



Gfest - gayWise LGBT arts Festival

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9 to 22 Nov 2009

Programme

- Visual Arts Exhibition
- Short Film Screenings
- Performances
- Workshops, Events, Debate

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Gfest Statement

This year's Gfest submissions have shown a high artistic merit and the response to 'call for entries' was overwhelming. We had a few challenging moments in putting together this exciting programme and selecting from a large number of entries, all having amazing qualities.

I hope you will be interested in attending as many events as possible. A big thank you to all the Gfest 09 funders, supporters, advertisers, media /community partners and especially all of you from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender & arts communities for your kind & continued support to make Gfest a successful & artistically vibrant event in London.

Niranjan Kamatkar



Mayor of London - Statement of support for Gfest

It gives me great pleasure to once again provide my support and congratulations to gayWise for coordinating the Gfest lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) Arts Festival. This event has gone from strength to strength and it is invaluable in giving a forum for members of London's diverse LGBT arts communities, amongst others, the opportunity to promote and celebrate their work.

The contribution of London's LGBT communities is immense. From the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, Pride London, LGBT History Month to the wonderful Gay Icons Exhibition and the National Portrait Gallery – these have all added to the richness of London's cultural landscape. Gfest has been very much part of this: developing exciting arts projects that also have strong social and educational merits.

I wish the festival every success and hope it attracts Londoners from all communities.

Richard Barnes

Deputy Mayor of London



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Selection Panel

Dr Alan Tomkins, Ajamu X, Brian Lobel, Campbell, Helen Sandler, Shaun Levin, Sita Ramamurthy and Niranjan Kamatkar.

Visual Arts Exhibition @ McKenzie Pavilion Gallery Space

Mon 9 to Sun 22 Nov 12 - 4 PM (including Sat & Sun).

Private View Tues 10 Nov (by invitation)

Entry Free / Wise Thoughts: 020 8889 9555

McKenzie Pavilion is in Finsbury Park, next to the Café & pond area. 5 min walk from Finsbury Park or Manor House Tube (Piccadilly line)

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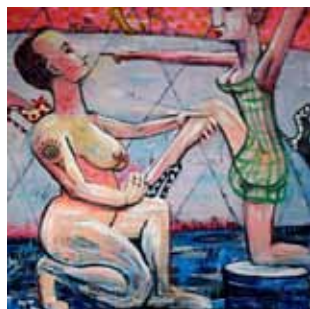
Artist: Ann Foster

Medium: Mixed Medium, 100 X 100 cm

Description: The painting followed a wonderful night out with some trans friends.

About the artist: Ann is a recipient of first class degree from Sheffield and an M.A. from Manchester. She worked for many years as a social worker and a psychotherapist. Her sexuality and the issue of gender is strong influence on her. Sometimes she paints people without a gender bias.

GFest 07, GFest 08 artist



Tattoo

Artist: Chantz Perkins

Medium: Alabaster stone, 72 X 19 X 13 cm

Description: Chantz creates the form, a woman's body, that in itself is beautiful in its flow and has 'journey histories': from first seeing the raw stone in the ground, then taking it from New Mexico to London, to her own interpretation of woman as a perfect creation.

About the artist: Chantz Perkins was born in Los Angeles and educated at University of California and Otis Parsons Art Institute in Los Angeles. Originally trained as a painter, the sculptures she saw on her first trip to London inspired her to take up stone carving. Chantz moved to Amsterdam in 1996 to expand her career. She has received various commissions and has participated in many exhibitions in the United States, London and Amsterdam.

"Great to see some fantastic work well executed" - audience comment

It is historic to be launching it in a building where two decades ago MPs passed Section 28 - *David Lammy MP, Minister of State at the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills*

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Jack & Jill having a Picknick / Jack & Jill in the Bathroom / Jack & Jill on a Sunday Morning / Jack & Jill Tough

Artist: Corrine Bot

Medium: Photograph, 13 X19 cm & 20 X 30 cm

Description: The Jack & Jill Snapshots: Pictures of a young couple in which the man as well as the woman is played by the artist herself. Corrine Bot will go on taking pictures of Jack & Jill when they are old and grey.

About the artist: '73 born Corrine was educated at Art Academy of Rotterdam and studied Audiovisual at University of Leiden. She has received various prizes. Her artworks and films were selected and exhibited widely in Europe, USA, Bangladesh and Cuba.



Five Days

Artist: Eleanor Cardwell

Medium: Book piece, digital prints on tracing paper, (approx) 29 X 21 cm

Description: Eleanor uses the book as a nostalgic object and a device by which to record own memories and an attempt to express the sense of confusion and an obsession associated with loss.

About the artist: Eleanor completed arts degree at Loughborough University and went on to study for an MA in Book Arts at the

University of the Arts London. She currently works for a lighting design company and writes a blog about book and paper arts.

“Colourful, thought provoking and inspiring – Keep up the good work!” - *audience comment*

Minister and leading MPs turn out for GFest 08 launch in the Houses of Parliament: pinknews.co.uk. November 4, 2008

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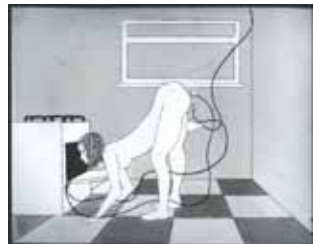
Unfold

Artist: Francesca Alaimo

Medium: Digital photography, 35 X 28.87 cm

Description: Francesca uses her artwork as a vehicle through which she can experiment with her own image. She interlaces the melancholy and passion of contemporary reality as an androgyny living in London along with the 21st century references of her Italian childhood.

About the artist: Francesca works in a variety of mediums, from photography to silkscreen, from video to charcoal. The human body has always been the focal point around which her work has revolved. In the past she has explored patterns of figurative and emotional associations between individuals living in the city and the anonymity of urban architecture. She lives and works in London.



Domesticity 2

Artist: Jemma Watts

Medium: Cliche Verre, 20 X 25 cm

Description: Part of a series of nine, this cliché verre is an exploration of the mythology of women's' uncontrolled psychic powers and the home as a cage for adolescent sexuality.

About the artist: Jemma works as artist and educator living in Norfolk. She has been exhibiting nationally over the past two years, and will be embarking on first residency in Finland this summer. She is currently teaching freelance for various institutions including the Sainsbury's Centre for Visual Art and Norwich Art Centre and is an eastern regional editor for Art Art Art Magazine.

"A lot of impressive images/pictures" - audience comment

GFest should reach out to the heterosexual community - *Jeremy Hunt MP, Shadow Culture Secretary*

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Diary

Artist: Jeremy Walker

Medium: Watercolour paint, ink, 42 X 29 cm

Description: Jeremy drew a little on it in ink each day in the run-up to his 16th birthday recently. As well as having to do with daily experiences, this painting has to do with his transgender feelings, LGBT pride and fears.

About the artist: Jeremy has been drawing since he was very young and art has always been important to him, an escape when he's found things difficult. Jeremy is still a student and

has high hopes for university and being able to transition fully to male in future.

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Dandy Gang # 1

Artist: JJ Stevens

Medium: Photograph, 76 X 50 cm

Description: Dandy Gang # 1 is from as a series of cathartic and expressive photographs based around a strangely comical, sexually ambiguous and luridly colourful caricature of clownish drag and an additional exploration of issues such as his homosexuality.

About the artist: JJ Stevens studied BA Fine art at Byam

Shaw & Central St. Martins London Institute of the Arts and was selected for the Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2003.

Moroccan Leather

Artist: Keith Barrell

Medium: Figurative Sculpture using transparent acrylic pigments, 55 X 75 cm

Description: As a figurative sculptor, Keith has drawn inspiration from Classical Greek 'KUROS' to celebrate the aesthetic beauty of the male form and their sexuality.

About the artist: Kieth was born in 1939 and trained at Rochdale School of Art, Hammersmith College of Art and Hornsey College of Art. He has worked as arts lecturer, inspector and adviser and had participated in successful group exhibitions and sold works to Local Authorities and private patrons.



Amanda Lepore

Artist: Kel Enders

Medium: Oil on Canvas, 50 X 38 cm

Description: The painting depicts the transsexual performer Amanda Lepore. It is one in a series of portraits of Amanda Lepore and is also part of an ongoing study of gender identity and gender expression in the LGBT community.

About the artist: Kel is a 22 year old transgender artist and photographer. He studied a foundation in Art and Design at Camberwell College of Arts and is now a freelance portrait artist.

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Marigolds

Artist: Matthew Stradling

Medium: Oil on canvas, 90 X 90 cm

Description: The painting depicts a figure who is nude apart from a pair of rubber gloves - Matthew wanted the painting to question how deeply we can relate to each other - there always seems to be a barrier between us.

About the artist: Matthew Stradling is represented in many art collections in Europe, America, the Far and Middle East. He is one of the most accomplished painters of the male nude in Britain today. Matthew works from his studio in North London and his work has been exhibited internationally and he has had eleven solo exhibitions in London and Paris alone. He has won several awards & scholarships. *GFest 08 artist*

The Visitor No 4

Artist: Ozzy Yorulmaz

Medium: Photography on Diasec, 70 X 90 cm

Description: Ozzy found family photographs that represent the synonym of the perfect world of the heterosexual gaze. And he wanted to question the digital reality of the heterosexual society, as gay people have to accept.

About the artist: Ozzy was brought up in Germany into a German-Turkish family. He has studied photography at the London College of Communication He is based in London and works on the aspects of identity and sexuality.



Torn Icarus

Artist: Robin Kiteley

Medium: Digital Photograph 33 X 15 cm unframed

Description: Self-portrait as Icarus - a shorthand for the rebellious or subversive artist.

About the artist: Robin is a UK based artist working with digital moving image, found imagery, artists' books and writing. He is particularly interested in the use of

found materials within personal narratives and autobiographical contexts. His artworks, moving image works & film works are widely exhibited in the UK and abroad.

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Chocolate Kisses

Artist: Richard Joel Bannister

Medium: Pencil on paper, 84 X 59 cm

Description: The work focuses primarily on introverted sensations depicting identity, self respect and sexuality: the relationship between the subconscious and the corporeal and the environment within contemporary society and culture.

About the artist: Since graduating from Liverpool Hope University in 2007 with a First Class BA Hons degree in Fine Art with Drama and Theatre Studies, Richard has been painting and exhibiting full time. His artworks are exhibited nationally and he has won several awards.

Swimming

Artist: Robert Acklen

Medium: Digital Photography, 25 X 40 cm

Description: A self-portrait that explores artist's identity as a gay man, a performance of his liberation.

About the artist: Robert Acklen was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has discovered a truer self by attending Pitzer College in Southern California. He is currently entering his sophomore year in college and is planning on getting degrees in Studio Art, Anthropology, and Art History.



Out Loud

Artist: Sarah Ahmad

Medium: Photograph 30 X 22 cm

Description: This digitally enhanced work is about Sarah's frustration at her society in Pakistan for their cruelty and ridicule of gay community.

About the artist: Sarah was born in 1986 in Lucknow, India. She has had two solo exhibitions of photography in Islamabad and Kuwait City. She has won a Sony World Photography Award in 2009.

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Dying Breed - DISTANCE IN PROXIMITY

Artist: Sherley Olopherne

Medium: Photography, 60.96 X 81.28 cm

Description: "Dying Breed," an ongoing photo series captures and presents images of lesbians of colour - whose marginalisation has become commonplace making black lesbians become invisible.

About the artist: As a Haitian born and New York based butch, lesbian, educator and educated woman, Sherley is well aware her identities formulate her perspective on life amongst women, life amongst men, life amongst Haitians, life in the many localities of NYC, and ultimately the life of compromised visibilities. Her images

from this series were shown in Ireland on February 2009 and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in August 2008.

Two Boys

Artist: Sina Shamsavari

Medium: Mixed media, 59.4 X 84.1 cm

Description: The work is concerned with blurring the boundaries between dreams and reality, the mundane and the fantastic and creating queer worlds inhabited by people who are real and imaginary, strange and ordinary.

About the artist: Sina worked in underground queer punk scene at the age of 16. Since graduating from Kingston University in Illustration, Sina has produced illustration work for clients such as Healthy Gay Living Centre, Glam and the Terrence Higgins Trust, as well as exhibiting his personal artwork.



GFest 09 PARTY@ Bar Wotever (Royal Vauxhall Tavern)

Tues 10 Nov 09 / 8 PM to midnight / Entry Free

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY

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GFest 09 THEATRE WORKSHOP @ The Drill Hall

Wed 11 Nov / 09 6.30 – 8.30 PM / **Entry Free**

The Drill Hall is two minutes' walk from Goodge Street tube station. 16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX

Book your place(s) visit www.gaywisefestival.org.uk/workshops.php

Tel: 020 8889 9555

Barcy Cogdale, Artistic Director of the award winning Lesbian Theatre Company, Ruby Tuesday Productions will be running a "one off" theatre workshop exploring "stories" of the individual.

GFest 09 MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP @ The Drill Hall

Thurs 12 Nov 09 / 6.30 – 8.30 PM / **Entry Free**

The Drill Hall is two minutes' walk from Goodge Street tube station. 16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX

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Simon Stephens will lead a practical acting workshop focussing on performing in musical theatre using text and lyrics from a variety of musicals. Simon is Artistic director of Imaginary Forces.

GFest 09 FILM CAFÉ @ Rich Mix Café/bar on ground floor

Fri 13 Nov 09 6:30 - 7:25PM / **Entry Free**

Rich Mix 35 - 47 Bethnal Green Road, London, E1 6LA

GFest 09 Film Cafe: an informal event is led by **Claire Cook**, Sr Producer at BBC Film Network and BBC films; Claire will outline some of the online opportunities for LGBT short filmmakers, followed by brief Q & A.

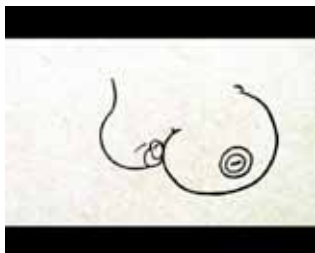
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From the Diaries of Two Breasts

Filmmaker: Beldan Sezen

Duration / Country: 1 min, The Netherlands

Film synopsis: A glimpse into the daily togetherness of two breasts, who, bound by nature's circumstances, have to put up with each other.

About the filmmaker: Beldan Sezen is of Turkish origin, born in 1967 and grew up in Germany. For the last fourteen years she is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Since 2004 she has worked

as a freelance artist, having done illustrations, cartoons and short animation films. Her drawings and paintings have been part of solo and group exhibitions in Amsterdam, London, Cologne and Berlin. Her poetry has been published in anthologies and magazines, as have many of her drawings and comic-strips. *GFest 07 and 08 artist*

Rock 'n' Roll Suicide

Filmmaker: Nathan Evans

Duration / Country: 3 mins, UK

Film synopsis: Brings Ziggy Stardust back from the grave for the puppetry promo Bowie never made.

About the filmmaker: Nathan is a performer, writer, director, producer, and filmmaker. Nathan's several films have been selected for festivals & win awards. He was part of Duckie's Olivier award-winning C'EST BARBICAN and has also performed at venues, events and festivals including The Royal Festival Hall, The Royal Court, BAC, The Drill Hall, The Speigeltent, Soho Theatre, Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, Bistrottheque, Komedia, Hoxton Hall, Homotopia, Glasgay, Glastonbury, Bestival and Aldeburgh. He also plays with the London Gay Symphony Orchestra. - "pure genius"- Time Out



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Boy

Filmmaker: Joe Morris

Duration / Country: 15 mins, UK

Film synopsis: A glance between 13 years old Ryan and middle aged Ed on a Sheffield bus ignites a sexual fuse and an opening to a taboo area of human sexuality.

About the filmmaker: Sheffield based Joe Morris has been a part of the film-making process for twelve years – from runner to working in varying production roles throughout the industry.

His first short film helped him secure funding on the UK Film Council digital short scheme, where he wrote and directed his short film Boy, which has been selected at festivals such as London Short Film Festival, Brief Encounters and Rushes Soho. He has also secured a second commission by Screen Yorkshire to write and direct a new short film, Veteran.

Get Happy

Filmmaker: Mark Payne

Duration / Country: 25 mins, USA

Film synopsis: A coming of age musical extravaganza

About the filmmaker: Behind the scenes or on camera, Mark Payne is a performer, known in the field of beauty industry and now a filmmaker.

A 12 year-old Mark began making home movies of himself performing as his favourite singers. As a performer he worked with Bob Hope and Milton Berle. Mark's appeal led to headlining dates in Europe, Australia and the Far East. Many celebrities including Madonna have purchased his clothing. Celebrity faces that he has painted as a make-up artist include Beyonce, Courtney Thorne-Smith and Paris Hilton. The two-time Emmy winner's work has been seen by millions and virtually by many celebrity from Hollywood Royalty to British Royalty. He is a regular contributor to Elle, In Style and Allure fashion magazines.



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I am Brigitte

Filmmaker: Stephanie Abramovich

Duration / Country: 10 mins, Israel

Film synopsis: Emmanuel as drag artist Brigitte de la rue finds himself falling over for guys who leave in the morning but still desires that true love.

About the filmmaker: Stephanie Abramovich is a 34 years old Israeli Director and Editor. She graduated her film studies in Beit Berl's School for Arts. Since her graduation, Stephanie had edited 13 award winning documentary films. For the past 5 years she has been working as a video editor for UVDA. Stephanie's short film, "I Am Brigitte", was included in a unique queer project named "Fucking Different Tel Aviv". The project was internationally premiered during the Panorama section in the 59th annual "Berlinale" (Berlin's international film festival).

Shotgun

Filmmaker: Ronny Hirschmann

Duration / Country: 16 mins, Israel

Film synopsis: An encounter in the school toilet turns into love as a sixteen year old Springsteen fan and an eighteen year old troublemaker find a way to make high school a little less boring.

About the filmmaker: Ronny was born in 1973 in Haifa, Israel.

Graduate of Cinema Dept. of Beit-Berl Art Academy, Ronny received

a scholarship from the American Israeli Fund. His student film 'Shotgun' was awarded the special praise film award by Tel-Aviv G&L International Film Festival. He is currently developing a script for his first feature film.



"High standard of work throughout" - audience comment

No-one should be a slave to conformity and GFest is helping to remove those shackles - Lynne Featherstone MP, Lib Dem frontbencher

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MY NAME IS LOVE

Filmmaker: David Fardmar

Duration / Country: 20 mins, Sweden

Film synopsis: Love and Sebastian's encounter in a street on a summer night in Sweden cause severe consequences when flirting soon turns into a dangerously liaison..

About the filmmaker: David got his Masters in Socialpsychology 1999, and studied after that 2 years at the Institute of Higher Education in Television to become a director. His short film The happiest day was selected and screened at the Gothenburg Film Festival in 2002. Co-founder of Rolands Härna Film, David has worked as a casting director for several feature films and TV-series for the last couple of years. Now he's back as a director & writer of his controversial, critically acclaimed and award winning short film My name is Love, starring Adam Lundgren and Jonas Rimeika.



GFest 09 FILM CAFÉ 2@ Rich Mix Café/bar on ground floor

Sat 14 Nov 09 / 6:30 - 7:25PM / **Entry Free**

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This GFest 09 informal Film Cafe event is led by Brian Robinson. Sr. programmer at BFI and organiser of London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Brian Robinson will outline some of the film festival related opportunities for LGBT and potential short filmmakers, which will be followed by brief Q & A.

"It's good and glad events like this take place" - audience comment

This festival (GFest) would enrich understanding of gay experiences - Trevor Phillips, the chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission

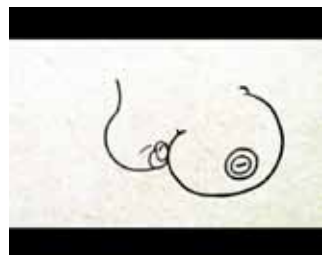
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About the filmmaker: See previous entry (on page 12)

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And then He was a She

Filmmaker: Corrine Bot

Duration / Country: 4 mins, The Netherlands

Film synopsis: A boyish girl transforms into a Lolita. One day "I'll grow up and will be a beautiful woman."

About the filmmaker: '73 born Corrine was educated at Art Academy of Rotterdam and studied Audiovisual at University of Leiden. She has received various prizes. Her artworks and award winning films were selected and exhibited widely in Europe, USA, Bangladesh and Cuba.



Slippery

Filmmaker: Sandra Alland

Duration / Country: 2.7 mins, UK

Film synopsis: Slippery is a somewhat silly meditation on the slippery nature of overused (or supposedly universal) words. Your kitchen will never smell the same.

About the filmmaker: Sandra Alland is a Scottish-Canadian writer, multimedia artist, performer and activist. She is currently an artist-in-residence at the Glasgow Museum of Modern Art and Trongate 103. As a published poet Sandra's poems, plays, stories,

articles, photographs and videos have been selected and exhibited across Canada, the US, Mexico, Bermuda, Scotland, England and Spain, including at various established festivals.



Wise Thoughts, organiser of GFest - gayWise LGBT Arts Festival, presents

*'LGBT Arts and Culture for All' seminar on 27 Oct 2009
(by invitation)*

The seminar is sponsored by Equality & Human Rights Commission.

Date	Time	Event
Mon 9 to Sun 22 Nov	12 - 4 PM (including Sat & Sun)	Visual Arts Exhibition
Tues 10 Nov	4 - 6 PM	Private View Arts Exhibition
Tues 10 Nov	8 PM to midnight	GFest 09 Party @ Wotever
Wed 11 Nov	6.30 - 8.30 PM	Theatre Workshop
Thurs 12 Nov	6.30 - 8.30 PM	Musical Theatre Workshop
Fri 13 Nov	6.30 - 7.25 PM	Film Café
Fri 13 Nov	7.30 PM	Short Films Screenings
Sat 14 Nov	6.30 - 7.25 PM	Film Café
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Sat 14 Nov	10 PM - Late	GFest 09 Party
Sun 15 Nov	6.30 - 7.25 PM	Film Café
Sun 15 Nov	7.30 PM	Short Films Screenings
Mon 16 Nov	6.30 - 8.30 PM	Creative Script Writing Workshop
Tues 17 Nov	6.30 - 8.30 PM	Dramatherapy Workshop
Tues 17 Nov	8 PM to midnight	GFest 09 Party @ Wotever
Wed 18 Nov	6 - 9.30 PM	LGBT Arts Debate
Thurs 19 Nov	7.30 PM	Performances Evening
Fri 20 Nov	7.30 PM	Performances Evening
Sat 21 Nov	7.30 PM	Performances Evening

Venue	Booking / Contact
McKenzie Pavilion Gallery Space	Entry Free / Wise Thoughts: 020 8889 9555
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Royal Vauxhall Tavern	Entry Free / www.woteverworld.com
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Queerer Than Thou

Filmmaker: Kalil Cohen

Duration / Country: 8 mins, USA

Film synopsis: Queerer Than Thou is a comedic short that tackles the age-old question of 'Who is the queerest of them all?'

About the filmmaker: Kalil Cohen is a multifaceted artist who grew up a tomboi, came out a genderqueer butch dyke, and currently identifies as a genderqueer transman. His second short film Queerer Than Thou (ReelBoi Productions/Chameleon

Adaptations) is currently touring at film festivals worldwide. Along with filmmaking, Kalil Cohen performs hip-hop and spoken word poetry in and around Southern California under the name Metahuman.

Keep It Movin'

Filmmaker: Consuelo Ramirez

Duration / Country: 9 mins, USA

Film synopsis: Out Lesbian rap duo Yo! Majesty captured live on explosive world tour.

About the filmmaker: Ms. Ramirez created Butch Action Productions to showcase underground LGBTQ artists and musicians. Keep It Movin' chronicles out rap group Yo Majesty's humorous interviews, and explosive live performances during their world tour.



Shutter Release

Filmmaker: Jessica Cheeseman

Duration / Country: 8.35 mins, UK

Film synopsis: At the photolab, days are long, business is bad and the boss is frustrated. A modern day fairytale where wishes do come true and a camera never lies...**About the filmmaker:**

Jessica began with making live action short films alone and as a cinematographer for people. She then went to study animation in Poland and Germany. She has made 3 animated short films so far

and a music video. Jessica also creates storyboards for both animation and live action projects.

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My Easter in Heels

Filmmaker: Viva Delorme

Duration / Country: 13 mins, France

Film synopsis: A family gathering turns sour and Zoe is out of the door. She wanders around Paris. As a new day dawns a surprise awaits her.

About the filmmaker: Viva Delorme is a French writer and film director. She did a lot of experimental filming before directing

her first short fiction movie, *The Sexes of the Alexes*, in 2006. Her second short, *My Easter in Heels*, has been presented on French television (France 3). Viva is now working on a documentary on the *Kisses Cause Trouble*, a neo-burlesque troop. Her favourite themes are the gender and identity questions and social misfits.

Flowers at the park (or first kisses)

Filmmaker: Mariel Macia

Duration / Country: 10 mins, Spain

Film synopsis: Ana and Lola arrange to meet at the park. One of them will have a provocative attitude to the other. Only until they kiss for the first time!

About the filmmaker: Mariel was born in Argentina where she became an Image and Sound Designer. Afterwards in Spain she specialized in Cinema Direction. Her former shortfilm 'Flowers at the park (or first kisses)' was awarded worldwide and her new shortfilm 'At home (or love as well)' has won several awards in Europe and USA.



510 meters above sea level

Filmmaker: Kerstin Polte

Duration / Country: 16 mins, Switzerland

Film synopsis: 2008, Switzerland: At a small airport Simone has to attend her father's funeral but she misses her connecting flight. Natalie is waiting. Two strangers, caught in a night with no morning...

About the filmmaker: Born in 1975, Kerstin studied at

Gutenberg Gymnasium, Wiesbaden and studied Theatre, Film, Literature at Université Laval, Québec, Canada. Since she has attended media studies and her Masters in Filmrealisation / Regie in Zurich. She has worked as editor for a TV company & as a graphic & web designer before pursuing a full time career in internet TV media.

GFest 09 PARTY @ Rich Mix

Sat 14 Nov 09 / 10 PM to late

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A glam clubnight – The legendary DJ Ritu (BBC radio & Club Kali presenter) presents an arty-party to celebrate GFest 09 short film screenings. Also Featuring Wild and energetic Urban Gypsies, Miss Polly Rae- UK's burlesque queen. A truly funky fun party for everyone to chill out-n-enjoy!

GFest 09 FILM CAFÉ 3 @ Rich Mix Café/bar on ground floor

Sun 15 Nov 09 / 6:30 - 7:25PM / **Entry Free** Contact 020 8889 9555

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This GFest 09 informal Film Café event is led by **Lee Gunther** from TLA Releasing UK, who will offer advise and tips on Marketing / PR of (feature) films.

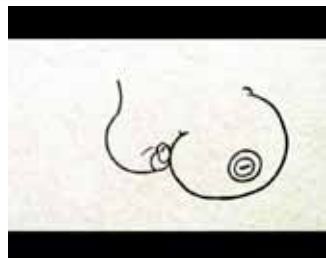
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From the Diaries of Two Breasts

Filmmaker: Beldan Sezen

Duration / Country: 1 min, The Netherlands

Film synopsis: A further glimpse into the daily togetherness of two breasts, who, bound by nature's circumstances, have to put up with each other.

About the filmmaker: See previous entry (on page 12)

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At Home With David Hoyle

Filmmaker: Nathan Evans

Duration / Country: 6.25 mins, UK

Film synopsis: Performance artiste David Hoyle invites us into his Manchester home.

About the filmmaker: Nathan is a performer, writer, director, producer, and filmmaker. Nathan's several films have been selected for festivals & win awards. He was part of Duckie's Olivier award-winning C'EST BARBICAN and has also performed at venues, events and festivals including The Royal Festival Hall, The Royal Court, BAC, The Drill Hall, The Speigeltent, Soho Theatre, Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, Bistrottheque, Komedia, Hoxton Hall, Homotopia, Glasgay, Glastonbury, Bestival and Aldeburgh. He also

plays with the London Gay Symphony Orchestra. - "pure genius"- Time Out

Two Sides of the Mirror

Filmmaker: Corrine Bot

Duration / Country: 3 mins, The Netherlands

Film synopsis: A boyish girl performing typically masculine behaviour (shaving beard), the girl is confronted with her feminine side in the mirror.

About the filmmaker: '73 born Corrine was educated at Art Academy of Rotterdam and studied Audiovisual at University of Leiden. She has received various prizes. Her artworks and award winning films were selected and exhibited widely in Europe, USA, Bangladesh and Cuba.



Candy Boy

Filmmaker: Pascal-Alex Vincent

Duration / Country: 12.49 mins, France

Film synopsis: Panic in the orphanage! The children are mysteriously falling ill and Candy Boy, the most valiant of the orphans, investigates. But the arrival of a new boarder complicates our hero's inquiries.

About the filmmaker: Born in Montargis, France Vincent obtained a degree in Film History at the University de Paris III and worked distributing Japanese films in France. He has directed five short films - all produced by Nicolas BREVIERE - LOCAL FILMS, which have been selected and won prizes in numerous French and international festivals in Cannes, Clermont-Ferrand, Oberhausen, New York, Tokyo, Sao Paulo. His first feature, GIVE ME YOUR HAND was released in Europe in February 2009.

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I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

Filmmaker: Ana Torres-Alvarez

Duration / Country: 8 mins, Spain

Film synopsis: Susana is Pablo's girlfriend but Pablo's just realised he's gay and he's in love with Javi, his best friend who, at the same time, is going out with Susana.

About the filmmaker: ANA TORRES-ALVAREZ. Born in Granada, after attending several courses in Granada and Barcelona, moved to England to study at Westminster University and the London Film School. In the UK, she has directed two shorts, 'DIVINE INSPIRATION' and 'A MATTER OF HAIR' they have been in several festivals. 'A Matter of Hair' has also been distributed on DVD and on TV in the UK and USA with great reviews. Right now she's producing a documentary about basketball in the UK and working on a comedy in Spanish.

James

Filmmaker: Connor Clements

Duration / Country: 17 mins, UK (Northern Ireland)

Film synopsis: James has learnt to be withdrawn and secretive in a family with long buried secrets. His teacher's response leads James to take an irrevocable step.

About the filmmaker: As a graduate of the Queens University Belfast with a Masters degree in film and visual studies Connor attended the New York Film Academy. He has written, directed and produced his debut film James which has won awards at various festivals including a selection at Sundance Film Festival. He is currently collaborating with other filmmakers on various projects.



¡¡¡TODAS!!!

Filmmaker: Jose Martret

Duration / Country: 25 mins, Spain

Film synopsis: Coral, a transsexual prostitute in Madrid, sees David arriving one night from their hometown with a dream of becoming a woman. Coral's motherly instincts try to protect him from the same mistakes that she made.

About the filmmaker: José Martret was born in Palma de Mallorca on 1971. He began to film his first scripts with his parents' betacam at the age of 14. He has acted and starred in numerous plays, short films and television series.

¡¡¡TODAS!!! is his first short film as a director and writer. To date, this film has

won several prizes at different international film festivals including selection at the CANNES. He has also made dance-for-camera & dance films.



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The Revelation of Reverend Jones

Filmmaker: Nigel Osner

Duration / Country: 6.35 mins, UK

Film synopsis: Reverend Jones is a popular, Welsh vicar. Those with suspicions about his love of Hollywood grand dames say nothing - until he is spotted in drag outside a nightclub in Soho, when his parishioners turn against him.

About the filmmaker: Nigel wrote the award-winning 'Just One More Bite', where he appeared as Prince Osnovski, a vampire. The script for 'The Revelation of Reverend Jones' was shortlisted as best short script in the Supershots International Film Festival 2008. He has acted in and wrote 'Just One More Night', a multi-award winning short film, where he appeared as an old screen actress. His children's story 'Magic in Ravenswood' was published by Heinemann and adapted by him into a musical called 'Goblins don' scare Us'. Performed in London in 2002/3, it recently won a competition to be performed in the US.



GFest 09 CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP @ The Drill Hall

Mon 16 Nov 09 6.30 – 8.30 PM **Entry Free**

Book your place(s) visit www.gaywisefestival.org.uk/workshops.php

Tel: 020 8889 9555

The Drill Hall is two minutes' walk from Goodge Street tube station.
16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX

Claire Benjamin teaches script writing and drama in further and adult education. She has been a writer for The Pink Paper and written, performed and directed pieces for theatre.

GFest 09 DRAMATHERAPY WORKSHOP @ The Drill Hall

Tues 17 Nov 09 6.30 – 8.30 PM **Entry Free**

To book your place, contact: info@wisethoughts.org or 020 8889 9555

The Drill Hall is two minutes' walk from Goodge Street tube station.
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Haydn Forde & Maurice Ord, workshop co-facilitators use exercises to prepare for the main body of the session - an improvised enactment of a fairy tale/myth and arrive to therapeutic experience for the participants. Both Haydn & Maurice hold masters from Central School of Speech and Drama and have extensively worked & collaborated on LGBT themes through drama.

GFEST 09 PARTY @ BAR WOTEVER (Royal Vauxhall Tavern) Tues 17 Nov 09 / 8 PM to midnight / **Entry free**

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington lane, SE11 5HY

A creative friendly thought provoking and creating very political platform for all lgbs and queers. Includes Open talent presentation; your time to do your thing. To Book a slot and/or get in touch: woteverworld@gmail.com All are Welcome!
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LGBT ARTS DEBATE – GFest 09 & University of the Arts London

@ University of the Arts London / Wed 18 Nov 09

From 6.00 – 9.30 PM / **Entry Free**

Lecture Theatre, 65 Davies Street, London, W1K 5DA (nearest tube: Bond Street)

LGBT Arts Debate: 'Drag Queen Vs Drag King personae': Is cross-dressing a fashion statement or a rightful expression for gender identities? A Panel of distinguished speakers will debate the issues followed by a Q & A

To book your space: 020 7514 9876 / diversity@arts.ac.uk

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The advertisement is presented as a film strip. The top section features three portraits of men (David Cameron, Gordon Brown, and another man) with the text "Gay politics isn't just about gay politicians" and the website "pinknews.co.uk". The bottom section features three portraits of men (Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, and another man) with the text "Gay news from every angle, every hour" and the website "pinknews.co.uk".

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The Short And Girlie Show

Performer: Ali Adolph

Duration: 20 mins

Description: Four women play a series of fast-paced hilarious “Who’s Line is it Anyway?” games using audience suggestions. With different games and audiences each night, every show is unique. Compère: Ali Adolph.

About the performer: Short And Girlie Theatre Company was born in London in 1999, after founding member Ali Adolph searched for a gay-girl theatre company to no avail. Subsequently, Ali started to

run all-female drama workshops, full-length plays and festivals of short plays by new female writers. In 2004 the company created comedy impro show OFF THE CUFF in collaboration with RCM Productions. - “we love to death!” DIVA MAGAZINE

Eating Secret

Performer: Caroline Smith

Duration: 15 mins

Description: Mertle, a 1950s housewife invites you to share an eating secret and have a cake and explore our attitudes to food, body and performance.

About the performer: Caroline Smith is a writer and performance artist. She has performed widely including at National Review of Live Art, Whitstable Biennale Satellite, Arts Depot and most recently at the Tate Modern. She currently lectures on Performance Writing at the University of Greenwich - “Deliciously dark” *The Guardian*. *GFest 08 artist*



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The Sailor Princess

Performer: Ingo Andersson

Duration: 15 mins

Description: A story about growing up in a non-traditional family, dreams and queer discoveries.

About the performer: Ingo has been performer who mostly created performance spaces and events via Wotever World in London, UK and Europe. She also writes and is involved in creative filmmaking.

Katja von Kassel

Performer: Katja von Kassel

Duration: 15 mins

Description: 'Electro Weimar Cabaret' is the easiest way to describe the music of Katja von Kassel. She sings in both German and English.

About the performer: Born in the village where the Brothers Grimm first narrated their fairytales, Katja wrote her first song aged 9, for her brother's birthday ... After winning a singing contest on TV she moved to London, where she met co-writer and producer Alex Gray. They discovered a shared love for 'Bladerunner', 'Kraftwerk' and Rainer Werner Fassbinder's work.



Me My Mi

Performer: Holestar

Duration: 10 mins

Description: performance chronicling the true story of an uneducated and ambitious tomboy who became Holestar, the 'Tranny with a Fanny'.

About the performer: An artist, performer and DJ, Holestar has appeared in art spaces, clubs and events extensively through Europe, New York and the UK. She has performed & exhibited at various events - from Vienna's Life Ball to Kashpoint, the V&A Museum and ICA to Glastonbury and Lovebox Festivals. Having previously worked with sex, gender and modern celebrity, Holestar's current work explores personal biography, experience and opinion through film, installation and performance. – "Endearing cabaret doyenne" i-D Magazine

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Harriet Smith

Performer: Harriet Smith

Duration: 10 mins

Description: Acoustic guitar and female vocals. Lyrically motivated by travel, finding one's self and experiencing life.

About the performer: Harriet Smith played drums and piano for a few years. She has performed in rock, jazz and Broadway groups, and is now concentrating on a solo performance singing and playing guitar.

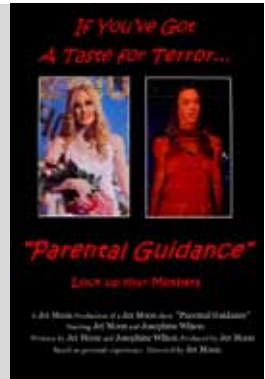
Parental Guidance

Performer: Jet Moon & Josephine Wilson

Duration: 20 mins

Description: 'A slap-stick that reworks the trash horror movie genre. Tales of growing up to be the kind of person your parents warned you about. An epic queer horror rampage!

About the performer: Jet Moon is an artist and activist, writing, performing and producing shows throughout Europe. She is a founder member of Queer Beograd collective. Josephine Wilson is a performer, academic and writer. She recently premiered her latest solo-show, 'Sex Education' and is touring in The Genderqueer Playhouse, which she also programmes and directs. She is completing her Ph.D. in Gender Studies and is a published author. - "The show has still left me glowing." Gay Times



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Weightless Again

Performer: Ashley Smith

Duration: 15 mins

Description: A 17-year-old gay teenager jumped from a car park after being encouraged to do so by a taunting crowd. The piece is based on what it is like to jump in to the oblivion.

About the performer: For the last two years Ashley has worked as a solo performer, with an emphasis on audience participation. He quit working as a lecturer at the University of Derby to go full time with his performance theatre - Comfortism.

- "A disturbing mixture of comedy, absurdity, social, political and historical comment." South Wales Evening Post.

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Three zero

Performer: Marcus Reeves

Duration: 25 mins

Description: A solo performance that weaves together songs, poetry and video, in a montage of material from the last ten years of Marcus Reeves' writing and performance career. A further development from his GFest 08 show. **About the performer:** Writer and performer Marcus studied at Central St. Martins College of Art and Design before moving into music and theatre. As a singer-songwriter and cabaret artist, he has performed

across London venues. In 2007, Marcus won The Peggy Ramsay Foundation award. -'a new Tim Rice' - Elaine Paige -'a man of enormous imagination' - Sister Wendy Beckett *GFest 07, GFest 08 artist*

GRIP [HOLD] and REVELATIONS – BONUS TRACK 2009

Performer: Owen G Parry

Duration: 24 mins

Description: Grip [Hold] is a performance that boldly exceeds the basics, that is to say its approach to the queer form does queerness wholly, without having to compromise our queer identities.

About the performer: Owen Glyndwr Parry is a Performance artist, artist collaborator and writer based in London. He has presented and exhibited work at live art and contemporary performance venues and festivals both nationally and in Europe. Owen is recipient of an AHRC (2009-12) award to undertake PhD research in Visual Cultures at Goldsmith University as part of Performance Matters. *GFest 07 artist*



Sexual Acts of Contrition

Performer: Tonny A.

Duration: 20 mins

Description: A Performance breaking into experimental dance and moving poetry.

About the performer: Tonny A is a French performance maker and writer who is currently living in East London. Over the past 5 years, Tonny's artistic personae has varied from curator to theatre director to performance artist. He curated Experimental Cabarets, Live Poetry nights and Variety shows and conceived many solo Burlesque and Contemporary Poetry performances, which were presented in various Club nights and Festivals. *GFest 08 artist*

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00:00 - 00:01

Performer: Mavin Khoo

Duration: 20 mins

Description: Based on notions of ambiguity that stand to be represented through the 'swan'; the movement work is loosely based on the tragic love story of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake (a section based on the 2nd Act). **About the performer:** An internationally

established dancer and choreographer Mavin Khoo, was born in Malaysia where he began his dance studies, training in India, Britain and the USA. He studied Bharata Natyam in India and Ballet in London and Contemporary Dance in New York and London. As a Bharata Natyam soloist, Mavin has toured around the world, dancing in Britain, USA, France, Spain, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan. His own company, mavinkhooDance was founded in 2003. Khoo is currently pursuing a MA in Choreography at Middlesex University as British Council scholar.

- "choreography at once formally disciplined and brutally explicit" The guardian

- "genius" The Dancing Times, UK



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Poetry Tease

Performer: Ernesto Sarezale

Duration: 10 mins

Description: Poetry Tease combines storytelling, performance art and burlesque.

About the performer: Ernesto Sarezale is a London-based Basque poet and performer. Active for several years on London's poetry and cabaret scenes, Ernesto has been billed at many spoken word events. Ernesto has presented his work at ICA, Corsica Studios, Camden People's Theatre, Drill Hall, Whitechapel Gallery and Goldsmiths. Ernesto's poems have appeared in various magazines. - "a pioneer of nude 'poetry tease'" BIZARRE Burlesque



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iNiT - I'm a party

Performer: iNiT

Duration: 20 mins

Description: iNiT plays sultry dance floor sounds with an electro edge. Cabaret, electronica, rock and Middle Eastern influences fuse into a smokey eyed kaleidoscope.

About the performer: iNiT was formed in 2006 by Guy Harries and M. Both had been working on experimental projects for years - together and separately. iNiT are: Guy Harries (voice, flute), M (guitar, electronics, percussion), Ruth Goller (bass). They have performed widely UK and

Europe & recorded for several radio stations. *GFest 08 artist*

We Apologise For any Inconvenience

Performer: Zorras

Duration: 20 mins

Description: A Poetry-music-fusion weirdness that is deeply queer.

About the performer: Sandra Alland and Y. Josephine formed Zorras in 2007, after seeing each other perform at Edinburgh's Who's Your Dandy.

They quickly became known for their unique blend of poetry, music and projected images. Sandra Alland is a Scottish-Canadian writer, multimedia artist, performer and activist and presented her work across Canada, the US, Mexico, Bermuda, the UK and Spain. Y. Josephine is a singer, percussionist and composer. She has performed, composed and recorded throughout Venezuela, Aruba, Spain and the UK. - "Alland's words are at once both drolly funny and sweetly strange...Y. Josephine's vocals and percussion really shine and embody the set" - Lock Up Your Daughters Magazine.



Love in the Metropolis

Performer: Denis Fernando

Duration: 10 mins

Description: A piece of music that evokes the idea of being young and in love with, and in, big cities like London which have championed diversity, difference and acceptance.

About the performer: Denis plays contemporary semi classical piano and runs a band Red Cable named after the battle for Cable Street in the 1930s East London. Denis graduated at Goldsmiths College in London, was the National Black Students Officer on the executive of the National Union of Students, and now also works as a campaigner. *GFest 08 artist*

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When I First Met You I Thought I Had Gastroenteritis

Performer: Rachel Mars

Duration: 15 mins

Description: Using memories, questions and a list of toilets visited in New York, Rachel charts what it feels like to have your first attack of queer love.

About the performer: Rachel Mars is a performer and writer. Her shows have been performed at various London venues. Rachel has directed and produced a series of shows for Apples & Snakes. She is part female creative group The Knish Collective and Jewish art anarchists Jewdas.

Rosie Wilby

Performer: Rosie Wilby

Duration: 20 mins

Description: stand up comedy from 3 solo Edinburgh shows

About the performer: When singer songwriter Rosie Wilby turned to stand up comedy, immediate success in the prestigious 'So You Think You're Funny' competition kick started a whole new career strand for her. Appearances in the Funny Women 2006, Funny Bones 2006 and Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year 2007 followed. Rosie regularly performs on the LGBT circuit and at festivals including Pride, Homotopia and Glasgay. Recently she performed in Sydney as part of the Mardi Gras festival. Rosie presents Behind The Mic on Resonance FM and was Radio 5 Live's comedy tennis correspondent at Wimbledon 2008. - "talented performer with a winning self-deprecating personality" Evening Standard *GFest 08 artist*



SHUSH!

Performer: Va Lee, (VG Lee)

Duration: 15 mins

Description: Shush is about friendship, illustrating the very different dynamics that exist outside ones of deep emotional involvement.

About the performer: A published novelist V G Lee has also written poetry reviews for Diva magazine and write a quarterly column for Velvet Magazine, also essays in the Stonewall anthology, The Way We Are Now, and '50 gay & lesbian books everybody must read.' She lives and works in Hastings on the South Coast. She has performed widely in major LGBT and mainstream arts festivals.- "V.G. Lee has succeeded in creating an amusing, dramatic lesbian romance" The Big Issue



Gfest 09 Arts Exhibition @ McKenzie Pavillion Gallery Space

Finsbury Park, London, N4 2NQ
 McKenzie Pavilion is in Finsbury Park, next to the Café & pond area. 5 min walk from Finsbury Park or Manor House Tube (Piccadilly line)



Gfest 09 Parties @ Bar Wotever (Royal Vauxhall Tavern)

Royal Vauxhall Tavern,
 372 Kennington lane, SE11 5HY.
 contact: woteverworld@gmail.com
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LGBT Arts Debate @ University of the Arts London

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