whet your appetite. Take advantage of having the Monday off and bust yo' nut all over this R&B, hip-hop, house and bashment fest.

East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-5am. £7 b4 midnight, £10 after.



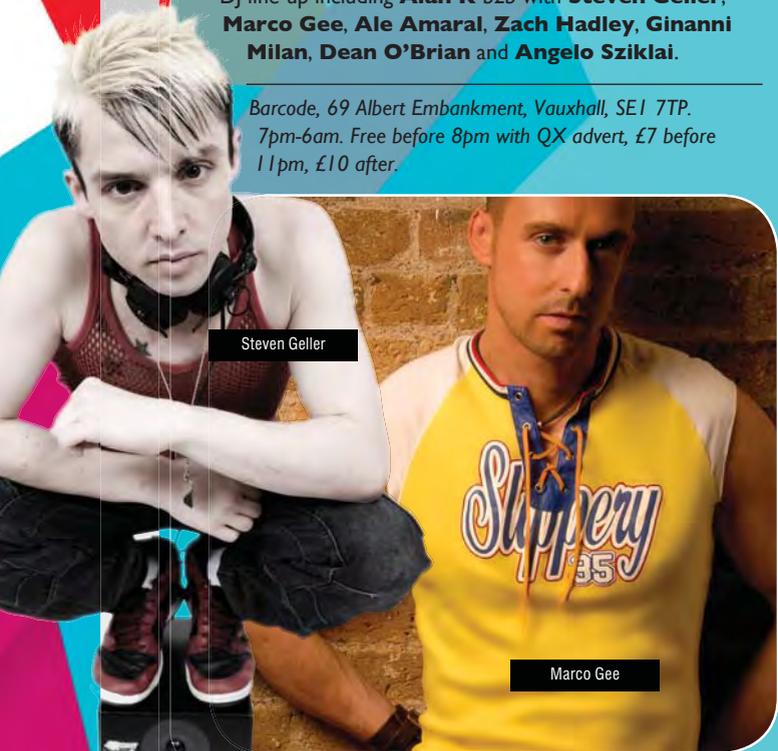
Mark-Ashley Dupé



20/04/14: Booster

Romain Lopez launched Booster in the Spring of 2010 and, after a mammothly successful world tour, Booster returns to London for its fourth birthday at his favourite venue, Barcode! They have pulled out all the stops for this very special birthday event, not only extending the hours for your fullest enjoyment, but also investing in new production, hot animation, and a DJ line-up including **Alan K b2b** with **Steven Geller**, **Marco Gee**, **Ale Amaral**, **Zach Hadley**, **Ginanni Milan**, **Dean O'Brian** and **Angelo Sziklai**.

Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 7pm-6am. Free before 8pm with QX advert, £7 before 11pm, £10 after.



Steven Geller

Marco Gee

DJ OF THE WEEK

THE AMATEURBOYZ @ DISCOSODOMA



THE AMATEURBOYZ' DISCOSODOMA TOP 10

1) Frankie Knuckles - Waiting On My Angel

One of our favorite producers and Djs. He is the reason why we started to dance.

2) Sha Lor - I'm In Love (Caught Up version)

One of the most classic house tracks from the 80's made by the vocalists Sharmelle and Lorrie - Sha-Lor, a track full of pure joy and feelings suitable for closing a set when love is all you need.

3) Larry Heard - Deja Vu (remix)

A great track with a mixture of Larry Heard's voice with Mr. Fingers' synth work and beautiful percussions that we love. We have a memory in a car in Moscow when the sun was coming up and felt eternal.

4) Frico - Casanova Frisco

Take in their hands Coffee's "Casanova" and they extend the piano delirium.... that's enough!

5) Jibaro - Body Talk (Organ edit)

Jibaro are Jean Claude Gavri & Omar Angel, they made this track and we cannot avoid putting it almost in every set of ours the last 2 years! Pure psychedelic vibes on the dancefloor.

6) Turn It Up (c2 Remix) (Original Mix) - Factory Floor

We love so much the cut-up vocals and the hypnotic rhythm from Carl Craig's remix on this awesome track from factory floor.

7) Basso - Burning

An edit in a very familiar Greek track with the special voice of Maria Farandouri, a Greek cultural and political icon, bringing memories of our childhood when our parents where listening it from tapes.

8) Red Axes - Too Late To Samba

Is never too late to Samba, we just love this steamy track!

9) Willie Burns - Pong In A Tracksuit

A joyful naive melody that gives us thrills.

10) Young Marco - Hoodoo We

Just love anything this guy does, bittersweet and danceable.

Tell us in one juicy sentence who the Amateurboyz are...

We are Thodoris and Spiros, an ex-couple that met each other on Gaydar in 2004 and our love for music brought us together in life and on decks!

And your music style?

What kind of tunes do you play?

Truth to be told, our music style cannot be defined in one or two genres. For us, everything goes as long as you feel love, rush and tenderness; just like a good, long, steamy sexual encounter.

Greece is not immediately famous for its dance music scene. Tell us more.

Educate us!

Between the late 80s and 90s, the Athenian club scene was booming. Great clubs were opening and the crowd was receptive of new music styles, in conjunction with a period of economic prosperity. Then things changed rapidly affecting the scene with venues shutting down and the entertainment shifting towards other means. Nevertheless, the situation started shifting again in the last 6 years with a new wave of DIY parties bringing international talent in the city and with more Greek DJs and producers making waves around Europe. It's really an interesting new era.

DISCOSÓDOMA

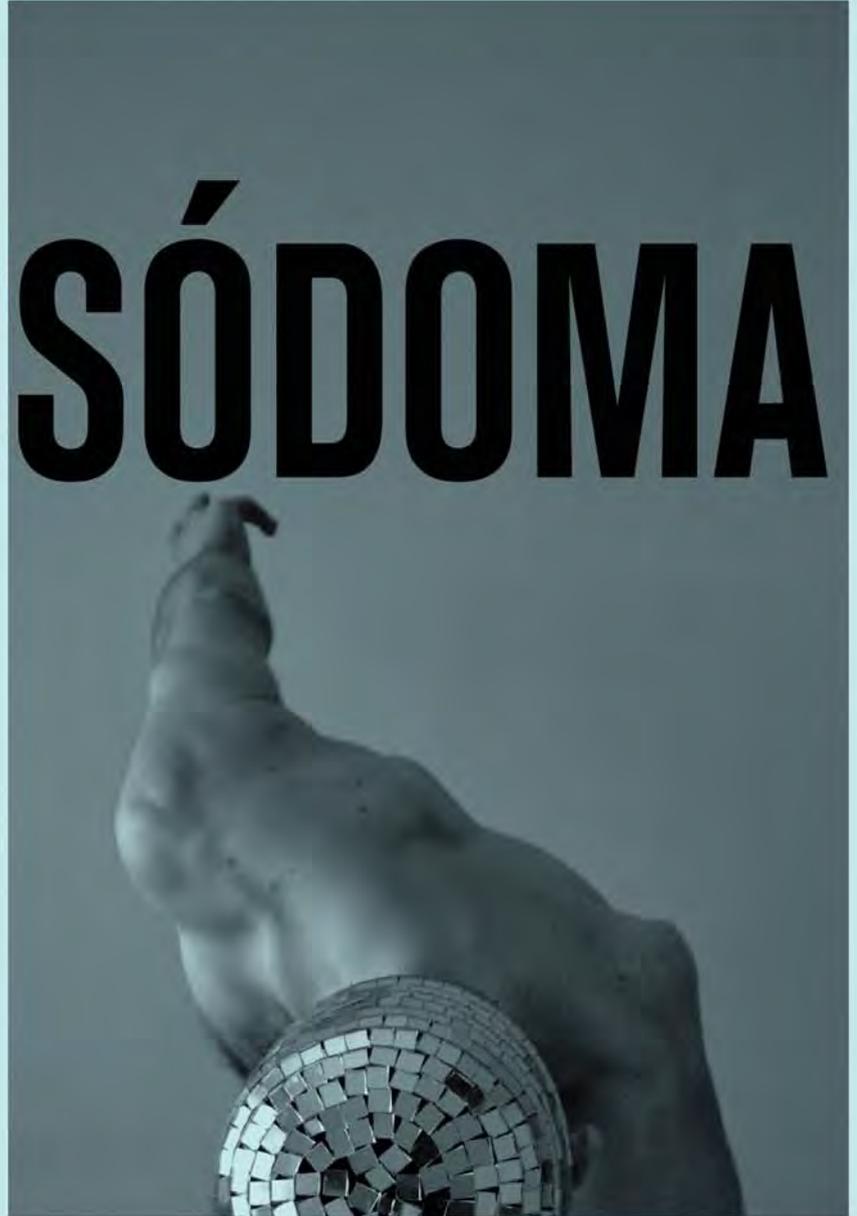
The AmateurBoyz play at Discosodoma at the Dalston Superstore (117 Kingsland Road, E8 2PB) on Saturday 12th April, 9pm-3am.

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SPRING HAS TRULY sprung at Egg in Kings Cross with Trade, a three-floor full-blown extravaganza they'll be talking about for ages and already have us queueing up for the next one.

Sharp Boys, Steve and George have taken the helm of this muthaship and maneuvered it to funkytown with Trade Modern on the ground floor, Trade Lite/Disco upstairs and grinding hardcore in the Trade Tuff room. Spoiled for choice, all genders and tastes were working every room throbbing with Rick Castro's wall-to-wall graphics.

DJ Jason Chance, premiering their latest collaboration 'Just Like That' beamed, "This is where I got started. It's top of the world for me to be back here."

"We never forget our DJs," Steve Sharp smiled. "We've got heritage with Egg, Trade, our DJs and formed a special relationship."

"They bring the vibe; we join the dots!" toasted PR mavens, Jo Phuture (Eddie) and Nicky Trax (Patsy) of PhutureTrax, between champagne sips.

DJ Pagano was thrilled to be working with the Sharp Boys and Trade. "Trade brought Chicago House to the UK. I used to buy all the Sharp Boys records. They helped shape my taste." More thrilled was sexy muscle-boy, 'Polish Peter', who jumped in the interview to fawn over Pagano. "I heard him on SoundCloud and I've loved everything he's done! Dirty-sexy in his own cool style. He doesn't throw a calgon tablet into his studio machinery!"



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“PENSIERI E PENSOLE,” sighed my Sardinian stylist mate, Simone M. picking through his lamb at L’Escargot in Soho Sat night. “Thoughts and words,” he bemoaned. “Where have all the real men, the studs, gone?” Studs, you want, eh? I twitched my nose, tugged his ginger beard and we swapped L’Escargot for L’Eagle and were surrounded by the studliest studs that ever studded!

Robb White and Eagle manager Simon unlocked their shed full o’ studs and let ‘em loose on a packed club of over 300 other studs struttin to the nu-disco deep house beats of Mr. White, the inexhaustible Kurt Potter and Peter Spirko’s “airy-hairy, 10-inch-dick deep house techno”.

Huggable hairy powerlifting dance duo Tomboy (bald) and Sergio (bearded) hulked, posed and preened while pornstar host Aaron Steele popped his Eagle cherry with his first appearance. “I’m looking forward to coming back to Eagle. Stud is too much fun!”

Models Pierre Yardin and Chris Kennedy displayed their talents in sponsor Andrew Christian’s eco-friendly underpants. Who’s more eco-friendly than Tarzan?

Big Eagle Simon shrugged his huge shoulders, “we could go 24 hours with Stud, but we’re not that kind of club,” as he knocks back a Cuervo and bear hugs me. “We like being a friendly local with the best DJs and a fun crowd.”

Studly man’s men shot pool, drank shots, smoked cigs, chowed down on free burgers and tore up the dance floor. A happy mish-mash of leather, jeans, tight abs and big bellies proving that true studs have no attitude.



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THOUGHT UNCHILL would be a relaxing way to come down on Sunday morning? Fat chance! Barcode's new afterhours kicked-off Sunday with a loud-ass party across two rooms with six DJs featuring everything from house music and uplifting tech-house to groovy deep tunes reminding those pesky church biddies that the weekend ain't over yet, bitches!

In the front room, Julien Perret, Laris Alexander and Marco Gee served up some syrupy sweet sounds, the kind that moves your hips and shoulders in sync while gettin' 'bottom-kissed' by live conga drummer Bongosan who delivered the beats in time with the groovy deep house of Mr. Gee.

In the back room, Stevie B and Adam Watts laid it on thick to a packed house of hot guys who know how to stomp their feet and truly release the energy on the dance floor.

As Unchill regular DJ Michael Mileti ('I Need Somebody Tonight') puts it, "We play all the good deep, Iberican and techno house you can't possibly hear anywhere else. Unchill gives a variety of choice."

We were the ones spoiled for choice as the music lured a fresh vibe of guys from across the whole spectrum of clubland. Sexy dancers to macho hunks all happy and dancing 'til the last beat of the weekend.



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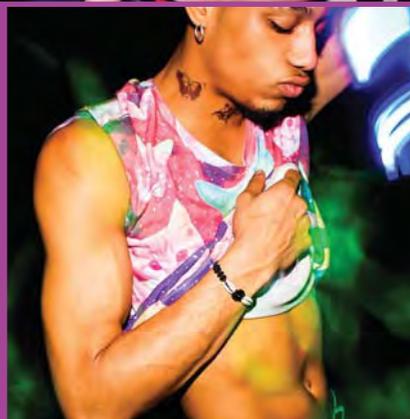
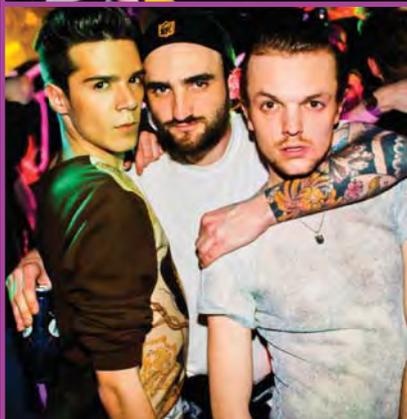
WE WERE SHAKING like Whitney on a Tuesday morning when Misfits was snatched away from the weekly Wednesday social slot in our diary. And last week it finally returned! It's always tough to know when a club night relaunches whether it will quite live up to its previous home, but we can assure you it did, and so much more.

And while the crowd settled in to Misfit's new residence, promoter Mark-Ashley Dupé settled in behind the decks - and before long East Bloc's main room was busier than Azaelia Bank's gums. Hosts Nick Byam and Jordan Crawford welcomed faces old and new before taking a few bitches to college on the dance floor, whilst Matthew Kenny sported sleek violet locks to live for.

Favourite Jeffery Hinton took over laying Beyoncé tracks left, right and centre (and coincidentally we do believe he 'woke up like that'). When it started to get a little late and we attempted to hail a taxi up outta there, Mark-Ashley was quick to drag us into the club and back to the bar - now that's what you call hosting. We'll be billing him for the hangover.

Nastee McQuaid filled the last slot (that's not a sexual innuendo), before the crowd were literally begging for more come 3am. Not the begging we were used to from drunk Shorebitches in the early hours, but we can understand why. No longer would we be filling that midweek void with takeaways and tragic TV shows.

And we mean this is the classiest way, but it felt so good to be White Girl Wasted on a Wednesday again. Welcome back Misfits (and Thursday hangovers).





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Sunday 20th July 2014

DOGGY PRIDE

Hove Rugby Club, 12noon-5pm

WOOF! Last year Doggy Pride was the most successful ever. 2014 has Novelty classes, pedigree classes, doggy fun and games - in association with Coastway Veterinary Group and the Dogs Trust. For market stalls, traders or to enter your pooch this year, go to Brighton-Pride.org

Sunday 27th July 2014

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WHOEVER SAID a date made on Grindr wouldn't work should've been to SWAG at Area Saturday night. Orange Nation teamed up with everyone's favourite matchmaker, Grindr, to see those thumbnail pix full-size in real inches (without the pixelated faces!)



Big friendly manager Carl Hughes and promoter goddess Verity Mayes decided "it just made sense for the biggest promoter in the world and the biggest gay date site to bring the biggest dance and sex party to the room."

DJs Ben Isham, Fabio Luigi, Sam DMS and Lee Harris pumped up a full-on 6-hour up-your-arse pounding 'til angels fell from Heaven as Orange Nation dancers Jack, Michael, David, Carlos Lopez and Archangel Raphael Michilis did 5 swag-grinder shows under Jorge Santos' spectacular lighting.

"It's muito loca!" Archangel danced away amongst 3 packed rooms of London's hottest men who got off Grindr and got grinding on the dance floor.



Hosts JJ Clark, Jay Cook and Mark Cassar kept things warm and friendly while coat check queen Patricia Braga held it all together, not so easy in a non-stop party. Outside in London's favourite patio, PR accountant Chris Kash, all blue eyes and black tats said something sweet but I forget cuz I was staring at his hot bod.

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QX CLUB NEWS joined London's coolest pop-lovers as Songs of Praise hit East Bloc for a 'Spring Break' spectacular last weekend. Featuring two rampant rooms of chart-smashing delights and untrammelled underground

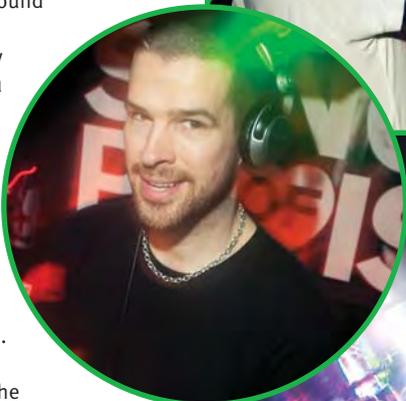
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crowd of unruly Eastsiders packed into City Road's bijou club space as the resident DJ posse ripped up those Bloc rockin' pop licks into the dawn at one of the hottest homo joints in town. Highlights saw The Sugarlow Boys workin' it with Rita, Madonna, Beyoncé et al for an eighties-be-coiffed pile-up in the main room that had the disco darlings throwing their hands up 'til closing time.

Next door and things got edgier amidst the intimate confines of one of the scene's tiniest dancefloors (not that we mind getting intimate with all that hot totty) for a subterranean barrage of bangin' beats with barely room to strut a leopard-print stiletto.

Meanwhile, there were social antics galore in the cave-like lounge areas with QX watching an endless procession of weird and wonderful folks parading beneath the neon.

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IT'S NOT OFTEN the worlds of clubbing and sports collide, but collide they did last Monday as British Olympic diver Chris Mears took to the decks at Popcorn at Heaven to show us he is not just a pretty face (and he is a very pretty face) and a pert pair of buttocks in Lycra (and he does have a pert pair of buttocks in Lycra). After a near death experience in 2009 where he was given a 5% chance of survival and told he would never dive again, Chris proved all the doctors wrong and just 18 months later went on to claim Gold at the National Cup and again at the National Championships and placed 4th at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. During his recovery he relied on music to pass the time and honed his DJing and producing skills so that he is now an accomplished mixer with a pro laptop setup, and took the crowd on a brilliant roller coaster aural ride that had arms in the air for a full 2 hours. Elsewhere, also playing to packed rooms, were residents Adam Turner, DMS Sam, Zach Burns and Little Rob making for a magnificent full-on Monday of madness as only Popcorn knows how.



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Eva the Diva

THE QUEBEC

12 Old Quebec Street, W1H 7AF

This week's cabaret artiste extraordinaire in QX's cabaret page, the wonderful **Martha D'Arthur**, former Drag Idol winner, headlines at the brilliant City of Quebec on Sunday 13th. If you're not familiar with the beautiful Miss D'Arthur, you can check out her interview on same-sex marriage with our roving cabaret reporter Jason Reid, on page 42.



Martha D'Arthur

RUPERT STREET

50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR

Brimming with burning beats, Rupert Street is one of the most credible and attractive bars in Soho for those doyens who like their music fast, hard and straight to the heart. On Friday 11th April you'll find sizzling **Alessandro** working his wonders on the spinning decks, and Saturday 12th is totally all about veritable legend of the scene **Brent Nicholls**.



Alessandro



Kurt Potter

THE BRIDGE

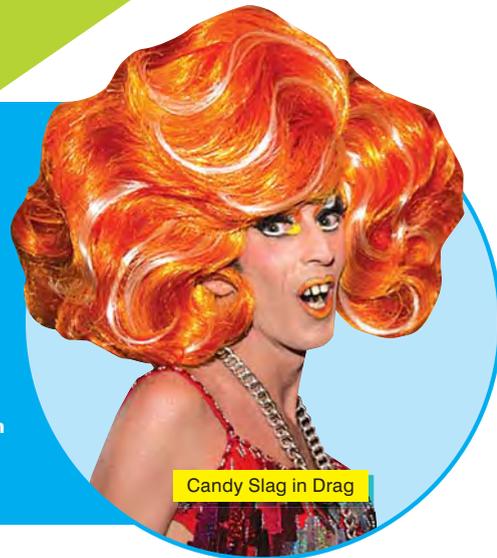
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One of Clapham's well and truly established finest, The Bridge has some cracking nights of all-round pleasure for your delectation this weekend. There's **Bridge Lovers** with DJ **Kurt** on the decks from 8pm on Friday 11th, giving some sexy beats to see in the weekend in style, and then Saturday 12th sees a pumping party atmosphere pulse into the space with DJ **Pete Spirko** taking to the reins from 8pm. And finish off the weekend on a high with **Karaoke** on Sunday 13th, hosted by **John Shevlin**.

THE VICTORIA

188 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 4QH

Well worth the trip out to Walthamstow for, The Victoria is the secret but most dazzling jewel of Zone 3's otherwise relatively drab crown. Pulling in the good-looking local boys each weekend you won't find in any other venue in town, it also gives you some extra snap, crackle and pop for your buck in the form of awesome entertainment upon its stage. This week is the turn of **Candy Slag in Drag** on Saturday 12th. Free before 9pm, £5 after, open until 3am.



Candy Slag in Drag



Boogaloo Stu

THE BLACK CAP

171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY

The Black Cap have a stellar lineup of shindigs for your entertainment up in Camden Town, with a cocktail night in the upstairs bar featuring **Vanity von Glow** on Thursday 10th. Friday 11th sees a **Shinky Shonky Easter Special**, with stalwart of the scene and generally hilarious person **Boogaloo Stu**, £5 from 10pm. Plus, on Saturday 12th there's **POP!** with a PA from **Familyyy Fierce** and DJs **John Sizzle** plus **Ma Butcher** with **Holestar** hosting.

Idol Gossip



by Jason Reid



cabaret@qxmagine.com

MARKING ITS TENTH year, Drag Idol 2014 officially returns this Thursday 10th April, from 10pm, with a glittering launch party at the Two Brewers in Clapham.

Past winners and successful entrants, including CK, Tanya Hyde, Kevin Cruise, Baga Chipz, La Voix and Martha D'Arthur, will be performing and showing just why they won the UK's foremost talent search on the gay cabaret scene.

Host for the evening Titti La Camp will also be treating everyone to a few routines as well as helping to answer the queries of any prospective entrants, alongside Kelly Wilde - who will represent this year's venues and winner with her agency Dance Crazy Management.

Twenty-one venues from across the country will all be hoping for their chosen act to snatch the prestigious title and that top prize: a paid booking in each of the competing venues within four months of the final. A prize that adds up to over £3,000. As well as that, the winner will also be invited to perform, all expenses

paid, at Ricky's Cabaret Bar in Gran Canaria as part of their Winter Warmer in October.

Every week I'll be bringing you the full 'quality over quantity' round-up of everything that's been happening on and OFF the stage exclusively for QX. And I also have the honour of joining certain judging panels' in London and the South East again this year, so you'll get all the latest news as it happens with my live tweets. Use #QXGayLondon to get involved. You can find me @ JasonReidUK on Twitter.

And if there's anything you think may have escaped my super-attentive lugholes then you can email it directly to the team: cabaret@qxmagine.com.

For details on how to enter this year's competition visit the website www.dragidoluk.com. Here you'll find a full list of participating venues and a run down of all the rules.



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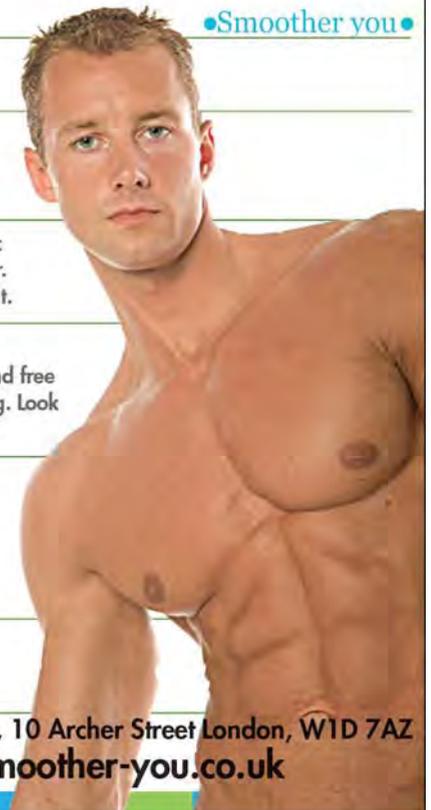
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hide-bound homos made a beeline for Comptons as the Leather Social staked its claim on the Old Dame of Compton Street's popular upstairs bar last Sunday. Drawing in a respectable crowd of

leather lovers for a 'beer in the gear', this monthly informal gathering is a great place to meet like-minded men outside of the capital's more darkroom-focussed fetish scene. Featuring a handsome line-up of bikers, boot boys, admirers and enthusiasts, QX took the opportunity to circulate amongst the throng of gruff guys and dishy dudes who made us feel more than welcome – and we'll certainly raise a glass to that. Meanwhile, there was still plenty of action elsewhere with the Sunday regulars mingling with those leather-ladz for top-class hospitality, happening dance beats and always-reasonable drinks prices right through 'til closing time. Leather Social runs the first Sunday of every month at Comptons from 5pm to 10.30pm. Check out the next one on Sunday 4th May!



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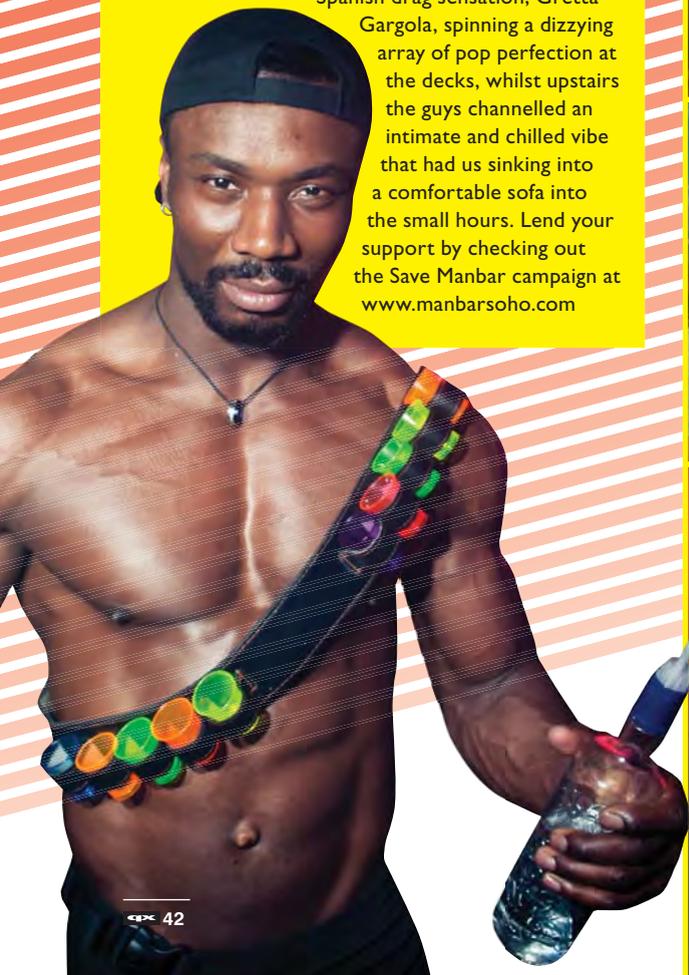


QX HIT THE

centre of town in support of one of London's fave homosexual hangouts last weekend as Manbar upped the ante in its continuing struggle against Westminster Council's threat of closure.

With a hearing due to take place this week following noise complaints from a single resident, the case against Manbar appears somewhat unwarranted based on the evidence available, and it would be a shame to see yet another LGBT venue forced to shut its doors over questionable noise issues (remember The Box in Covent Garden anyone?). Judging by the sociable and well-behaved clientele (more than can sometimes be said for straight bars in the area) at Manbar's Hombre pre-party for Beyond last Saturday, this venue's popularity is going from strength to strength, drawing in a cosmopolitan throng out for a friendly booze'n'schmooze. Two floors of dazzling DJ action and decent drinks prices featured

Spanish drag sensation, Gretta Gargola, spinning a dizzying array of pop perfection at the decks, whilst upstairs the guys channelled an intimate and chilled vibe that had us sinking into a comfortable sofa into the small hours. Lend your support by checking out the Save Manbar campaign at www.manbarsoho.com



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Put a ring on it!

Just over three weeks ago the first same-sex marriages were officiated in England and Wales following the passing of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act in July of last year. Throughout the campaigning and debates, Drag Idol winner **Martha D'Arthur** was a vocal proponent of the bill. This week **Jason Reid** reflects on Martha's involvement and the year that led to full marriage equality.

How did you become such a visible supporter of the same sex-marriage campaign?

I went along to the first vigil, last year, to support the cause and my friend Stuart who was singing with the Gay Men's Chorus. I just felt that it was important to be there. I wanted to add my voice and do what I could to help. I wasn't involved in any of the planning or organisation of events, I just spoke about it when I could, especially throughout Drag Idol and my gigs. We have people like Lord Ali, Peter Tatchell, Ed Fordham and Stonewall to really thank for the passing of the bill.

Why was it something that was so important to you, personally?

Section 28 was just on its way out as I was coming out to the world and the small-minded reactions of some people on the back of it made my coming out process very daunting. Thankfully, in such a short space of time, the younger generation coming up now are able to be themselves much easier than I did. For me, this particular fight for equality wasn't about demanding the right to get married, it was about having the right to choose for ourselves, and that's what the fight for equality is in my eyes: the right to have the same choices.

You were outside the House of Lords on the day the bill was passed. How was the reaction and how did you feel?

It was a very emotional moment, not only at each stage of the reading of the bill, but even more so when the final bill was approved by the house. Especially since at the larger vigils we were greeted by opposing groups of protesters. That was quite hurtful in itself, to be looked in the face by these people and be told that I do not deserve the same rights and choices that they do. There is no doubt in my mind that the campaigning meant that the Lords and MPs knew that the world was watching and waiting to see what sort of example they would set.

Do you believe it's an historic moment for the country?



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Absolutely! And in light of what we all know has been going on in Russia, Uganda, Nigeria and other states, it couldn't have come at a better time. We can show the world that we are a progressive country, that we are moving in the right direction, free from any sort of oppression and that the LGBT community are no less a part of our society than anyone else. For the first time in the history of our nation, same-sex couples are afforded the same rights,

privileges and choices in the eyes of the law as heterosexual couples. It's a huge thing.

How well do you think the mainstream media covered it all?

We're always going to think the coverage was a little weak because it was such a personal issue for us, but on the whole I think the media have dealt with it from a level headed and objective point of view. Anything sensationalist or with an excitable tone will only provoke those few that are still against it. The best way to deal with it as news was to be matter of fact about it all, which is what I think they have done.

What would you say to those who oppose the bill?

I would say that giving us the choice of whether we want to get married or not does not rob anyone else of their choices, so where on earth is the harm?

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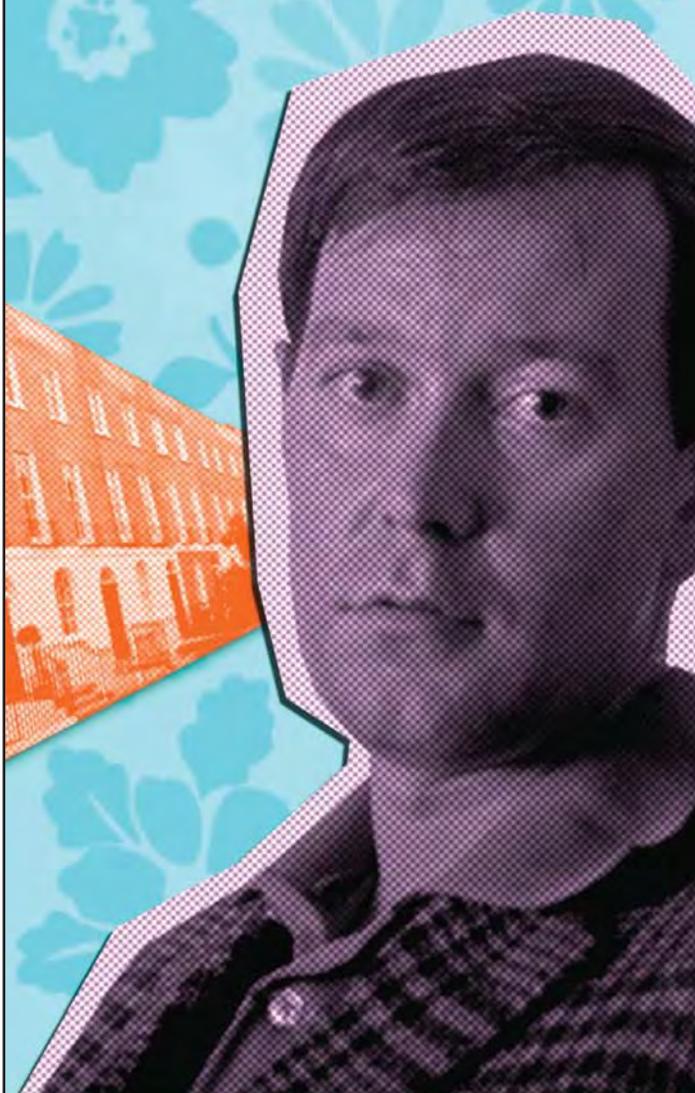
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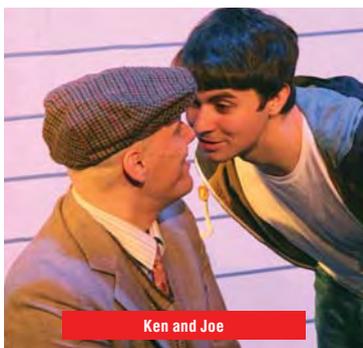
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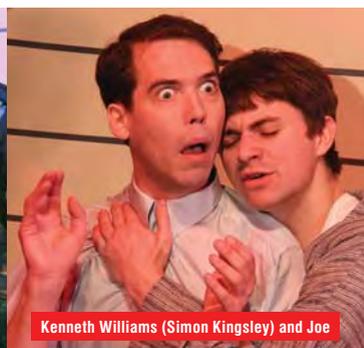


But is it ART sweetie?
BY PATRICK CASH

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Dawes (Orton) and Andrew Rowney (Kenneth Halliwell), with the uber-cute Dawes – a rather complimentary version of Orton, aesthetically speaking – imbuing his playwright with verve, charisma and confidence, whilst Rowney fleshes out Halliwell with eminently believable nuances of neuroses.

A really rather ingenious set incorporates a host of different doors into its walls, with the walls themselves papered in pages from

Orton's diaries. It suggests nothing so much as like being inside a mind, as the talented supporting cast flit in and out of the myriad entrances like thoughts in consciousness, but the twist being that it could be either Orton's or Halliwell's. Orton's diaries, and his entire writings in general, are equally as pivotal to both characters. Andy Holton's design also displays a certain fluidity as those walls morph into a public toilet for one of the best songs of the show, a vivacious ode to the endangered art of cottaging.

However, for the most part, I couldn't shake the feeling that the musical aspect wasn't hugely complementary to this show's theatrical essence. Not that the

songs were themselves bad, they seemed well-constructed enough and were delivered with gusto, but the story was so strong and the characters so interesting that it was almost frustratingly distracting that suddenly they burst into singing in the middle of a significant scene. But I freely admit this is only my own personal, possibly Scrooge-like, viewpoint, and many others may adore Orton's story as formulated through the prism of musical theatre.

Ultimately, whether you are a fan of musical theatre or not, there is more than enough fascinating material in this emotionally engaging portrayal of Orton and his lover, to give you a night more than well spent at the theatre.

SCREEN TEST
BY JACK LEGER

IN THE WORKS

Naked men alert! **Ben Stiller** will star in a biopic about the guy who created the Chippendales male-stripper troupe. **Alan Ball** (Six Feet Under) is directing • Hot actor **Jonny Weston** is joining Taken 3, which again stars **Liam Neeson**, **Maggie Grace** and **Famke Jansson**.



FILM OF THE WEEK



THE STRANGE COLOUR OF YOUR BODY'S TEARS (18)

Fans of David Lynch and Italian giallo will love this disorienting horror movie. It's about a businessman

who returns home to find his wife missing and the doors locked from the inside, but almost everything he discovers could be in his mind. The film feels like a fevered nightmare so surreal that we feel we've dreamt watching it. A superb art-house freak-out.



DVD OF THE WEEK



HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE (15)

This entertaining Oscar-nominated documentary explores the 1980s Aids epidemic in America, when gay men were left to die by the government, pharmaceutical

companies and the church. With a driving narrative, the film focuses on feisty activists who turned the tide. It's stunningly well-assembled, combining snappy wit and huge waves of both outrage and real emotion. Probably the best doc you'll see all year. Essential. (Network)



DEATH IN IRELAND

Brendan Gleeson reunites with The Guard's writer-director for **CALVARY**, as a priest who has a faith crisis when a parishioner promises to kill him. Colourful, biting hilarity and packed with scene-stealing co-stars.

ACTION THRILLERS

British filmmaker Gareth Evans stays in Indonesia for all-action sequel **THE RAID 2**, which is a sprawling mob epic rather than the lean assault of the first movie. It's still pretty full-on. • And from Norway, **PIONEER** is the thrilling true story of deep-sea divers laying an oil pipeline while under murderous threat from politicians and corporate bosses. Astonishing.



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QBoy

Our weekend kicks off with **QBoy** and his club night **Put It In Your Mouth** on Thursday 10th April at the Dalston Superstore (117 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB). QBoy

tells me he's been busy with a new single **'Music Makes Us Dance'** featuring **Darkwah**. It's all about 'coming together' through music and dance and QBoy has been a leading light on the LGBT hip-hop front shaping an entire cult genre called **homo-hop**. Catch our boy in action with DJ **Neil Prince** spinning everything R'n'B...

Oh I see, it's all gone **Spice World** on Friday 11th... **Amy Grimehouse** and **Fringe! Film and Arts Festival** present said film **Spice World - The Spice Girls Movie** for **Sing-Quote-Drag-Along** at the Rio Cinema, (107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB). Always a lot of fun and an excuse to dress up, the film starts at 11.30pm. Meanwhile, the official party at the Dalston Superstore **Spice Up Your Fringe!** starting at 9pm 'til 4am means you can scream up and Dalston strada and let the world know it's all about spicing up your life. All-star line up including **Jonny Woo, Rufus & Bambi, Nic Fischer, Kostakis** and **Duchess of Pork** get us in the mood throughout the night.

Feeling a bit arty? Club hero **Rckay Rax** presents a series of explicit collage works entitled

The Sucker with a private view on Saturday 12th April at the **Residence Gallery**, (229 Victoria Park Road, Hackney, E9 7HD) and on until the 29th May. It's his first solo art show... big support for an artist who Wolfgang Tillmans described as, 'The unsung hero of the London underground art scene'. www.residence-gallery.com for more info.



Prime Minister

Over at East Bloc (217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN) on Saturday 12th it's the turn of **Dish** to serve up the dance floor action. **Tom Stephan, Borja Pena, Jacqui Potato, Cathal O'Brien, Ollywood** and **Ray Noir** play over 3 rooms, hosted by **La Pequena** and **Alex Han** and on 'til 6am.

If you're over in Camden Saturday 12th or you fancy a jaunt then swish over to **POP! The Big Birthday** for a night of unadulterated fun at The Black Cap (171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY). DJs **John Sizzle, Neil Prince** and your host **Holestar** play, plus show time with **Meth and the Familyyy Fierce** with **Sharon Husbands** on door duty! 10pm 'til 3am.

Over at the **Dance Tunnel**, (95 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB), **Dick And Fanny - Fringe! Spring Fling** takes over with pumping sets from DJs **Josh Caffe, Colby B** and **Kahwagi**. Lots of underground fun at this cult night!

HI DE HI POP PICKERS

POP
BY DUSTY O



Matt Cardle

I send you my lovely column all the way from the land of the rising sun where I'm currently residing in Kyoto with the Geisha. Jealous?

Tough!

Anyway, first off the rank is poor old **Matt Cardle**, ex X-Factor person and still lingering on for our delectation. Yawn. After selling 2 million records so far I take my hat off to him. The new single 'Hit My Heart' is probably the reason I will put it on again, however. Middle of the road and distinctly generic this lasted in my memory box for all of 20 seconds. There's just nothing that memorable about this, really.

It's chirpy and has a half decent chorus but it's just boring. Who buys songs like this from artists like him anyway? Not me for sure.

I do love a man in a suit, so just as well as **Gary Barlow** is never out of one. He is sexy though,



Gary Barlow

in a DILF kind of way. 'Since I Saw You Last' is distinctly "him". So if you like a nicely grafted, non-challenging pop song with a beginning, middle and an end then you will no doubt enjoy this. The moms love this and you gotta give it to him, he has done wonders for himself over the last few years, eclipsing his old nemesis Robbie Williams. This won't change your life but Radio 2 will love it. Granny rock.

I do enjoy a bit of **Kelis**. 'Rumble' is a stonker of a tune where she does what she does best, I think. That is slightly left wing, urban pop with a quirk. It's not a huge production number and it works well with her guttural and earthy voice. Lots of brass and heavy beats here which makes the sound more adult and less reliant on electro gimmicks to make it memorable. Taken from her new album 'Food' this bodes well for her. Have a listen. **Till we meet again. Dustina xxx**



Kelis



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THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Thursgays at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN.

10.30pm-late. £5. The 'Bloc goes bonkers! Midnight Yeast Cabaret deliver a performance by Oozing Gloop, Lewis Barton and Rodent Decay with resident DJs playing pop, dance, R'n'B, disco and electro.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. The legendary Tasty Tim and guests spin the pop sounds and floor fillers.

Dirrty at The Borderline, Manette Street, Soho, W1D 4JB. 11pm-3am. £5 (free entry with QX ad). Superfun weekly urban night in Soho with £2 drinks promos and DJs playing R'n'B, hip-hop and filthy pop. TONIGHT: Guest DJ Joe Stewart.

Hamburger Queen at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. Doors 7pm. £8.50. Performance artist Scottee returns with his celebratory competition for the bigger framed personage, with heat one starting tonight! Head judge Felicity Hayward and resident DJs Unskinky Bop.

Room Service at Miabella, 12-13 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DJ. 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!

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.

Babylon at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H ONE. 10pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£3 after. Deep house party at central London's hunky Manbar with regular top scene DJ guests.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. The biggest amateur strip contest in town is back! Win £100 on the night and maybe £1,000 in the Final. Plus, hot pop spun across the venue. To compete text 07789 553 868 or email info@g-a-y.co.uk

Vibe at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 11pm-4am. Weekly night of urban sounds from DJs Nastee and Robski, with PopVibe in the bar and the upstairs SexVibe cruise room.

Put It In Your Mouth at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free entry. It's a Thursday special as Put It In Your Mouth hold court with QBoy and Neil Prince in the top bar with all the very best of 90s hip-hop and R'n'B.

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.

Naked Boys Reading: Horseplay at the Marlborough Theatre, 4 Princes Street, Brighton, BN2 1RD. 8-10pm (10pm party in the pub). £5. London's Naked Boys Reading is thrilled to host its very own Brighton debut with The Duchess of Pork on music and hosted by Dr Sharon Husbands, plus plenty of naked boys!

BARS & CABARET

10th National Drag Idol Competition Launch Party at Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot. TONIGHT: Ten years since the very first Drag Idol first hit the UK, the competition celebrates a decade of new talent with a launch night at the legendary 'Brewers with a host of past Drag Idol stars.



Titti La Camp

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. Weekly dance session at the popular Soho bar. TONIGHT: Guest DJ Rich B.

Comptons of Soho 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.

Molly Moggs at 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. 8.30pm. FREE. Big laughs and song from Jeff Kristian.

VS at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho,

W1. 4pm-1am. Munroe Bergdorf and Adam Turner get you warmed up for Room Service with some unrivalled Thursday night hotness!

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Long running popular central London cabaret pub with Kevin Walsh.

Vanity Von Glow's Cocktails in The Shufflewick Bar at The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. The popular Camden cabaret, pub and club hosts a new night of drag and drink.

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Off the Hook at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5. R'n'B, hip-hop and pop from all your favourite divas with no scrubs, padded bras and beer through straws!

Nancy's - Spice World Special at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm/£5 attending on FB, £7 other. Weekly night of regular resident DJs spinnin' up a storm of top deck disco house and hot tracks to shack out to. TONIGHT: Are you Posh, Ginger, Sporty, Baby, Scary or Camp Spice? Fringe! Film Festival 'Spice World' Afterparty, with Neil Prince, RUFUS & Bambi and Nic Fisher in the laser basement.

Fitladz at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-8am. £8 members, £10 guests. The club session for horny lads with hot grooves from the DJs and an extended cruise space.

Tonker at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. FREE b4 10pm, £6 after. Big bear bar boozing, cruise and tunes has disco, house & soul, then sexier vibes to the early hours for hot daddies, bears, cubs and their admirers.

Super Electric Party Machine at East Bloc, 217-219 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-6am. £5. The freshest, hottest talent playing the best new music with DJ Larry Tee and guests at this hot-ass East London basement club spot.

G-A-Y Camp Attack at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. FREE with wristband from G-A-Y Bar. Main

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Spunk at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 5pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£4 after. DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of uperit blokes and butch boys 'til late. Resident DJs Amos, Rob C and Brent Nicholls.

Therapy at The Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 11.30pm-3am. The ultimate team of gay scene DJs rotates every Friday for your listening and dancing pleasure.

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.

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.

A:M (afterhours) at Fire, South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. 3am (Saturday morning)-11am. £12. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend ahead of the rest churns out the turbocharged house sounds.

Caligula UK at The Playroom, 52-54 Great Eastern Street, EC2A 3QR. 10.30pm-4am. Caligula, the city's fashionable party makers, return with founders Leo Belicha and Jim Warboy and DJs Brigante and Robert Outch, and resident artists Fritz Helder of Azari & Ill.

Catia Ciarico: Eurofest at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. From 11pm. £8 on the door. Eurofest is the UK's biggest Eurovision club night and they have Austrian singer Conchita Wurst for your entertainment tonight!

BARS & CABARET

Come With Me If You Want To Live at Chelsea Theatre, Worlds End Place, SW10 0DR. 9pm. £8 (£4 concs). An eclectic array of audacious performers in this first and foremost a cracking night out, with a jaw-dropping debut line-up including David Hoyle, Eve Ferret, Dickie Beau and Figs in Wigs.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. TONIGHT: DJ Brent Nicholls.

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. £5 after 10pm. London's legendary cabaret and club bar.

Discipline at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends werq the floor!

Central Station at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE entry. Cabaret and DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Entertainment from Cassie Campton.

BJ's White Swan at 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14 7JD. 9pm-4am. FREE entry before 10.30pm/£5 after. Popular East London pub. TONIGHT: Cabaret from La Voix.

Friday Night Live with Myra Dubois at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. 9pm-3am. The central London cabaret hot spot. TONIGHT: Special guest Kelly Wilde (9pm).

The Black Cap presents Shinky Shonky at 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm-3am. £5 before 12am, £7 after. Party rocking Camden pub delivers premier cabaret and entertainment. TONIGHT: Shinky Shonky takeover with the bonkers Boogaloo Stu.

Bridge Lovers at The Bridge Bar at 8 Voltaire Road, Clapham, SW4 6DH. 5pm-2am. Funky vocal house from DJ Kurt Potter at the snazzy Clapham bar.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho. TONIGHT: Guest DJ Lee Harris.

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. Soho's sexy bar is ready to shine again with weekly DJ sets to get you in the weekend mood! TONIGHT: Guest DJ Alessandro.

Sauna Bar at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £16. £5 off entry with QX advert. The only licensed gay sauna in the West End, open 'til super late every weekend.

Camp As Hits at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 10pm-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. 12noon-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! Top tunes from the DJs spinning top 40, pop, funky house and more.

Ku Bar Frith Street, 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 12am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with a huge outdoor terrace.

The Duke of Wellington at 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free entry. Get ready for another great weekend by kicking things off at the venerable Duke with

DJ Gordon John.

The Victoria at 186 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17. Open 'til 3am. Lively East End pub features karaoke every Friday!

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

G-A-Y presents All Saints at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands available 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: Hot pop foursome reunite when All Saints perform live!

XXL - Wrestle at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £8 members, £15 guests. £5 after 4am. 4 huge arenas, a mega cruise space and chill space. Plus, big tunes from resident DJs Christian M, Alex Logan, Joe Egg and Mark Ames. TONIGHT: Get ready to get sweaty and tactile for an XXL Wrestle theme.

Trannyshack & Stunnerz at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. 9pm-4am. £6. Two dirty stop outs that are Trannyshack South and Stunners 2, return for their monthly party of fun and naughtiness, with The Very Miss Dusty O, Lloyd Dixon, Tasty Tim and Colin Cooper on DJ rotation.

Discosodoma at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free before 10pm/£5 after. Brand new night brings you sexy sleazy beats with Amateur Boyz, Athens' energetic party duo, with the entire basement shaking it out to their sleazy sounds whilst upstairs Polanski lays on Italo disco.

Dish at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-6am. The infamous Dish has a special pre-Easter menu with Tom Stephan, Borja Pena, Jacqui Potato, Cathal O'Brien, Ollywood and Ray Noir. Oh, and did we mention an army of hot boys on the dancefloor?



Cathal O'Brien

Queer Nation at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 11pm-6am. £10 (£5 before 12am with QX ad, £8 after). Queer Nation presents a tribute to Frankie Knuckles with resident DJs Supadon, Mista Pierre and Maximus Crown, joined by special guest Big John Freeman.

Debbie is at The Resistance Gallery, 265 Poyser Street, Bethnal Green, E2 9RF. 10pm-Late. £3. Sina Sparrow & Bitchcakes invite you to their 2nd birthday party! Celebrating 2 years of female-fronted rock, pop, indie, new wave and disco - expect the likes of Blondie, Beyoncé, Cheryl Lynn, Neneh Cherry, Britney and more.

Chichibass at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £2.50 before 12am, £5 after. Chichibass is back in East

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Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm, £5 after. £3 with wristband/membership. The party continues in Ku's basement club with hot pop and floor fillers from the DJs.

Hombre at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 10pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£4 after. Manbar DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of upferit blokes and butch boys 'til late. With guest DJs plus pole dancing beauties. Official Beyond pre-party.

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.

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramillies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. £16. Unwind and release some tension after a stressy week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

The Riverside Tavern at 8 Canal Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 4DR. One of Kent's premier gay venues holds another big Saturday night bash.

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

Unchill (afterhours) at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, SE1 7TP. 3am (Saturday morning) -12pm. FREE b4 8am, £5 after. Hot new afterhours party with two rooms and two vibes, including DJs Marco Gee, Stevie B, Rob Sykes, Mattias Dabo, Adam Watts, Daniel Stone, Julien Perret and many more.

Beyond (afterhours) at Area, Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 3am (Sunday morning)-midday. Mammoth mash-up explodes across Area with big main floor upfront house and edgier sounds in the Chapel Bar.

BARS & CABARET

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

West 5 at South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. The popular West London

club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: Entertainment from Kelly Wilde, DJ Shaun and piano playing from Vanity Von Glow.

Saturday Market/Swop Shop + Bears Downstairs at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Cabaret fun times from H2H 4pm. Bears go down with the gruff guys and Justin Swift.

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: Cabaret from Rose Garden.

POP! at The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm-3am. £5. The legendary north London cabaret, club and pub. TONIGHT: Pop goes the Cap with a PA by the Familyyy Fierce and DJs John Sizzle, Ma Butcher and Holestar.

The Victoria at 186 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17. Open 'til 3am. Free b4 9.30pm, £5 after. Lively East End pub that turns extra flamboyant on the weekends! TONIGHT: Cabaret from Candy Slag In Drag.

Central Station at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE before 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Tiffany Wells.

Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town!

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 12noon-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Open super-late with DJs spinning upfront vocal house, with hot gogo dancers gyrating away as Felicia Van Cartier exudes fabulousness.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. Tonight: DJ Mark Norton.

Ku Bar at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-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.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: Guest DJ Paul Heron.

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 wrist bands for G-A-Y @ Heaven.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 9pm-late. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. Kick Saturday night off with sounds from the hottest DJs at this lively Soho bar. TONIGHT: Guest DJ Brent Nicholls.

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

The Bridge Bar at 8 Voltaire Road, Clapham, SW4 6DH. 5pm-2am. Clapham's latest addition invites you to party with DJ Pete Spirko's vocal house and funky beats.

Saunabar at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £16. £5 off entry with QX advert. Unwind after a night of clubbing at the only licensed gay sauna in the West End.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 12am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Sundays at the RVT at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 2pm-midnight. £8, £5 after 7.30pm.

The afternoon/evening clubbing session slot playing huge dance anthems and commercial house. Plus, multi-media entertainment from Charlie Hides TV at 5.30pm. TONIGHT: Fanny Love guest DJs, the first ever girl on Sundays at the RVT!

Popbox at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-4am. A new dedicated pop and commercial music night from Jason Prince and Matt Unique with special guests spinning all things 80s, 90s, 00s, now and up to date remixes.

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm-4am. £6. The HMD gymkhana continues to shake Vauxhall down every week. Residents spin super-disco sounds with weekly guests.

BARS & CABARET

Run For Life HIV Testing at G-A-Y Bar at 30 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UR. Midday-Midnight. FREE. As Jeremy Joseph runs his fifth London Marathon in support of the Elton John AIDS Foundation, sexual health clinic 56 Dean Street invite you to take an HIV test at G-A-Y Bar. Donations to EJAF can be made to www.justgiving.com/G-A-Y

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. Chic Soho bar with ambient beats and brilliant drinks.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-midnight. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: It's Marathon Day with Maisie Trollette! No, she's not running in it, but she'll be toasting all those that did!



Maisie Trollette

Cabaret Sundays at The Riverside Tavern, 8 Canal Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 4DR. From 9pm. FREE. One of Kent's premier gay venues presents weekly cabaret. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Eva La Diva.

Halfway 2 Heaven at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Long running popular Central London cabaret pub. DJ David Robson from 3.30pm with CK Sunday, followed by An Evening with Mrs Moore and Tanya Hyde.

Molly Moggs at 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. From 2pm. FREE. Dame Julie Paid entertains the guests at this intimate Soho boozier.

Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-midnight. FREE. Lady Lloyd's hit factory hits Ku Bar Lisle Street, with hot boys on the dancefloor, hot tunes in your ears and hot boys behind the bar!

The City of Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch features weekly cabaret. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Martha D'Arthur.

Genre: Gay London Film Club at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. From 6-11pm. £2. Forget the maddening party scene and indulge in free weekly screenings of the best movies, plus an opportunity to meet like-minded guys. THIS WEEK: Some Like It Hot.

Studio at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-1am. Dusty O brings you the campest Sunday nighter on the block, a little sparkle to

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The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 3pm-11.30pm. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder, which every gay man of London needs to visit at least once!

Sunday Live Stage at The Bridge Bar at 8 Voltaire Road, Clapham, SW4 6DH. FREE. Resident diva Julez Hamilton presides with special guest the slutty Jenna Ryder and Oliver: expect much campy and a lot of cabaret.

The Black Cap at 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 7pm-late. £5. The long-running cabaret, club and pub nestled in the heart of Camden. TONIGHT: Myra DuBois presents a 'Right Good Sunday'!

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 4pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £3 after. South London's legendary cabaret, club and pub. TONIGHT: Cabaret from The Power of 3.

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Popcorn at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £4 b4 1am, £5 after, £8 after 2am. 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.

Cub Club at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 9pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm/£3 after. Weekly club for bears and their friends delivering happy sounds, crazy cabaret, burly bear gogos, and of course sausage rolls. DJs Ben Jamin, John Sizzle and host Kurt Hoffman.

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 specially discounted day for under 25s (ID required) at Soho's only gay sauna.

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, off Charing Cross Road, WC2.

11pm-3am. Late night dancing spot for pure-pop enthusiasts doing the funky chickens.

Desire at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1. 3am (Tuesday morning) - 11am. £5 before 5am with this listing. Progressive, tech, tribal, electro and deep house with DJs Steven Geller, Alan K, Bruno Nouer and Julia Nouer.

BARS & CABARET

So You Think You Can Sing! at Kazbar, 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. Showtime 7pm. Free. Donovan presents a night of song and fun with pianist sensation Eric Robinson at Claphams friendly, funky gay bar.

Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. The landmark south London cabaret, bar and club. TONIGHT: Mrs Moore's weekly Monday cabaret session.

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

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. The trendy Soho drinking spot celebrates Monday with Bar £2.50!

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £3 after. The renowned Eagle Bar is now open seven days a week, come for an after-work tittle, a cheeky midweek night out with the boys or a night cap and cruise on your way home.

Man Health at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 5pm-8.30pm. FREE. Sexual Health Clinic 56 Dean Street provide this free and confidential HIV and sexual health testing clinic.

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.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St. WC2. 7.30pm. Kevin Walsh gets the pub going with this karaoke weekly.

Karaoke at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Steve Tee hosts the singing fun at the famous gay boozier in Marble Arch.

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

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

Bette Rinse at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 8.45pm. Join cabaret scene queen Bette Rinse for cabaret and fun at this landmark gay venue. Bette's only weekly residency!

Butch Karaoke at The Bridge Bar at 8 Voltaire Road, Clapham, SW4 6DH. For all those big boys with the inner diva screaming to get out. Hosted by Oh No She Didn't John Shevlin.

Cookie Monstar at Molly Moggs, 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. 8.30pm. FREE. Song and sinful fun from Cookie.

Retro Tuesday at Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free.

Nineties music plus old school games will rev up your Tuesday night.

Kazbar - Doggy Style at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free. Don't leave Scooby at home! The Clapham bar invites all puppy lovers to bring their pooch to Kazbar and mingle with other doggies! Water bowls and treats provided.

Tiffany Wells Double Thrill at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. The legendary gay pub in the heart of London. Tiffany Wells presents two shows at 9pm and 10pm.

Karaoke at Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-2am. £3 b4 10pm, £4 after. Sing-along the mid-week blues with Kevin Walsh.

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £3 after. The renowned Eagle Bar is now open seven days a week, come for an after-work tittle, a cheeky midweek night out with the boys or a night cap and cruise on your way home.

Mecca Rock and Roll Bingo at The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Midday-Midnight.

The long-running cabaret, club and pub nestled in the heart of Camden presents bonkers bingo.

Spotlight at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 10pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£3 after. Topsy Redfern hosts the weekly talent contest (from 10pm) produced by Duncan Day.

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

CLUBS & EVENTS

Foam Party at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. £16. 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.

Misfits at East Bloc, 217-219 City

Road, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£5 after. London gets a reinjection of midweek urban glamour as R'n'B scene star Mark-Ashley Dupé presents his ghetto fabulous in the infamous basement of debauchery. With DJs Jeffrey Hinton and Nasty McQuaid.

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

XXL at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 9pm-3am. Members free, others £3. Midweek, dance, booze and cruise at the world famous club for hunks, chunks, bears and admirers.

BARS & CABARET

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

Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. South London's famous bar/club.

Wednesday Naughties at Central Station, 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross N1 9SD. 10pm. FREE. Excellent cabaret to fire up your Wednesday evenings. Hosted by Cookie Monstar.

Sing-Along A Sound at Halfway II Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Martha D'Arthur hosts a sing-along session at Halfway's popular cabaret spot.

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

Detained at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Circa goes all-out with the dance, pop and R'n'B remixes every Wednesday. DJs Attack Attack Attack, Kingsley, Munroe Bergdorf and Kris Di Angelis on rotation.

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £3 after. Come for an after-work tittle, a cheeky midweek night out with the boys or a night cap and cruise on your way home.

Record Box at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 10pm-3.30am. FREE b4 11pm/£3 after. DJ Hifi Sean presents an eclectic mix of music with anthems, rare and special, B-side and other gems of musical delight. Hosted by Glendora.

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THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

Eagle London Cruise

at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

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

SexVibe at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-late. £5. Cruise session, dark room and horny house beats while Vibe and PopVibe spin urban and pop tunes downstairs.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). NIGHT

CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minute's from the West End.

Fitladz at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 9pm-9am. £8 members, £10 guests. Get sexy at this cruise/club sesh! Horny lads, hot grooves, plus extended cruise space.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm, £4 entry) Undies only! FETISHBOUND (7pm-midnight) Tie you up night of fetish bondage. PAUNCHY (midnight-4am) The club for big bellied men and those that admire them.

Cruise/Dark Room at Ted's Place, 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £3. Dirty, sexy cruise night.

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

Harder at Bar Berlin, Arch 47c, South Lambeth Road, SW8. 10pm-4am. Macho night of leather, rubber, skin, uniform, industrial, or just boots/jocks.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-

143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1pm-7pm. £6) NIGHT CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom, re-entry. Dark corners, catch a dirty movie, indulge your carnal side. **The Hoist** at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. BOYS & SIRS (2pm-7pm) Spanking/CP/punishment event. SBN AFTERDARK (Arch 1) Dresscode naked and live show.

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.

Buff at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Naked, shorts or underwear.

The Backstreet at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 10pm-3am. Free members b4 10.45pm/£4 after, £7 others. Free all night in rubber.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm, £4) Best undies for the boys. COLLARED (7pm-midnight) Friendly BDSM night.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

Gummi. See box out.

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

Buff at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

Stay on for after-party 'til late - arrive before 9.30pm! (Closed 1st Sunday of the month for Lycra night HERO'S)

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. S.B.N. (2-7pm) Fully naked

cruise club. N.B.N. vs S.E.X. (9pm-1am) Wear what you like, do who ya want.

Vault: Underwear/ Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. UNDERWEAR (1-7pm. £6). CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). 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, NI. 1pm-midnight. £7. Yellow fun for waterworks fans. **Chill Out** at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am. £3 b4 10pm, £5 after. Mixed/gay crowd of cruisy guys.

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. 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.

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.

Sportswear Cruise at Ted's Place, 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £3. Football shorts freaks, Speedo lovers, basketball tops (and bottoms), rugby buggers and trackie sluts unite!

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

Suited & Booted at East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 7pm-11pm. £6. Do guys in suits get you hot under the collar? If your kinda business is doing

blokes with briefcases then get yo ass down to this night for guys into suits & ties! Dress code is suits or smart casual. No jeans or trainers.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. 1-7pm, £6. 7pm-1am. £7. Cruising session at this horny hot spot.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. S.O.P. (6pm-1am) Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

Eagle London Cruise at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

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

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

Vault: Cruise/ Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1-7pm. £6) Then UNDERWEAR (7pm-1am. £7) Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. SWEET WEDNESDAY Cruising night for TV/ TS luvvers. HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am).

Eagle London Cruise at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

Buff at MAI 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.

N.B.N. at The Hoist, 47b South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8. 9pm-1am. £8.50. If ya like to strip, but prefer to add some boots or a tasteful accessory rather than go full monty.



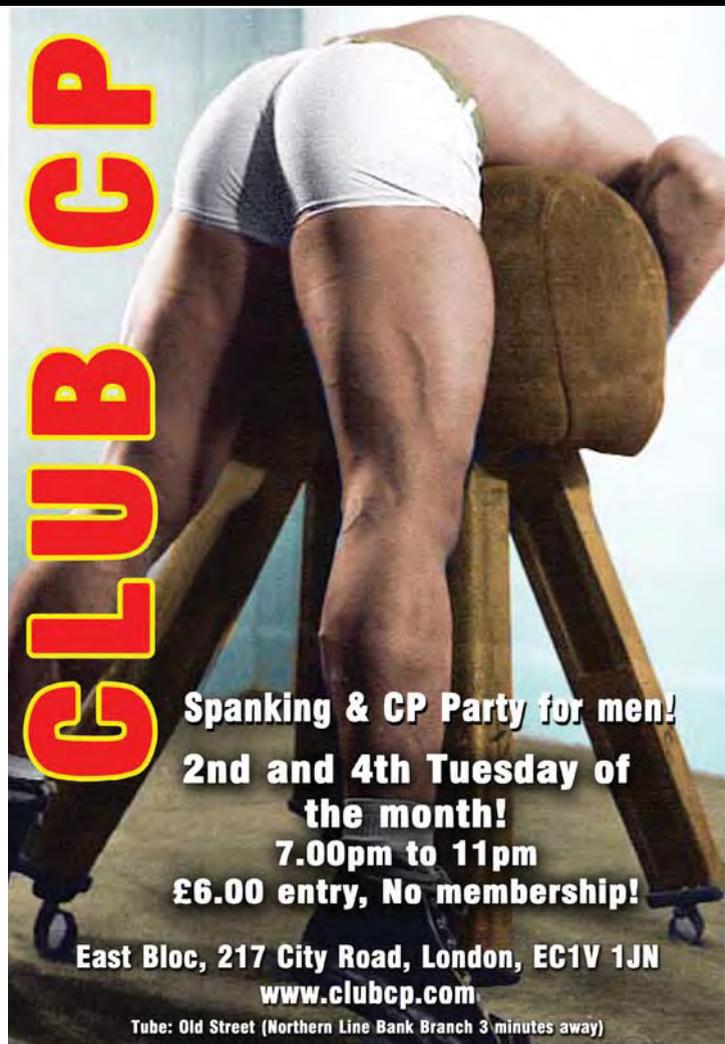
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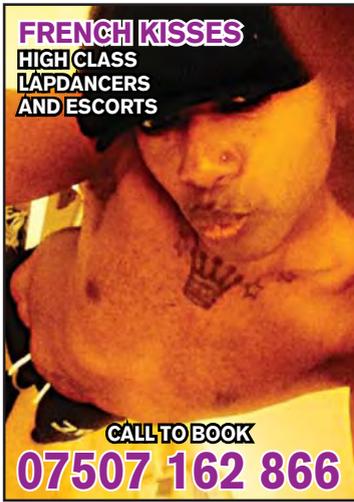
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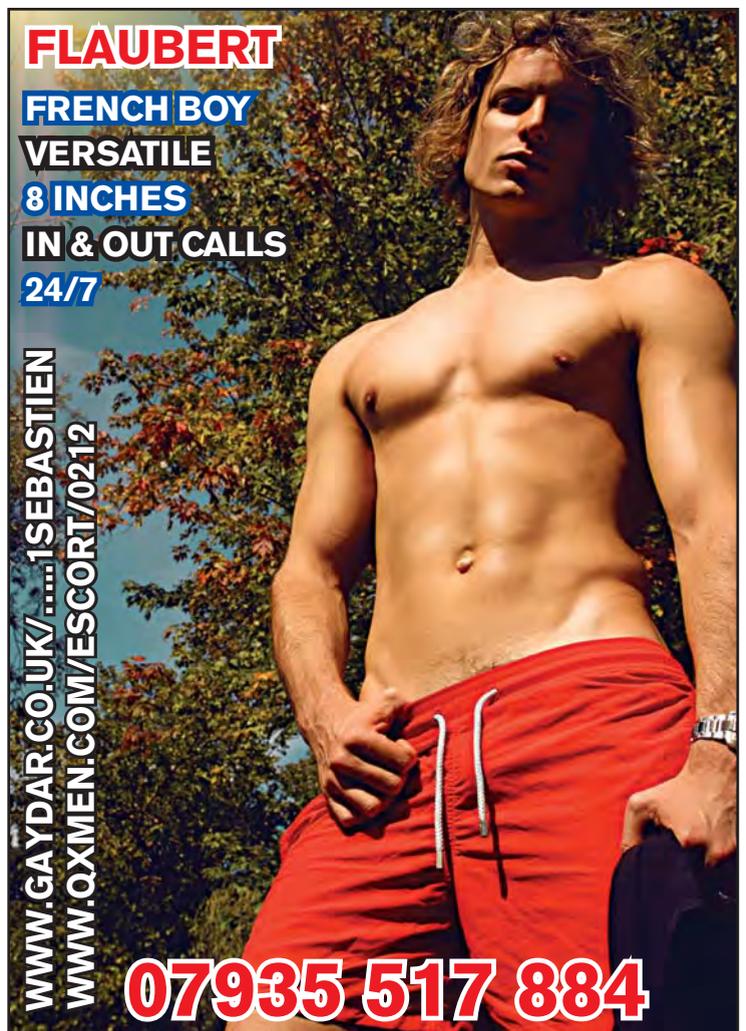
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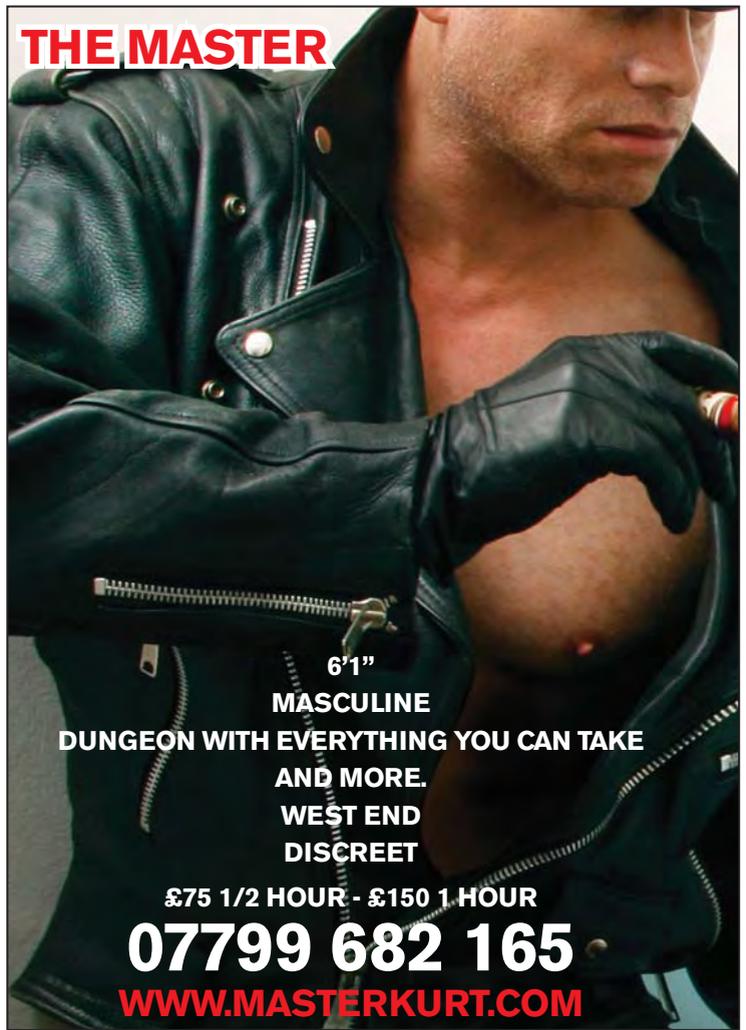
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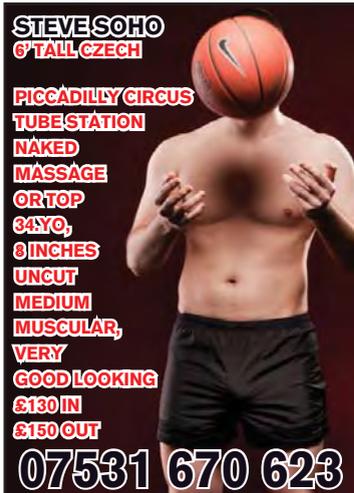
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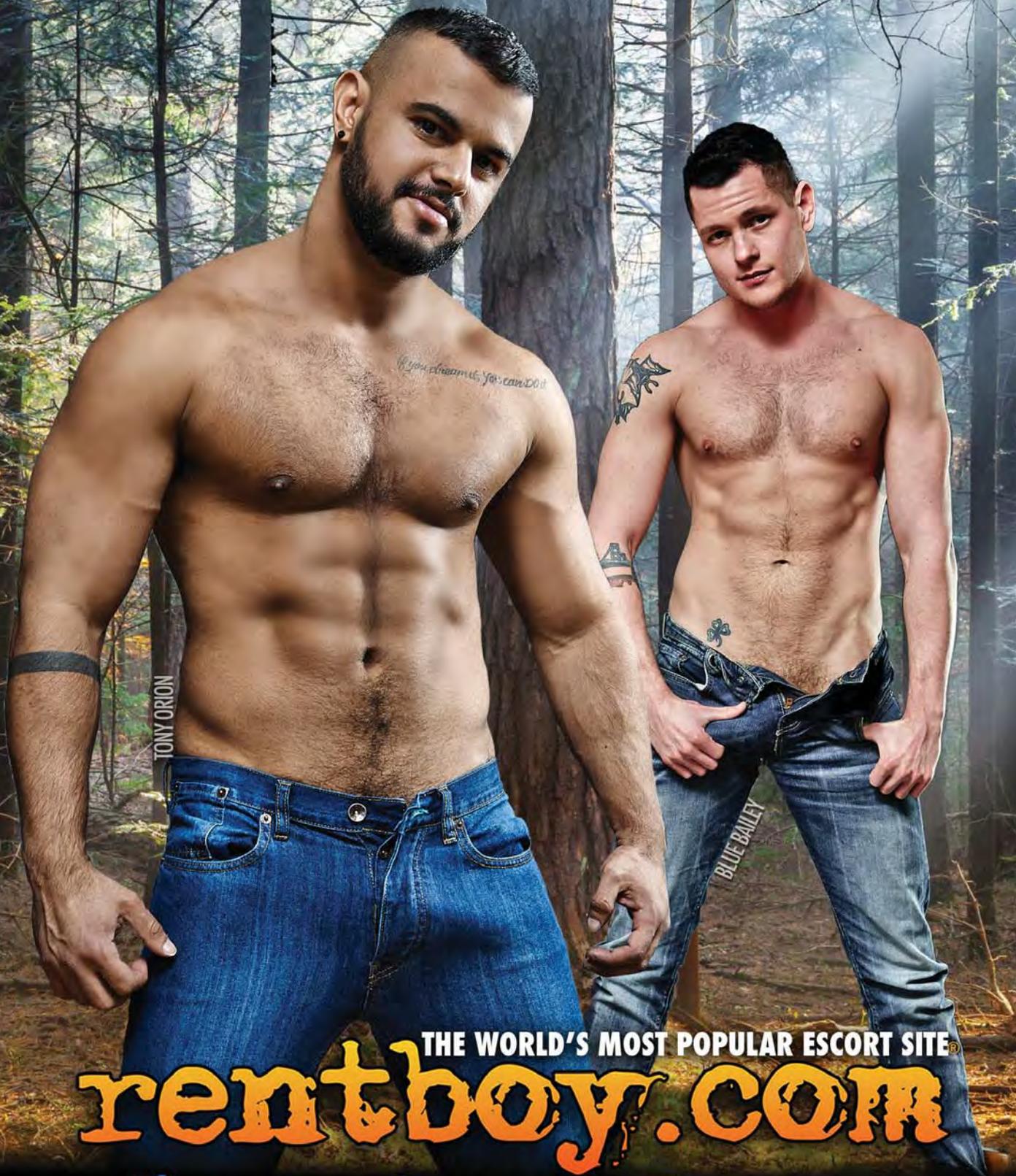
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DR ALEX, GP

Dear Dr Vass,

I was away recently with a friend and we had a bust up because he was constantly on Grindr. I use it myself but do find increasingly that at dinner parties or like when I was away, everyone seems to open it up. Like I said I'm not against it but when I was away my friend didn't seem to be able to get off it. I guess we were in Gran Canaria for Pride and it was a party type atmosphere but even after he had had several hook ups he would continue to Grindr even though it was clear he had no real intention to actually meet up with anyone. I think he just needs constant attention. His behaviour really soured the holiday but he is a friend so how do I talk to him about it?

Cheers,
Alone in a Crowd, Essex

Dr Alex Vass says:

You're right that it's now commonplace to see guys in bars and clubs staring into their smartphones rather than at the guys around them. For many users, such as you, it's a useful way to meet or even date guys. But some medical experts point out that its use can foster more dangerous sexual behaviour. Anyone who has used the app on a Sunday morning will be aware of the way it is used to organise sex parties where drugs and risky sex are common place. And for someone with an addictive personality or who has issues with sex addiction it can compound sexually compulsive behaviour.

Surveys suggest that most users check-in between five and seven times a day. But it's clear that a significant portion of users get obsessed with checking and re-checking the app despite having little or no intention of using it for its ultimate purpose. These users never actually meet anyone instead they get sucked into a cycle of swapping pictures and having explicit conversations about imagined acts.

I can see you are concerned about your friends and it sounds as though he can feel easily criticised when you talk about his behaviour. There are some questions that you might get him think about such as: Does he use Grindr on a regular basis, perhaps every day? Does he feel anxious if he isn't able to use it as often as he'd like? Does using Grindr affect his relationships with his friends or impact on other areas of his life such as getting less sleep that he should? Does he intend to do something and then somehow find himself opening Grindr instead? Does he often find himself spending far more time than you had intended? Has he told himself that he's going to stop or limit his use but then it doesn't actually happen?

What may be at the heart of his use is simply loneliness or social anxiety, where he feels less able to meet people face to face but prefers the anonymity of being online. His desire for attention, as you put it, may be from a basic lack of self-esteem. Getting attention for a profile picture does not improve your self-esteem.

If you can have a talk with him and there does seem to be an ongoing issue rather than a one off holiday Grindr-fest then I'd suggest he sees a counsellor or psychologist who has the experience to really help him. He can go through his GP or approach voluntary organisations such as www.pacehealth.org.uk.

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