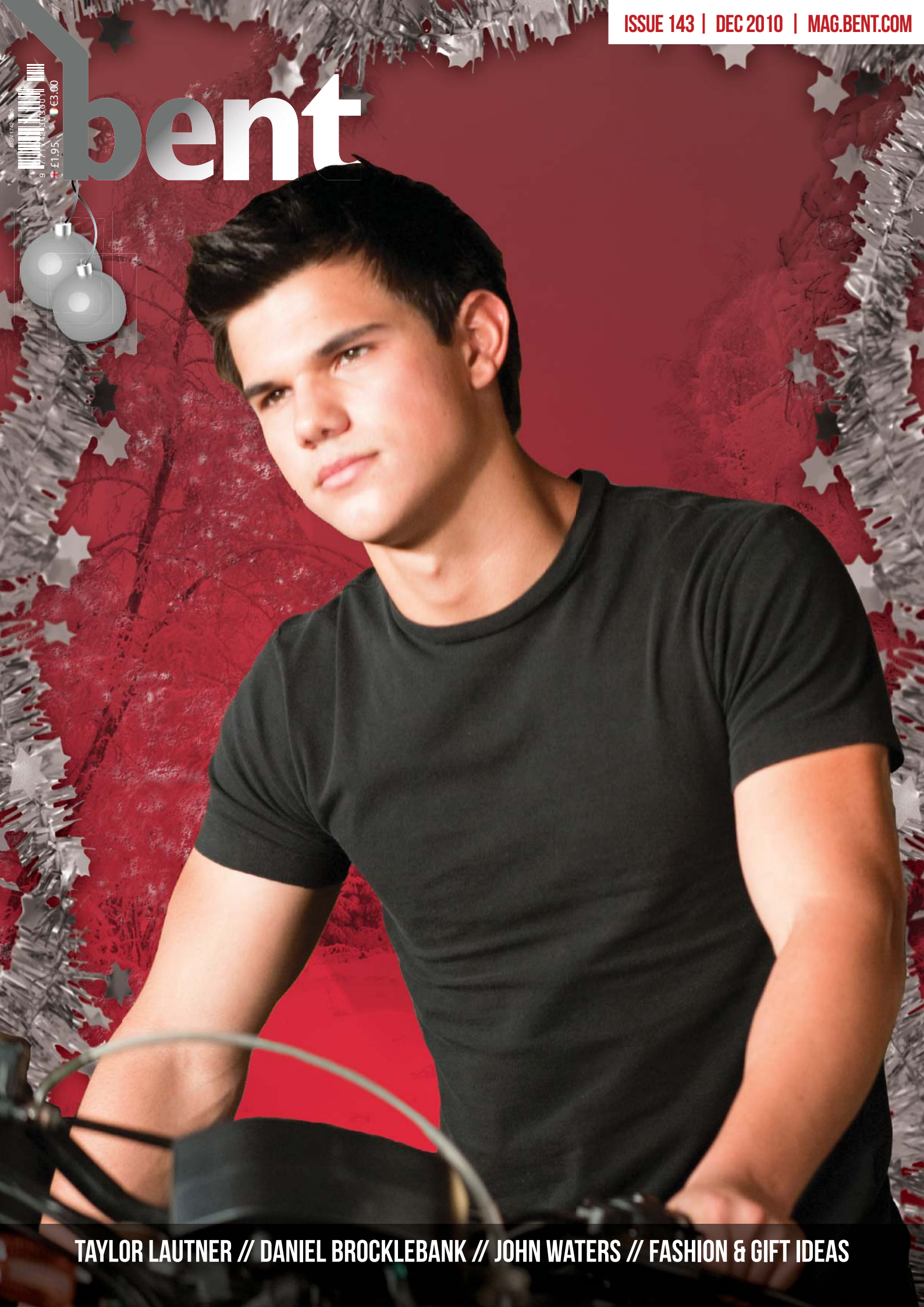


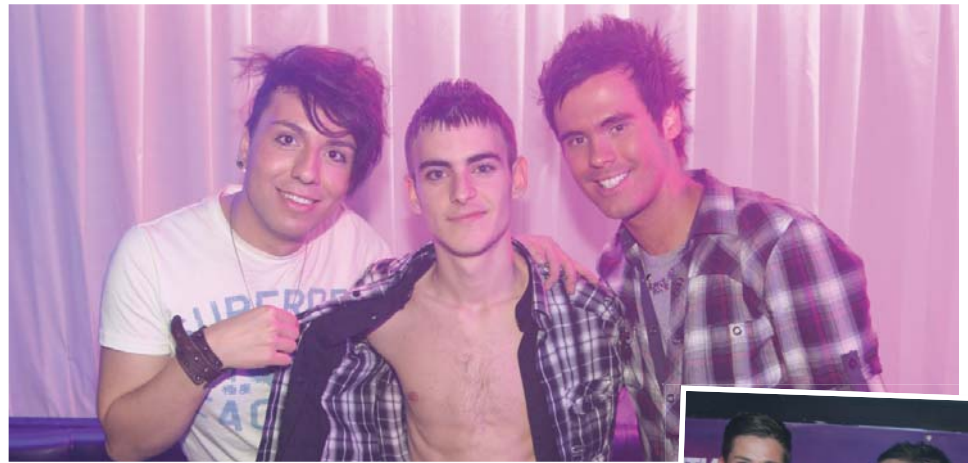
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CHRISTMAS ESSENTIALS

If you are planning a night out in Manchester this Christmas you have just got to get yourself down to Essential on a Saturday where you can see your favourite X Factor Finalists live on stage every week.

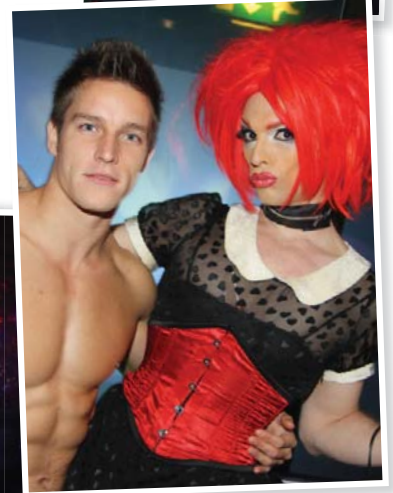
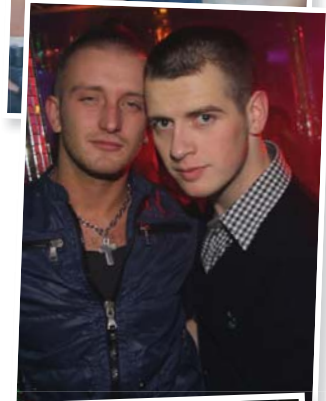
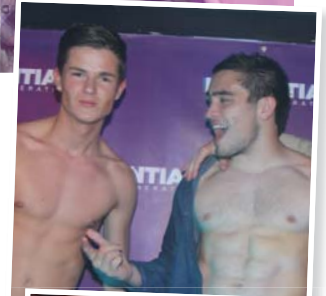
And if The X Factor is not your thing - **The Studio** is building up a good name with the more serious clubber with new resident DJ's David Dunne (Global Gathering, Hed Kandi) and Mark Tillotson (Hed Kandi) joining Essential All stars jocks Aphrodite and Alan Stevens.

Queer Bar is 7 years old this year and to celebrate they're having one hell of a party on Friday 10th December from 8pm. Expect free drinks & canapés, lots of muscle and a big BIG surprise.....

As its Christmas the management and staff at Essential and Queer will be launching their own special kind of Christmas Market in both venues. Father Christmas the odd elf and lots of fairies will be handing out Winter Cocktails, mince pies and all sorts of goodies!!

Finally, there will be a special **Boxing Day Bender** on 26th December with Manchester's biggest dance DJs in The Studio whilst in The Pop Lounge the 4th place X Factor star will be packing them in - be early to avoid the queues. As usual The Boxing Day afterparty will be our **Mornin Glory Xmas Special** at Queer Bar (Richmond St Entrance)

See you there!



MARDI GRAS

The Mardi Gras of the North dance and entertainment festival has been given the green light to continue as publicized at the Mardi Gras Holiday Village, Pontins, Southport 3rd - 6th December.

"The Mardi Gras sleepover dance festival has been highly promoted and tickets sales are good" said the administrators KPMG. "We are highly supportive of this event and wish it every success"

The massive festival featuring dance clubs SuperMartXe, Federation, Freakshow, Homo, Salvation, AXM and Back Door Disco is billed as a non stop party weekend. Entertainment includes a star studded Glee Tribute Show, ex X-Factor's Danyl Johnson and a high profile drag spectacular hosted by the Dame Edna Experience and for those who want to continue the party action during the day light hours, continual entertainment has been organized around the indoor heated pool and the AXM Bar.

The ticket hot line on **0844 815 3629** is open during office hours or book on line at

www.pridelife.co.uk/mardigras



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Room one will be hosted by Purrfect and Hectik going back to back on big

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Room two welcomes the new kings of after-hours clubbing in Leeds, Uber; along with Federation's never failing fierce and funky soundtrack. Back2Space hosts the Annexe with their blend of ElectroHeaven while Back2Funky takes us back to the OldSkool in the VIP room.

Last year was such an amazing event and we look forward to creating our over the top action packed stage shows from the One Love entertainers, plus our trademark line-up of top DJs offering the very best in music and entertainment.

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www.ticketweb.co.uk
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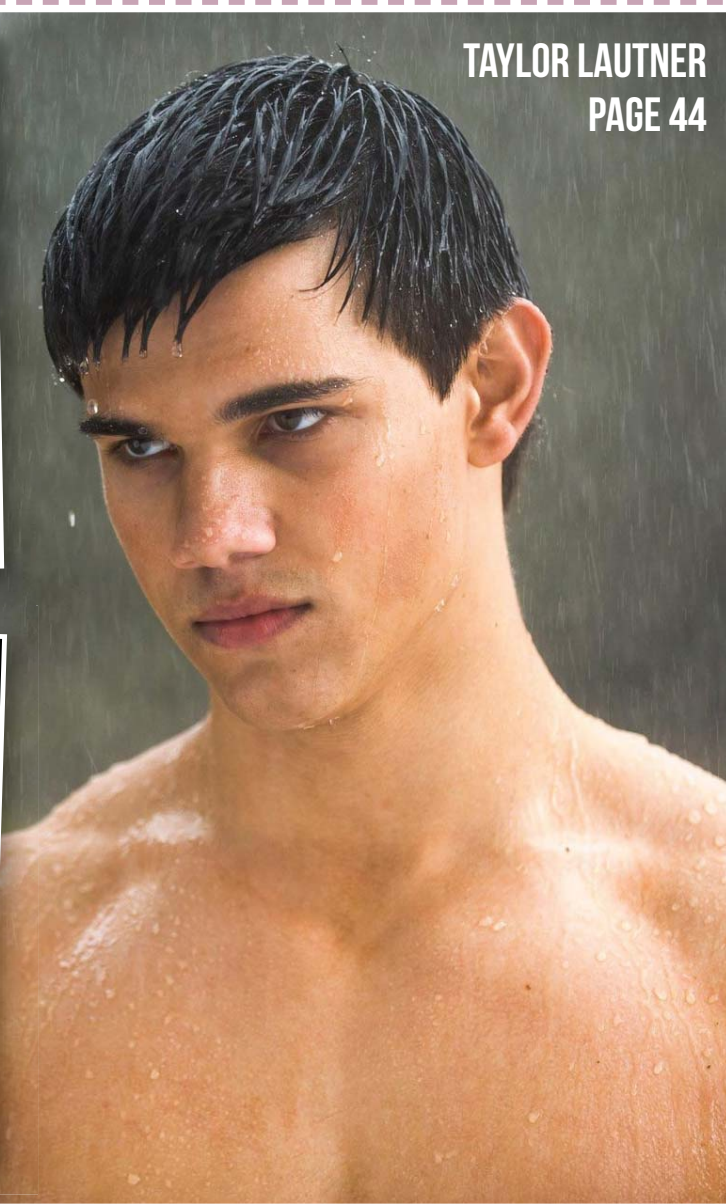
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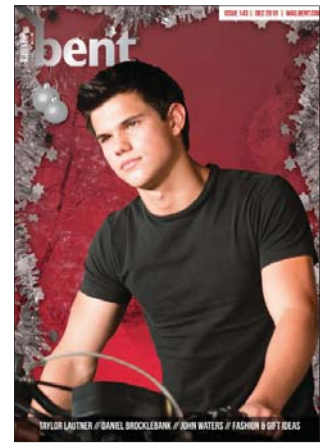
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EDITOR'S WORDS

We've had a great response to last month's issue of Bent where we featured bullying and the release of the Stonewall financed anti-bullying film – Fit. Stephen Hoo, one of the characters in the film and our cover star, sent an email thanking us for highlighting this insidious problem. Meanwhile, Deputy Leader Nick Clegg has waded in with a message to young bullies saying that their behaviour will not be tolerated, that teachers will be given the authority to crack down on bullying, and that schools will be able to deal with bullying even when it occurs away from their premises. His message for Anti-Bullying Week can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/deputyprimeminister.

Meanwhile, also in the House of Commons the Minister for Equality modelled the wonderful new shirts that LGBT History Month and Pride Sports have sponsored for the Sheffield Eagles anti-homophobia action during February. The team, who play in the Championship (one below the Super League), are the first club prepared to nail their colours to the slogan 'Tackle Homophobia'. Thanks to Sarah Williams, RFL Equality and Diversity Manager; rugby league clubs also

have comprehensive guidance on exactly how to tackle homophobia. Lou Englefield of Pride Sports, the LGBT sports development and equity organisation said: "The very fact that a professional sports team is prepared to walk onto a pitch and make a stand against homophobia is ground breaking. Team sports can be an arena where young people are most bullied at school.

Rugby star Gareth Thomas, who came out as gay last year, is adding his support to the campaign but we still need a supremely high profile sporting god to declare their support and not be afraid to wear the 'Tackle It' shirt. www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

Meanwhile, over in America the bullying seems to continue as the Armed Forces there waver over whether or not to lift the current 'Don't Ask – Don't Tell' policy that basically forces gay and lesbian personnel to live a life not of their choosing... and isn't that bullying on a large scale. You can fight and protect your country but don't you dare say you're gay.

Finally, a plea from a young gay prisoner who is currently residing at Her Majesty's Pleasure in Armlay prison.



In an open letter to Bent he pleads for help from members of the public to offer support to gay prisoners all over the country as he himself struggles to set up LGBT groups within the system. Read what he has to say on his desire for equality in prison on Page 58.

So, with the festive season upon us all I can do is wish each and every one of our readers yuletide felicitations and a sexy Saturnalia.

Hugs, Gordon

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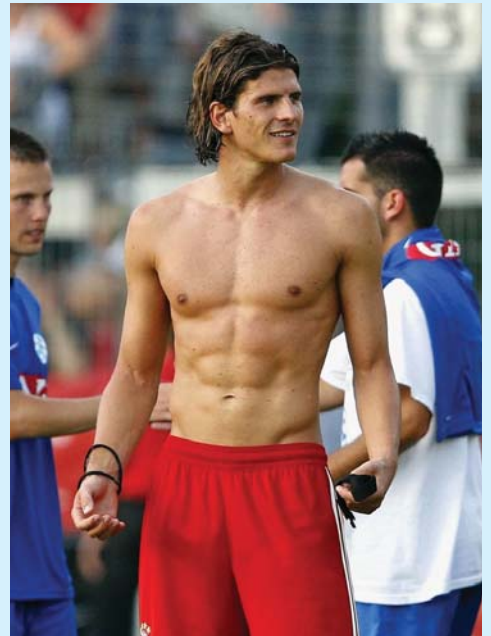
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GERMAN FOOTBALLER TELLS GAYS IN THE GAME TO COME OUT

German national footballer Mario Gomez has encouraged fellow players to come out of the closet if they are gay, something no active professional has yet done publicly. The website of weekly newspaper Die Zeit reported that the 25-year-old Bayern Munich striker addressed the taboo of homosexuality in men's sports, contradicting colleagues who have suggested such a move could ruin a player's career.

"They would then play as though they'd been unshackled," Gomez told magazine Bunte. "Being gay hasn't been a taboo topic for a while."

It's an open secret that there are homosexual footballers in Germany's Bundesliga, according to Die Zeit, but there are no openly gay players. Meanwhile, two of Gomez's national teammates have spoken against coming out and told the media of the enormous problems the first out player would face.



CHARLIE MCDERMOTT

Just wondering if anyone else has got into *The Middle* one of the newer comedies from the US on Sky

Set in middle America and featuring the Hecks, a family of under achievers and strange offspring, the show's eye candy is 20 year old Charlie McDermott, who plays teenage son Axl. The best thing about him is his love of spending as much time as possible wondering around in his boxers (apparently teenagers in the US do not wear briefs) still, his tight little body and rather endearing dumb quality makes it worth tuning in for... even if the design of his boxers leaves a lot to be desired.

The Middle – Sky 1 – 7.30pm



FINE ARTS AND ANTIQUES FAIR

The National Fine Art and Antiques Fair will start the New Year in style when it returns to the NEC. The impressive fair brings together around 85 dealers and transforms the venue into a stylish and dramatic showcase for the finest antiques, decorative period accessories, objects d'art and fine art. Visitors can enjoy beautiful furniture, paintings, silver, porcelain, jewellery and exquisite works of art from Britain's finest dealers in a luxurious and boutique setting. Items on sale are carefully vetted by teams of independent experts to

ensure authenticity and the best quality with prices ranging from under £500 to over £100,000.

The National Fine Art & Antiques Fair,
The NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT
Tickets: £12, £10 in advance

Call 0121 767 2947
or visit www.thenationalfair.co.uk



NOT SO UGLY BETTY

So, as the series on E4 comes to an end, loads of loose ends get tied up but none more important than sorting out young Justin's happiness. Betty's nephew has been confused from the beginning of the show (although we all knew) and it is terrific to see him hitting it off with his stage partner Austin. In the final few shows Justin and Austin kiss, dance... and (get the tissues out for a real sob) like each other. Oh yes, and Betty's teeth are released from their prison and she's turned into a very desirable swan. All together now.... Aaaaah!

STRAIGHT YOUNG MEN KISS HOMOPHOBIA GOODBYE

Researchers at the University of Bath have found that heterosexual male students are more comfortable kissing their friends than ever before. Their research shows that university students now see nothing wrong with showing friendship to another man through a kiss on the lips. Dr Eric Anderson, from the University's Department of Education, found that 89 per cent of white undergraduate men at two UK universities and one sixth-form college, said they were happy to kiss another man on the lips through friendship. Men of other ethnicities were not studied. Dr Anderson said: "Heterosexual men kissing each

other in friendship is an offshoot of what happens when homophobia is reduced. At these universities, overt homophobia has reduced to near extinction, permitting those men to engage in behaviour that was once taboo. "Men are kissing each other in university clubs and pubs, in front of their peers, and for many it serves as an occasional, exuberant greeting or banter when partying. The kiss is a sign of affection in student social spaces, a sign of victory on the pitch, or celebration at a nightclub but it does not have a sexual connotation in any of these spaces. "It seems generally younger people are becoming more and more open minded with each generation."



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MARTI PELLOW - ON THE DARK SIDE

Marti Pellow, the hugely successful singer, songwriter and front man of Wet Wet Wet, makes a hotly-anticipated return to the UK stage in a major new tour of the hit Broadway musical, *Jekyll and Hyde*. The production will embark on a spectacular national tour in January.

As well as a critically-acclaimed pop career, Marti has gone on to star in the West End, on Broadway and on National Tour in the smash-hit stage musicals

LESLIE JORDAN

Pint-sized Jordan, hailed by the American critics as "an hysterical spitfire" and "comic gold", made his name and won a coveted TV Oscar - an Emmy - as Beverly Leslie, the nemesis of infamous bitch Karen Walker, on 'Will & Grace'. Viewers in their hundreds of millions around the globe lapped it up as Leslie and Megan Mullally traded barbs and insults as the worst of enemies. London audiences need to be aware that he plans to take the West End by storm in 2011 with the transfer from New York of his acclaimed one-man show, *My Trip Down The Pink Carpet*. Jordan, a small man but a giant, notorious scene stealer on screen, will bring the show, which wowed New York audiences during a four-month run earlier this year at the Midtown Theater it is part autobiography, and part Hollywood tell-all, produced by Hollywood funny lady Lily Tomlin. An outrageous tell-all that weaves together a hilarious collection of true life stories (which were also the basis for his popular memoir, 'My Trip Down

Chicago and *The Witches of Eastwick*. He also co-starred with Josh Groban in the TV and film special *Chess in Concert*.

Glamorous, sexy and deliciously wicked in equal measures, *Jekyll and Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic gothic novella. Pellow stars as the brilliant but obsessive scientist whose sadistic alter ego wreaks havoc across Victorian London in a dark tale of love, redemption and the seductive power of evil.

Check your local theatre details for dates.

The *Pink Carpet*, recently published by Simon & Schuster, it is filled with comically overwrought childhood agonies, offbeat observations, and revealing celebrity encounters. From Boy George to George Clooney, *My Trip Down The Pink Carpet* delivers a laugh-out-loud take on Hollywood, fame, addiction, gay culture, and learning to love oneself.

www.mytripdownthepinkcarpet.com
www.thelesliejordan.com



SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN POOFS

The team behind 2009's smash hit *Sinderfella* bring an all new pop-powered drag panto suitable for adults only to Leicester Square. This bigger, bolder, ruder fairytale starring Bette Rinse and the inimitable evil Queen and 2008 *Drag Idol* winner Tanya Hyde is packed with audience participation and feel good party anthems.

WARNING: Please note this is an ADULTS ONLY pantomime and definitely not suitable for children, the faint-hearted and persons of a prudish nature.

The Basement, Leicester Square Theatre
1st December to 9th January

6 Leicester Place, London,
WC2H 7BX
Tel: 0844 847 2475

www.leicestersquaretheatre.com



WHAT'S ON MANCHESTER



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR @ CRUZ 101

Manchester's favourite gay nightclub presents this year's festive celebrations in its usual traditional style with a twist of tinsel and a sparkling of glitter, a winter-wonderland transformation and a celebration of parties for all to enjoy!

STARTING ON

- 20th December** - Christmas Inferno and Search for a Christmas Star Final
- 22nd December** - Members Christmas Party
- 23rd December** - Back to Back festive fun & frolics
- 24th December** - Christmas Eve party
- Christmas Day Closed**
- 26th December** - Boxing Day Experts in pop
- 27th December** - Disco Inferno Take That Special
- 29th December** - Pink Wednesday
- 30th December** - Back 2 Back

New Years Eve - Join Miss Cara & the Cruz team as we prepare to ring out the old and ring in the new year of 2011.

Get here early to make sure you get your spot on what will be a packed-out dance floor as people jockey to get the best views to welcome in 2011. If you took advantage of the Early Bird ticket offers you're guaranteed to have a great value night out as the Cruz team have a selection of drink offers to stretch your pink pound like you've never felt before! Almighty Donald and Rob James fight it out on the decks to see who's the supremo Expert-In-Pop for 2011 playing the best tracks of 2010, classics and chart topping pop and dance music.

For full festive details check out the website at www.cruz101.com



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Join the Revolution as Federation Manchester brings you the biggest gay New Year's Eve Event in the North.

DJs Gregg Holden, Jason Guy & Nik Denton deliver Federation's trademark funky, chunky & tuff house to keep you dancing all night long. Our brand new Union of communist style entertainers & dancers spread the love from the motherland - to a backdrop of amazing production, stunning lasers and a sound system to rock your rib cage.

Tickets on sale from ticketweb.co.uk or from Clone Zone, Spirit, Taurus, Manto, Velvet, Taurus, Village Off Licence, Spar (Oxford Rd/Hulme St junction), Spar (Piccadilly) in Manchester, or from Bar Fibre, Lower Briggate, Leeds are £15 + BF (more on the door).

Federation 'From Russia with Love'
Friday 31st December 2010... thro to 2011
10.30PM - 5AM @ The Ritz, Whitworth Street, Manchester

for more info go to www.clubfederation.com or join the official Facebook Group



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Monday 20th December

Search For A Christmas Star Final

Christmas Inferno with Dino playing all those Christmas classics you love to hate plus the final of the Village's Search for a Christmas Star!

DJ Dino • 70's, 80's & 90's pop & disco with a Christmas twist!

Wednesday 22nd December

Member's Christmas Party

Free entry for all our members for our festive fling.

Rob James • Pop, dance & r'n'b festive party anthems

Thursday 23rd December

Back2Back

Thursday night popfest from Cruz & Poptastic's djs playing a mix up of kitsch and pop.

Floor 1 • Poptastic • John Hamilton • Pop, disco, dance & r'n'b

Sub 101 hosts a night of progressive dance tracks.

Floor 2 • Rob James • Funky & electro house

Friday 24th December

Big Gay Christmas Eve Party

Miss Cara & the team of elves chart Santa's progress on the big screens as he sets out on his marathon journey around the globe!

www.djspook.com • Pop, disco, dance & r'n'b Xmas tracks

Saturday 25th December • CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 26th December

Boxing Day Bash

Time to escape from the family get-together & celebrate your Christmas with friends as Spook plays a mash up of edgy pop and funky house.

Floor 1 • www.djspook.com • Pop, disco, dance, r'n'b

Merry

Join Cruz 101 for the festive season

Monday 27th December

Now that's what I call Disco Inferno

This week's featured artist is 'Take That' & Dino will be playing all their greatest tracks. Listen out and win some excellent 'Take That' goodies.

DJ Dino • 70's, 80's & 90's pop & disco classics with a festive twist!

Wednesday 29th December

Pink Wednesday

Try the Pink Wii Challenge to win a free shot at the bar or challenge the DJ to find your request.

Rob James • Pop, disco, dance & r'n'b party anthems

Thursday 30th December

Back2Back

Probe John Hamilton's Box where the prizes range from a toilet roll to a huge cash prize!
Thursday night event with kitsch pop tracks all night.

Floor 1 • Poptastic • John Hamilton • Pop, disco, dance & r'n'b

Sub 101 presents a room for serious clubbers with progressive dance tracks.

Floor 2 • Rob James • Funky & electro house

Friday 31st December
10pm - 6am

New Years Eve Party

Miss Cara & the Cruz team invite you to come & welcome in the new year at Cruz 101. Get here early & don't miss out on the best party night of the year with a spectacular show at midnight!

Early Bird tickets £5 available from Cruz reception now until 5th December

Advance Tickets £9 on sale from 5th until 24th December • www.quaytickets.com

The Cruz Experts In Pop Almighty Donald & Rob James play the best selection of pop, disco, dance & r'n'b party anthems to keep you going til the early hours!

Saturday 1st January 2011

Back2Back • The Village Recovery Party

John Hamilton & the Poptastic crew help Cruz to administer some TLC as we bring in the new year. 2 floors & 2 moods with plenty of shenanigans from Mr Poptastic himself.

Floor 1 • Poptastic • John Hamilton • Pop, disco, dance & r'n'b

Floor 2 • Rob James • Funky & electro house

Christmas

BEYONCE'S TOP TO BOTTOM XXXMAS SEX QUIZ

Think you're good in bed? Take our sex quiz and find out.



1. WHEN DID YOU LAST HAVE SEX?

- A Within the last six months
- B Within the last two months
- C Within the last week
- D Within the last 24 hours
- E I can't remember

2. WHEN ADDING UP THE NUMBER OF SEXUAL PARTNERS YOU'VE HAD IN THE LAST YEAR, YOUR NUMBER WOULD BE WHICH FILM:

- A Me, Myself & I
- B Romeo & Juliet
- C You, Me & Dupree
- D 300
- E Sister Act

3. THE PERINEUM IS:

- A A type of nut.
- B Between your nuts. Maybe?
- C The male G-spot.
- D Something I can hit from six miles away, baby.
- E The edge around a circle.

4. YOUR LAST LOVER WOULD BE MOSTLY LIKELY TO SAY:

- A I've got a headache.
- B Can we try something else?
- C Mmm.
- D That was the best sex ever.
- E I'm not sure because the English language didn't exist back then.

5. YOUR FAVOURITE POSITION IS:

- A Missionary.
- B Doggy.
- C Standing up.
- D Wheelbarrow.
- E Sobbing over your chastity.

6. YOUR FILTHIEST FETISH IS:

- A Anal.
- B A threesome.
- C Feet or socks.
- D There's literally nothing I will not do.
- E Touching the covers of porn rags and pretending you have the guts to buy one.

7. THE LONGEST YOU LASTED WAS:

- A Ten minutes.
- B Twenty minutes. Maybe half an hour.
- C An hour.
- D I haven't stopped since last Thursday. Could you pass the Savlon, my cock's starting to chafe?
- E As long as it took Father McDougall to touch me.

8. WHEN DID YOU LOSE YOUR VIRGINITY?

- A 21
- B 18
- C 16
- D 12
- E I keep a rosary around my cock. I shall remain pure.

9. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE A SLUT?

- A Well I slept with someone once on a first date. Maybe I am?
- B Not really.
- C Not enough.
- D Darling, Belle de Jour could learn a few things from me!
- E That's what the priest said when he beat the Devil out of my rear with his rubber wand of purity.

10. YOUR PREFERRED AGE RANGE IS?

- A I don't know. Anyone that will have me.
- B People my own age. I feel weird otherwise.
- C Five years either way, but otherwise around my age.
- D I'll do anything to anything!
- E. Sixty years older than me.

Mostly As: You need to get laid. Now.

Mostly Bs: Brush up your chat-up lines, get on Gaydar, and get some practice in.

Mostly Cs: I guess you're pretty average.

Mostly Ds: Check out your bad self! Just make sure you get tested, huh?

Mostly Es: Join the Catholic Church. You'll get more sex that way.

GIFTS

WIFI BATHROOM SCALES

(Made in Design, from £106)

If you are with the modern man who likes everything to look perfect, including himself, then these rather funky looking Wifi weighing scales are the perfect gift. We aren't quite sure how exactly they work but they look lovely and are all the rage apparently.



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KINDLE

(Amazon, from £109)

If you like books but can't be bothered to take them here and there everywhere then the Kindle is the must have e-reader. We have seen the biggest book lovers converted from books to this machine and it's a nifty thing for if you and yours like to go travelling lots, though in that case you might want one each.



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www.very.co.uk



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- Don't leave shopping to the last moment
- Don't buy your man his 'favourite' fragrance if he's already got a cupboard full of the stuff... it probably isn't his favourite anymore... and hasn't been for some time
- Don't relay on Ebay – not everything is the real thing and your chum will know when you're being cheap.
- Needless to say, don't shop at the petrol station or give gift certificates it smacks of hettiedom.
- And most of all... don't tell your partner that you haven't bought him anything because it will be cheaper in the New Year sales. Everyone needs something to unwrap on a Christmas Morning... and that does not just mean him getting into your underwear.

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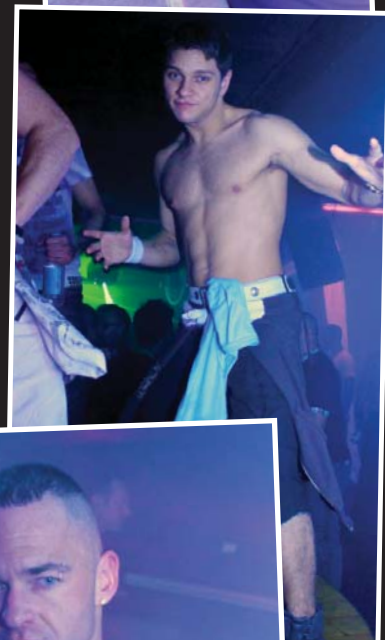
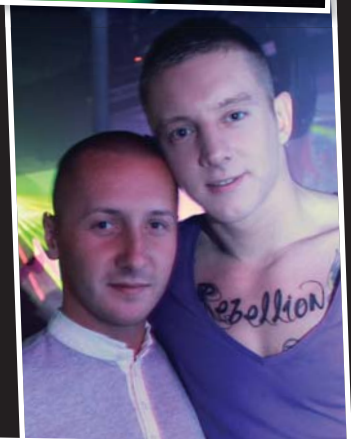
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It's that time of year when the Firm's Christmas Party can end your career or cause problems between you and your workmates. Here's the Top 10 countdown of the dos and don'ts of this festive minefield.

- 10 Leave your partner at home. Your other half will be out of place and bored by office gossip... and it leaves you free to be indiscrete should the opportunity arise
- 9 Here's a tip if you don't want to get pissed too quickly - starchy food such as bread or cereal delay the absorption of alcohol... start drinking immediately after breakfast.
- 8 Don't get so legless you pass out ruining the night for your colleagues... they might just throw you in the dumpster.
- 7 Don't make a blatantly obvious that you want to a snog from a workmate you've fancied all year.
- 6 Don't tell the boss how awful, mean, boring and a complete fuck-wit he is.
- 5 Don't start an argument with the person you've had a personal war with all year... remember it's your war so don't expect support from your colleagues
- 4 Don't be tempted to linger under the mistletoe... you never know if that 'twat' you can't stand might just be waiting for their opportunity to snog you.
- 3 Curb that gay instinct to insist that everyone has to do show tunes on the karaoke.

2 Don't rely on the fact you'll be spending the night with someone else... you might do... but it might not be the one your hoped for (see 4)

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- 1 And at Number One, Numero Uno
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Released in 2011 DC Comic's latest character to be committed to the screen is Green Lantern, played by Canadian Ryan Reynolds. The poor man not only had to work out to look good to slip into his superhero suit, he then gets landed with America's People Magazine's top award as the '2010 Sexiest Man Alive' and fears he now has to keep up the strict exercise regime. Formally won by the likes of Johnny Depp, Matt Damon and George Clooney, Ryan says; "I think some people have this idea that I look like that and work out like that 365 days a year. It's six months to get yourself there and then it goes away in about 45 minutes."

Image: Warner Bros



BURLESQUE



A film and a soundtrack album featuring two of our favourite women – the young and ballsy Ms Aguilera and the even ballsier, worldly-wise Cher is out... camp and frothy 'Burlesque' (read the review in the film section) should prove a winner on both fronts. The album has new recordings by both artists; Christina co-writing and performing many of the songs, while new material from Cher, a powerful Diane Warren-penned ballad called 'You Haven't Seen The Last Of Me', makes it the first new original song from her in 7 years.

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TOP TRACKS OF THE MONTH

TRACK REVIEW
By Jason Guy

TRACK OF THE MONTH
SANDY RIVERA & RAE – HIDE U (DEFECTED)



It was a decade ago when Kosheen first exploded onto the scene with the seminal hit 'Hide U'. 10 years later and the track is sure to be massive all over again. This time around it's vocalist (and producer and DJ in her own right) Rae who delivers the famous vocals, which sit perfectly with Sandy Rivera's deep, atmospheric production. The remix package is exceptionally strong and includes a driving, progressive re-work from Norman Doray's and a string-lead version from Quentin Harris. Top mix for me though is the Rivera and C. Castel offering, that brings the striking synth stabs to the front of the mix in a bouncy, tech-house stormer.



MATINEE IDOL - I LIKE A GOOD TIME (MATINEE IDOL RECORDS)

From the first time I played this at Freakshow, I knew this track was going to be huge! Hailing from Glasgow, new artists on the block Matinee Idol (no connection to the Spanish clubbing brand) bring us a fun quirky electro house anthem. The vocals talk about the perfect night out and make reference to illegal substances, DJs, dancefloors and lap dances. My tip, head for the dub that removes any of the hetro-lap-dancing-language and instead uses just a few snippets to huge effect... "I take a few lines and I'll go to hell for it!"



DE'LACY & MARCO GEE - LET IT RAIN (CHAMPION RECORDS)

When two house music heavyweights join forces, the results can often be a little on the tame side, but this is an exception. Marco Gee (of the original Bodyswerve fame) and De'Lacy (known for the huge classic Hideaway) make the perfect pairing. One of the finest vocalists around, De'Lacy's voice is in great form here as she sings her heart out. There's a great selection of mixes and I've found it hard to choose between Steve Smart and Danny Dove's darker, tech-tinged version or the late night 4am mix from new underground act Ugo Platana.



DREAMCATCHER - I DON'T WANNA LOSE MY WAY 2011 (AMERICAN GIRL RECORDINGS)

After a massive string of club hits in 2010, Dreamcatcher return with their massive international classic anthem "I Don't Wanna Lose My Way", originally released on the legendary Positiva label in 2001 where it reached #14 in the charts. 10 years later, Dreamcatcher aka Paul Castle, Simon Langford and Jess Day (also known to some as Soulseekerz) have brought this classic up to date with a charging, bass driven mix, along with brand new verses from vocalist Jesso. One of my biggest Freakshow anthems of the year!

WE ANSWER TO NICK AND STEVE

By Jason Guy

Nick Tcherniak & Steve Thomas are two of the most in demand DJs on the UK's gay scene. Individually, their residencies have set dance floors alight from Cream and Vague, and SuperMartxe and DTPM. As a partnership, their creative talent has received growing support from some of the world's top players.

Most famously, both artists have a strong association with legendary London gay club night, Trade, and it's fitting that the first live PA of their latest track, 'The Answer' took place at Trade's 20th Birthday event, earlier this year. "It was packed with clubbers," said Nick. "In every room. An electric atmosphere and a true journey though sounds. In short - it was 'Rockin'!" "Bloody marvellous," adds Steve, "everyone had such a good time!"

They first met in Ibiza 10 years ago, when they were sharing an apartment while DJing at Manumission. Steve explains, "we have always liked the same sounds so it was an obvious move to work together." It was a few years later before they decided to collaborate though.

Nick's sets are famed for their cutting edge tech house and progressive beats, laden with a tribal influence. "My sound is slightly tougher than Nicks'", says Steve, "we get a nice journey in our sets."

The Answer EP was out at the beginning of November and is the pairing's first track signing to Jason Phats' GEEK label and features a quality driving, progressive groove, with dark stabs. The sinister spoken vocal 'The Answer', balances the ethereal vocals perfectly delivered

by Lizzie France. 'Take The Pill' delivers a bouncier, percussive groove, but keeps the edginess with a dark, distorted vocal demanding 'Take The Pill'.

Few would dispute that Jason Phats can spot a quality tune when he hears it, and the chunky progressive groove of 'The Answer EP' represents the type of flawlessly produced, dark, dancefloor sound that GEEK is developing a fast-growing reputation for delivering. Jason commented "Steve Thomas and Nick Tcherniak know exactly what it takes to move a dancefloor. We're proud to have them on board and I can't wait to hear what comes next."

What future gigs can you catch these two at? "I've just played SuperMartxe's 2nd Anniversary at Debut, London Bridge," says Nick. "Upcoming gigs include Jungle at Club Mad Lausanne, Switzerland for New Year's Eve and the Jason Phats Digital launch party including Fat Boy Slim, Steve and myself... can't wait for that!"

Steve nods, "I was in Spain with Wally Lopez for a while and also at SuperMartxe's Birthday was awesome. Off to Sydney for NYE and Asia for New Year - yeeeah! We're also working on new stuff with Lizzie - she is great. We have some exciting tracks ready for the New Year already but I am desperate to do more."

Nick Tcherniak and Steve Thomas 'The Answer EP' on Geek Records is available to download now.



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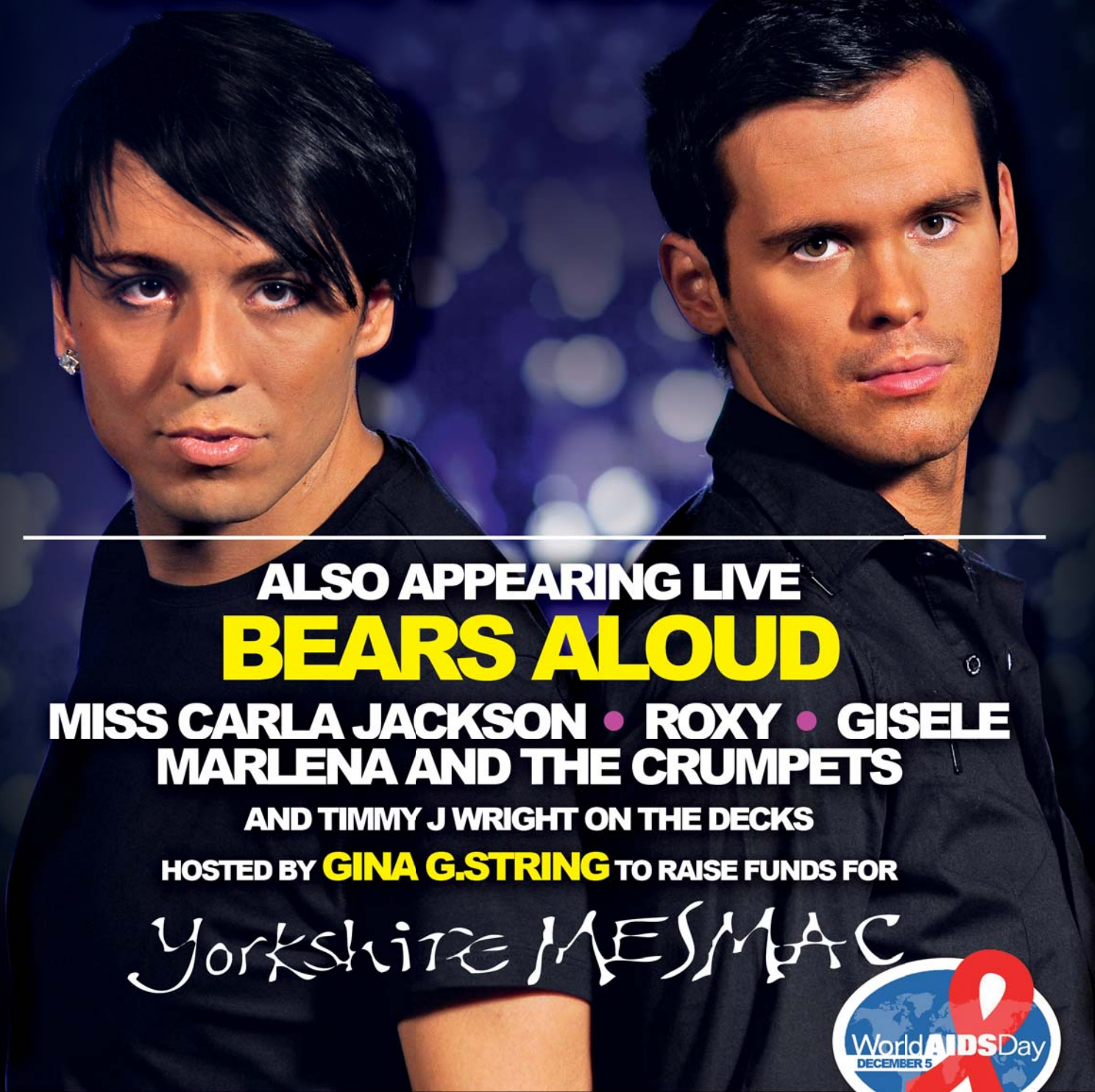
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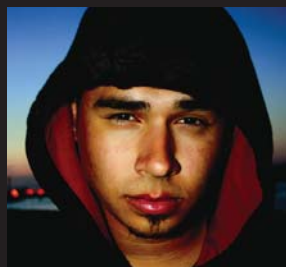
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Afrojack is the Dutch music star that's taking over the world's dancefloors. His single, 'Take Over Control' is currently one of the hottest club anthems on the planet, not least in the UK where it's playlisted at Radio 1 and championed by Annie Mac, Pete Tong and Mistajam, plus Kiss, Galaxy and 1xtra's specialists. He's also produced for the likes of Estelle, David Guetta, Madonna and the upcoming Black Eyed Peas single. This is definitely one to catch.



SIOW

WE WERE

// OUT: 6TH DECEMBER

Hot new R&B artist Siow has been on a whirlwind journey which led him to the completion of his first studio single, 'We Were', and his album, 'Another Day'. As well as working with John Altman, Siow's brand new album also features a contemporary cover of the Billy Joel classic 'Honesty'. The Australian born artist is ready to burst onto the British R&B scene with his unique blend of beats with real, raw instrumentals. With 'We Were' already a number one hit in Australia, it's only a matter of time before he does the same here.



SEAL

WEIGHT OF MY MISTAKES

// OUT: 13TH DECEMBER

This 18 year old from Walthamstow has created a synth-ed-up electro pop gem with the trademark Spark vocals. She is a savvy yet youthfully naive musician, whose influences include everything from the Spice Girls to Shaggy, with as much appeal to radio listeners as East London club kids.



SWEET GORILLA

FEELS LIKE I'M STILL IN LOVE

// DECEMBER RELEASE

Inaya Day has appeared on tracks with Whacko Jacko, Al Green, P. Diddy and Queen Latifah amongst others. She was introduced to house in 1996 and teamed up with German producers Boris Dlugosch and Mousse T who produced her hit number two single 'Keep Pushin'. She then sang the vocals on the now-famous hit 'Horny' (later mashed up with the Dandy Warhols as 'Horny as a Dandy') which hit number one. Now she's back, she's black, she's big, and we love her.



THE NIALLIST

I CAME

// OUT: 13TH DECEMBER

Glaswegian funkster the Niallist recruits the vocal stylings of Miss Mac D for this boisterous, naughty Miami bass pop classic-to-be. With remix credits like Franz Ferdinand, La Roux and Lady Gaga under his belt, he already has the perfect credentials for mashing up our gay club dancefloors. Dubstep legend DFRNT and Italo-disco master Brassica offer exciting remixes for those of you who like to twist it up.

WHAT'S ON LEEDS



DIVA FEVER LIVE

Yes, the surprising hit of this year's X-Factor, the wonderfully camp and entertaining Diva Fever will be coming to the Viaduct Showbar, Leeds on the 5th December for a special live pa. In a World Aids Day spectacular to raise funds for Yorkshire Mesmac the duo complete a full night of entertainment hosted by the amazing and sophisticated drag experience... Gina G-String. Because of the stunning line up which features the incredible Bears Aloud, the superb Miss Carla Jackson, Roxy, Gisele Batrice, Marlana and the Crumpets and taking control of the decks Timmy J Wright the show starts earlier at 7pm.



We all loved Diva Fever as they took to the X-Factor stage and performed so much better than most of their competition. We all screamed abuse at the TV screen when they got voted off but they left having gained an army of fans and we all had an inkling that we'd be seeing them again real soon. The Divas are very grateful for all the support they received and as well as singing live will also be spending some time meeting and greeting their new found fans, signing autographs and chatting to the crowd.

Viaduct Showbar – Lower Briggate – Leeds join our facebook the viaductsahowbar

GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT!

Leeds' biggest gay clubbing experiences, Homo and Back Door Disco at Mission 2, have now joined forces with Basement Complex sauna to bring an exciting new offer to the city's queer clubbers. Every Monday and Saturday, Basement Complex will be hosting the official after party for each event so the fun won't stop until dawn.

holding the event on the 1st January, New Year's Day. Mission 2 will be turned into an ice palace, complete with snow machines. As usual, Mission 2 will be offering the same rock bottom prices, with all drinks at just £2.50 and a £5 door tax. Plus clubbers can expect the best DJing talent from both nights spinning the decks right until the early hours of the morning. For more info go to www.clubmission.com

Clubbers who attend Homo on a Monday and show their stamped hand at Basement can get entry for just £5, plus free membership if they haven't already got it. Go with a Back Door Disco stamp on a Saturday and you pay just £10 to get in, plus free membership.



"When the music stops at Mission 2, don't think the night is over. Head straight to Basement Complex to continue the party," says one of the promoters.

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I've just recovered from Drag Idol 2010 & I just want to congratulate this year's winner Cherry Pops & thank everyone involved in this year's event for a top job & also everyone who came to support us and for raising over £8000 on the night for Yorkshire Mesmac. Meanwhile, to celebrate drag everywhere, I'm giving you a rundown of my personal top ten Gender Benders in this SHOWBIZ world I live in.

10. DAME EDNA EVERAGE

My first introduction into the world of Drag & cross dressing, even though I was convinced She was a real woman & never quite believed my Dad when he said otherwise Read her New Book: Handling Edna by Barry Humphries

9. DJ ZOE

My first big influence when I started at Funny Girls way back when I was a teen & the moment I realised what I wanted to become. I was in awe of this woman she was & still is the true star of Funny Girls in Blackpool

8. RUPAUL

Ru was my biggest image influence as she always looked flawless & not a bit of tack in sight & her music is shit hot too, check it out on iTunes now

7. KANDI KANE BAXTER & SANDRA

Joint 7th because it's a top ten & not 11 so I'm cheating here but the yank whirlwind Kandi Kane is both original and hilarious & Sandra the whore of Hampstead who says what the hell she wants & to hell with the consequences, remind you of anyone?

6. CHER TRAVESTY JASON WOOD

The late Jason Wood was a dear friend of mine and always praised me and encouraged me to 'Fuck 'e m all' and let my talent shine & her act was hilarious with an amazing singing voice too. I don't like live singing from drag queens unless they sound like a woman or the person they are impersonating and Jason did just that to perfection

5. AMANDA LEPORE

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4. THE DAME EDNA EXPERIENCE

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Don't forget you can catch me at The Viaduct Show bar in Leeds every Friday & Saturday evening from 8pm with our Brand New Christmas Show that runs until January along with The Viaduct Drag Divas & our Sexy Boy's & I'm at Queens Court across the road every Monday & Thursday evenings spinning my tunes, so see you kids soon. "Can I get a Courvoisier straight up and a Tranny Chaser"

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ALBUMS

by Adam Lowe

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DEADMAU5

4X4=12

// OUT: 6TH DECEMBER

deadmau5 returns with a new killer album, '4x4=12'. Featuring vocal guest appearances by Sofi on the lead singer 'Sofi Needs a Ladder'. Other highlights include 'One Trick Pony' and the Michael Woods remix of 'I Said', a deadmau5 collaboration with UK DJ/producer Chris Lake.

SARAH MCGUINNESS

BELIEVE: THE EDDIE IZZARD STORY

// OUT NOW



The soundtrack, like the film, spans half a century of musical genres, including 60s radio jingles, glam-rock, disco, 80s synth-pop and electronica. The film's theme tune, 'Mama Can You See Me Now', is cleverly tweaked and remodelled throughout the film to reflect these different genres. Perhaps the most notable of these is the glam-rock style 70s version, which begins and ends the movie as Eddie walks on stage for the final show. This is one the gays will love.

BRONTOSAURUS CHORUS

OWLS

// OUT: 13TH DECEMBER



Following their online onslaught last year, Brontosaurus Chorus are releasing their debut album Owls. Their mixture of embittered lyrical musing and sugar-coated pop folk has become synonymous with this multi-layered London octet. This album charts and celebrates the enchanting and haunting phenomenon of life and death in all its guises. With their undeniable charm and effortless ease they have concocted something quite brilliant, with no aftertaste of guilt or rot. This is a zesty and bubbly musical sweet that you can't stop sucking.



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// OUT: 1ST DECEMBER

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(Evening)

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Cage

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(Evening)

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(Evening)

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Brad Leigh Scott



Chelsea Stevens



Thursday 30th December

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Darren Thomas



Starr

Sunday 2nd January

(Afternoon)

Stella Artois 2:30pm until 7pm
Hustler (Male Stripper)

(Evening)

Donna Reid (Vocalist) - 8pm
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Hustler



Donna Reid



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(Afternoon)

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Diane Lee Carol



Joanna Shorrock

Happy New Year

TEN FROM 2010

By Alex Wiggan

Has the past 12 months been a blur? Can't quite remember your last snog, let alone who the Prime Minister is these days? Well then check out this handy guide to ten important events from 2010!

OUT AND ABOUT...



Still not out yet? Well don't worry, there's plenty of time for when you're ready, but in 2010 it was the right time for a few celebs to stand up and declare they were gay! X-Factor winner Joe McElderry, Hollyoaks actor Kieron Richardson and ol' snake hips himself, Ricky Martin all decided that 2010 was their year to come out of the closet and we salute them for it. Hurrah!

GOODBYE



In February it was a sad time for the world of fashion as we said goodbye to iconic designer Alexander McQueen who died at the age of 40. With his striking style and fabulous collections, British born McQueen will be forever missed.

PAPA DOESN'T PREACH



One of the year's biggest US shows to hit the UK in 2010 was the all-singing, occasionally-dancing, TV treat that was Glee. Throughout the first season there were many standout moments but the absolute highlight was the caring relationship between gay high school student Kurt and his father. Brilliantly played by Chris Colfer and Mike O'Malley the show demonstrated how a guy's sexuality didn't have to come between a father and son.

SECRET LOVE



Another bit of TV that kept us glued to screens in 2010 was the ongoing saga between Christian and Syed on Eastenders. With more twists and turns than a ride at Alton Towers, the drama kept us going for weeks as we waited to see what would happen when everyone found out that they'd been doing it!

BRINGING SEXY BACK



Like an ex that just wouldn't get the hint, in 2010 it was once again time deal with the return of the snooze-fest that was the World Cup. Thankfully most of us were far too preoccupied to think about ball control as the Sex and City girls returned to cinema screens for their glamorous movie sequel! Not only did it allow us the chance to imagine we could be just like Samantha, but it also saved us from having to explain the offside rule.

CHUCKLE VISION



In May it was Eurovision time again and singing for our nation's dignity at the 55th annual event was 19 year-old Josh Dubovie, with the Pete Waterman produced entry That Sounds Good To Me. Unfortunately, it didn't sound good to any other countries in Europe and poor Josh came last. Oh dear, we still love you

PARK LIFE



With the rain threatening to ruin the summer and many boys up and down the country clutching a half incinerated sausage from the family barbecue, it was down to the annual Pride events to cheer up the chaps. Many events took place up and down the country, but it had to be pop princess Kelis' performance on the main stage in Manchester that took the crown for being the most memorable. With far too many boys wanting to get a glimpse of Kelis' milkshake, safety officers quickly closed off entry to the stage area to stop things getting a little bit cramped. Undeterred, numerous guys and gals climbed up to the roof of the nearby NCP car park so that they didn't miss out.

JUST VISITING

In September Pope Benedict XVI visited the UK and although some people were happy to see him, things didn't go down too well with the gays. Before his arrival the pope condemned gay equality in the UK and so during the pope's stay 10,000 people marched around London to protest the state funding of his visit. It's a shame really as he seemed such a jolly fellow when he appeared briefly in musical comedy Sister Act (1992).

YOU GIVE ME FEVER

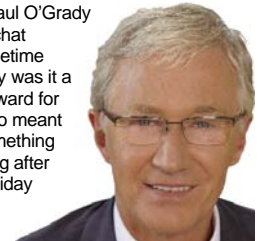


August saw the arrival of the seventh series of The X Factor and as the television behemoth returned to screens, it did so with the usual mix of hilarious hopefuls and unbelievable acts. Eventually the finalists were whittled down to a mammoth sixteen and amongst the likes of Wagner, Tesco Mary and jail-bait boy band One Direction came the dynamic duo, Diva Fever! Craig Siggers and Josef Al-Smadi may have been booted off after just a couple of weeks, but for a short spell they brought some much needed sparkle to Saturday nights!

WE'RE HERE AND WE'RE

QUEER

2010 also proved to be the year that the gays took over TV with both Graham Norton and Paul O'Grady moving their chat shows to primetime slots! Not only was it a great step forward for us gays, it also meant there was something worth watching after Corrie on a Friday night.



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THE PLACE IS A BUZZ

Blackpool's gay scene is expanding. The LGBT community is in for a right treat with the opening of BUZZ. Situated right next door to Funny Girls, in what was formerly known as Bar B/FG2. There is a grand opening Thursday 16th December with guest cabaret and resident DJ Craig.

Buzz has a large bar, dance floor and 2 lounge areas, one housing a pool table and one a quiet lounge where you can sit in comfort and catch up on the gossip with your friends. Entry to the club will be only £1 except on special occasions. Bar prices are extremely competitive with drink promotions on a Tuesday and Thursday.

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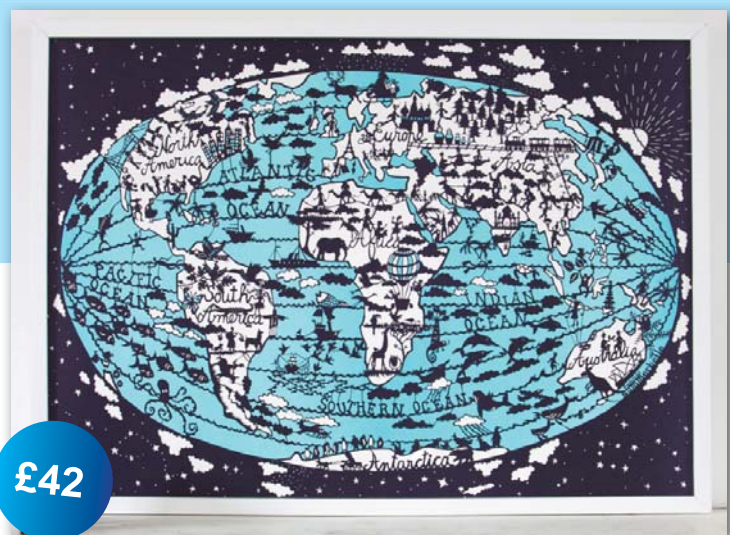


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Knowledge about HIV, and the role that condoms play in preventing transmission, is vital. To ensure men are able to look after themselves and their partners, and gay men who are new to the scene are aware of HIV, we need to continue to provide accessible and up-to-date information.

However, knowledge itself is not enough. We must also address the reasons that men continue to become infected, and break down the barriers to effective and consistent condom use.

Starting this World AIDS Day, GMFA's 'Count Me In' campaign is encouraging everyone who can impact on the epidemic – from media to venue owners, opinion makers to individual gay men across the UK – to play their part in stopping the spread of the virus. As part of the campaign, we're asking gay men to commit to this five-point action plan:

I will know my HIV status

I will not assume I know someone else's HIV status

I will take personal responsibility for using condoms

I will value myself and my health

I will stay informed about HIV and how it's spread

If every gay man commits to these, we can significantly reduce the spread of HIV. It won't always be easy. It can be tough to value yourself when so much of society doesn't value you. It can be challenging to conquer the fears some men have around testing. It's all too easy to kid yourself that preventing HIV is down to someone else or that we can not take control of our lives. We all know this. However, if we raise these issues, discuss them with our friends, and personally honour these commitments, we can make a real difference.

We must also address those issues that continue to drive HIV transmission among gay men in the UK:

1 The stereotyping of gay men with HIV and the taking of risks based on those stereotypes

The stereotypes that some HIV-negative men have about HIV-positive men can lead to risky behaviour. For some negative men, the perception of someone with HIV is that of a man with facial wasting or other visible symptoms of infection. Others might assume that someone with HIV behaves in a certain way or goes to certain venues – for example, they are more promiscuous, or older, or into harder sex. And it's not just negative men who stereotype HIV-positive men, positive men do it too. When men believe such stereotypes, they may take risks, believing that their partners have the same HIV status as them. The reality is it simply isn't possible to tell someone's HIV status by how they look or behave. Believing false stereotypes won't prevent the transmission of HIV. Using condoms will.

2 Men not knowing their own HIV status because of a lack of regular testing

Many gay men remain uncertain of their HIV status. It is encouraging that the number of men who have tested for HIV has increased, however, almost one in three gay men has never tested, let alone tested recently enough to be

certain of their status. About one in four HIV-positive gay men in the UK have not been diagnosed and the majority of them believe they are HIV-negative. Getting tested isn't a fun day out but, like going to the dentist, it needs to become part of our usual routines. By being certain of our HIV status, we are better equipped to make informed decisions to protect our own health and the health of our partners.

3 The influence of poor mental and emotional wellbeing on choices relating to sexual behaviour

This is perhaps the most complex of the three issues. Poor mental and emotional wellbeing can prevent many gay men from sticking to safer sex. Some men become infected not because they think HIV isn't serious but because of other difficulties in their life. Research shows that gay men are more likely to suffer from depression, more likely to abuse alcohol and other recreational drugs and more likely to engage in self harm than our heterosexual brothers. In some ways this is not surprising. We are all raised in a society where heterosexuality is the norm and where we are still criticised by some for our sexuality. If we do not value ourselves, and if we are told by society that we are not valuable, then how are we expected to value our long term health?

While these drivers of HIV infection may be simple to describe, the way that they pervade gay men's lives and thinking is involved and complex. If we as a community are serious about stopping the spread of HIV among gay men, we must be serious about tackling these complex and difficult issues.

Ultimately, GMFA's goal for the 'Count Me In' campaign is to move towards a point where we all, as gay men, are confident and empowered to take responsibility for our own health, where we are supportive of each other and can openly discuss HIV status and safer sex without fear or stigma, and where the barriers to effective condom use are overcome. By working together to achieve this, we can prevent new infections and make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of our community. We hope that you will join us.

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ON A ROLE WITH JOHN WATERS

From the man who brought us *Divine in Pink Flamingos* and *Ricki Lake in Hairspray*, the incomparable John Waters, renowned cult film director, artist and writer, now lets us in on the people who influenced him most. *Role Models* is a paean to the power of subversive inspiration that will delight, amuse, enrich and happily horrify readers everywhere. Bent put in a call to this amiable man on the other side of the Atlantic and suggested that the book was really quite a journey for him to undertake.

I hope so... I expect it's what you hope for when you buy a book by me ... I think you expect me to take you, especially when it's not fiction, into some sort of strange world... so I don't think anyone will be that horrified by reading some horrifying things.

Some of the people you've chosen as role models are very scary.

To me they weren't... what was scary?

Zorro.

The lesbian stripper... yer... she was scary but her daughter turned out fine. And I think it just proves that her mother did love her... she didn't ever show it and knew nothing about parenting... she was the worst parent ever. But how come then that her girl was the president of her class, she was a straight 'A' student, she lived in an abandoned building with no heat and an insane mother made her drive her Lincoln Continental to pick her up drunk at bars when she was only 11 years old. Parenting is an odd thing. I've known parents who have done everything right and by the book and their kids turned out to be in prison. You don't always know.

How did you stumble across her?

She was at a club I went to... I used to see her as a stripper... she was amazing because she looked like Johnny Cash and would just come out nude and yell at the men... to me I thought, WOW, that's a new kind of burlesque... and these men liked it. So, yes she was a role model to me because she was a non-traditionalist stripper. This was at a time in Burlesque where they didn't even show pubic hair... but Zorro, she didn't seem to play by any of the rules.

The polar opposite of you was... Johnny Mathis... how did he achieve that status as a role model for John Waters?

I think opposites attract... in some ways he was the complete opposite of me. He was a mainstream success right from the beginning... that's the opposite of me certainly... but I find that refreshing that he survived all that. So many people who get immediate success can't survive it. They become drug addicts or they die but he had a lovely voice... and still has.

In the book you nervously ask him about being gay

His preference was "a way of life one's grown accustomed to."

It seems that from a young age you knew who you were... reading Tennessee Williams etc... did this alienate you from your peers?

No, I had friends always. I didn't always discuss that type of stuff with them because I knew they just wouldn't be interested and they wouldn't understand it. I just kept it to myself. I didn't have a child to talk to about Tennessee Williams but I don't remember that being traumatic... I didn't need anybody to talk about him to.

Did your parents introduce you to Tennessee Williams's work?

Hell no. They would have disapproved. I just went to the library and looked up stuff and... they would be happy I was looking at books... they didn't know what I was looking up. I think my parents were really good parents because they made me feel safe... although they were against... certainly Rock and Roll. I was the first child, six weeks early so right from the beginning I was trouble... and I never fit in. They didn't know how to handle me, they did their best and I think they did a pretty good job... they never said: "You can't do anything or won't be able to do something". Even though I made movies that no one said were any good for ten years... they were mortified by them... they never said: "Now don't do that." What they realised was, I was passionate about it and wanted to do it and that's the only thing you should worry about for your kids... that is... if they don't know what they want to be because someone else will tell them.

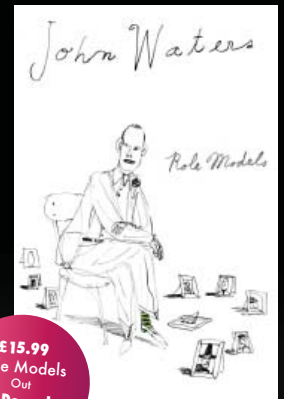
Hairspray has taken off huge around the world and because the lead is a fat girl you've become a bit of a hero to fat people... is this some thing you're proud of?

Sure, I think a fat girl stands for every minority. The girl I loosely based Tracy Turnblad on once said to me "A black girl could have gotten on quicker than a fat girl." I like a really big girl to take the role, bigenders, as we call them here in the States and it's a role that has made so many fat girls famous, so yes, everywhere I go... fat girls want to hug me. I think it represents more of a minority that is frowned upon than even racism... in a way. The fat girl stood for everybody and not only did she get her politics across she also got the boy.

Hairspray is touring the UK at the moment



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Rock & Roll Over By Edited by Eric Summers

What is it about rock stars? They have sex everywhere. Fans throw themselves at them. With so many opportunities and so much sex, it is no wonder they are the envy of guys everywhere. But the rock star isn't the only one who gets it on... stage hands, managers, publicists... everyone takes the overflow... even the bus driver gets in on the act.

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Sarge and the Sailor Boy By Michael Gleich

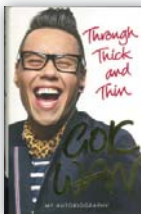
If you enjoy the gay erotic art of such artists as, Tom of Finland, you will love reading about the characters in this book. Hard drinking men, horse-hung with buff bodies hang out at Madam Woo's, a tavern on a seedy wharf that caters to their special needs. These men need only one thing – sex every which way they can get it.

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"The lost insignificant fat boy will never leave me. I am sure the bullies had no idea that when they poked, pinched and called me names it would stay with me for ever through thick and thin. After they had left me to cry, alone and unloved, they didn't consider what damage they'd done. But today I thank them. For without the jibes and hate I wouldn't be the person I am today." Gok Wan

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Best of Best Gay Erotica 3 Edited by Richard Labonte

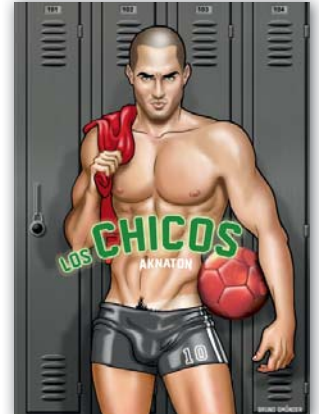
Since it began in 1996, this groundbreaking series of erotica has garnered rave reviews and constantly delivered the hottest writing on gay male sex anywhere. Here, and acclaimed editor Labonte. Aided by an impressive panel of judges bring together all the most daring, intense and memorable stories from the last 5 years.

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Mangames By Denis-Martin Chabot

A group of men give free rein to their sexual appetites while coming to terms with their emotional and psychological needs. Although for them the 80s was a time of innocence and freedom, in that Garden of Eden, there was a snake known as 'predator'. A disco-bar in Montreal's gay district is the centre for a love story and of a tragedy, where sex sometimes explicit and sordid leads the reader on to an uncertain ending.

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LOS CHICOS By Aknaton

Simple and significant: LOS CHICOS—The Boys—is the title of Chilean comic artist Aknaton's debut art book. And yet, is anything really simple in the universe of young men? Aknaton offers us a new interpretation of cybersex with his sexy picture book: With a little help from his image editing program he creates male sex appeal in web 2.0. Cheekily and skillfully he uses the work of well known photographers as a base to create his fantastic art. In a clever way he embodies flesh, lust and love in his digital images and creates a stunning update of sex—very 2010, full of fun and passion.

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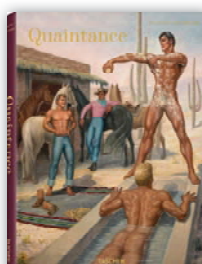
Quaintance By Reed Massengill

George Quaintance was an artist ahead of his time, a man who forged several successful careers, yet never enjoyed mainstream fame. Had he been born a few decades later, we might know him today as a multi-tasking celebrity stylist, as a coach on Dancing with the Stars, or perhaps as the fine artist he aspired to be. But Quaintance, who died in 1957, lived and worked during an era when homosexuality was repressed, when his joyful paintings and physique photos could not depict a penis. In an era before Stonewall, the sexual revolution, gay rights and the AIDS crisis, Quaintance and his high-camp erotic art existed in a demi-monde of borderline legality. Half a century on, the masculine fantasy world created by Quaintance, populated by Latin lovers, lusty cowboys and chiselled ranch hands, retains its seductive allure. His highly

prized paintings—numbering just 55—rarely come to auction, instead selling privately for undisclosed sums. As the preeminent 'male physique' artist of the 1940s and early '50s, his work for Physique Pictorial, Demi-Gods and Body Beautiful inspired a generation of artists like Tom of Finland, Harry Bush, Etienne, and other, lesser stars in their constellation.

This large format, glorious book full of the most amazing images and artwork is a must for any serious gay man's coffee table... it's just brilliant.

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WHO'S THAT BOY?

By Alex Wiggan



Decisions, decisions, decisions, life's full of them and they're never easy. Do you go with the crowd and declare your dream boy is the dangerous type, who has to die for chiselled good looks, but in reality is likely to leech off of you for most of your life? Or do you instead go with your heart and admit if truth be told you much prefer a fella with a hairy back, who snarls a bit when he's angry, but is always a guaranteed beast in the bedroom? Tough isn't it. Well fear not boys, the beast in question on this occasion is teen wolf Jacob Black, played by actor Taylor Lautner in the Twilight saga and far from being a real scare bear, underneath all the face fuzz Taylor is actually a real cutie in wolfs clothing. As far as werewolves go, Taylor is arguably the sexiest of the bunch and thanks to his mesmerising topless scenes in the Twilight films he's currently building up a faithful following amongst the gays. With his killer abs and come and 'do me' eyes, Taylor certainly knows how to work a crowd every time he whips his shirt off, which at the moment is pretty much whenever he's on screen and it certainly does seem to be a bit of a trademark for him. So with a body sculpted from the finest beef and a smile more inviting than a dirty weekend with Ashton Kutcher, Taylor Lautner is arguably the creature of darkness every guy would like to go bump in the night with.

Born in the US, but from a mixed ancestry (including Dutch, French, German, distant Native American and fittie), Taylor is currently one of the hottest young stars in Hollywood and thanks to his profile raising appearances in the Twilight movies Taylor has become the werewolf poster boy that Eddie Munster could have only dreamed of. You may think you've only just started to see him pop up on screen but the truth is Taylor's been around for quite a while, including performances in a handful of American TV shows and the odd film appearance too. In fact Taylor Lautner has been in the biz for quite a while now and he began auditioning for roles when he was just seven years old, which makes him a pretty hardworking chap as well (and you just thought he was fit). He's clearly not a munter and this alone has helped him attract an ardent

following of screaming fan boys and thanks to the fact that he's over the age of 18, admitting you'd give him one doesn't seem as creepy as coming down with an incurable case of Bieber fever. Taylor's also pretty sporty and when he was a tiny tyke he won a heap of martial arts awards including securing the accolade of three times Junior World Champion, which means in his younger days he was a real life karate kid! It's his dedication to fitness that in recent years has seen him buff up to the stud that he is now and it's also the reason he's become the cutest movie monster since Gizmo.

It seems as if Taylor Lautner is a gift from the gods and if truth be told, he is. There may be a lot of buzz about how many times a day Taylor's Twilight co-star RPattz likes to breath, but it's T-Laut (TayNer? TNer?) who is the real hunk of the Twilight movies. Not convinced? Well clearly you've not been making use of the pause button on your DVD remote whilst watching New Moon (2009) and Eclipse (2010). Perhaps you should start. Why else do you think that button's there?! Every time Jacob and the other hunks in his werewolf pack remove their tops to go running around in just a pair of cut-off jeans it's like watching softcore porn and if that's as good as it gets, then you might as well make the most of it. Taylor is the movie mon-star you always dreamed of, he's young, gorgeous and with his acting career taking him further into the spotlight he's soon set to be an even bigger name than he is now. No doubt this will mean even meatier roles and hopefully more chest exposure (hurrah), which is all a positive thing as a world without Taylor Lautner would mean a decreased amount of nipples on show per year! That alone is reason enough to champion any future roles that he secures and the fact that he's worked so damn hard to achieve his jaw dropping physique should be admired and perved over whenever possible. So if you ever find yourself choosing between a werewolf and a vampire, if Taylor Lautner's involved, it's often best to go with your heart, even if it means reaching for the Veet before getting your groove on.

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE

Once again Bella finds herself surrounded by danger as Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation quickly approaching, Bella is confronted with the most important decision of her life.

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Name the character Taylor plays in the Twilight series.



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TAYLOR'S OLD AS TIME:

- Before Twilight sequel New Moon (2009) started filming, producers considered dropping Taylor from the role of Jacob Black due to the physical transformation his character went through as he became a werewolf. Determined to keep the role Lautner quickly buffed up and after wowing producers with his rock hard chest, he secured the part for the remainder of the saga.

- Taylor's first major Hollywood role was in The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl 3D (2005), but he's a bit young in that one, so maybe think twice before downloading it off iTunes.

- Jinkies! Some of Taylor's voiceover work in cartoons has included the likes of Charlie Brown and Scooby-Doo! Wonder if he's ever investigated any dark rooms with just Fred for company?

- Taylor is officially wadded for his age and is currently the highest paid teen actor in the US; which is yet another big tick on the checklist of why Taylor is an ideal catch.

- Thanks to his muscles making the headlines, Taylor is rumoured to be in line for the title role in a forthcoming movie about toy action hero Stretch Armstrong. If he lands the role he will play the superhero who can stretch any part of his body. ANY PART OF HIS BODY!



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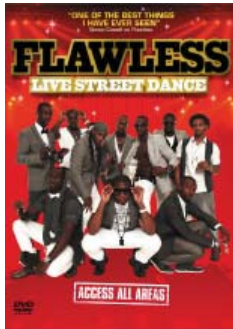
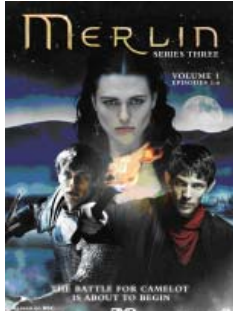
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What is the name of the famous sword that Arthur retrieves from the Lady of the Lake?

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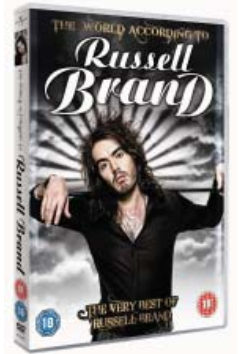
With which TV personality did Russell achieve headline news after they both made a rather dubious phone call?

SIMON AMSTELL 'DO NOTHING - LIVE'

This is Simon's first stand-up live DVD, a departure from his popular Never Mind The Buzzcocks presenting role but very near to his recent TV sit-com persona, 'Do Nothing - Live' reveals an awkward and honest side to Simon.

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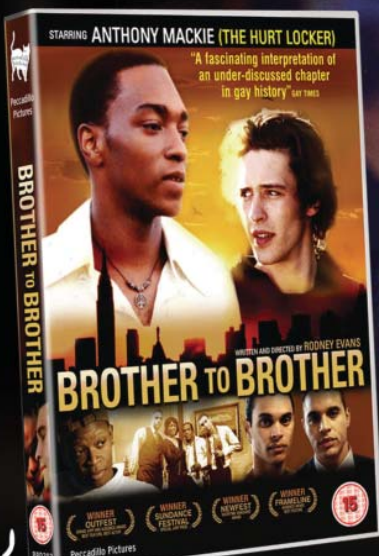
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DANIEL BROCKLEBANK

From the acclaimed team that brought you the hit gay thriller *Shank*, 'Release' is an explosive drama about violence, abuse and budding love behind walls of a hellish prison. The film's star is ex *Emmerdale* hunk Daniel Brocklebank who plays Jack Gillie, a young priest convicted of a serious crime who has to deal with the intense and overpowering atmosphere behind bars.

!! STOPPRESS !!

Daniel Brocklebank (*Shakespeare In Love*, *The Hole*, *Emmerdale*) has been awarded Best Actor at the Madrid Gay, Lesbian & Transsexual Film Festival 2010 (*Lesgaicinomad*) for his lead role in dark prison-set drama *Release*.

"We are thrilled that Daniel's powerful and affecting turn has been recognised and given the praise it deserves," commented *Release*/writer and director Christian Martin. "This is another great achievement for this important and challenging film which continues to translate to a worldwide audience."



Your first starring role on stage was in a production of 'Lord of the Flies' was this not an intense introduction to drama?

Absolutely! At 15 I was one of the eldest in the cast. I remember having a wonderful time on that production. It was such an honour to be part of something so special, and you can't get a better start to your career than a leading role with the Royal Shakespeare Company! We were well supported throughout the production, being provided with weekly massage and aromatherapy to keep us relaxed. It was very hard work but I loved every minute of it. To be working with such amazing people at such a young age helped immensely with such dark subject matter.

Tell us about your part in the movie *RELEASE*?

Jack is a really good guy. He's completely selfless. Everything he does is for other people and comes from a place of love. The extreme hardships that he has to endure really put him to the test mentally, emotionally and physically. It was a really hard shoot. We had quite a short schedule so were often working 16 hours a day or more. The crew were amazing and although the films content is very serious we managed to have a real giggle at times.

It's a scary scenario - young people in prison. Did you get any understanding towards young offenders and what did you have to do to prepare for such a role?

The reasons for Jack imprisonment are quite individual so I studied the emotional side effects quite a lot. One thing I discovered was that of course every prisoners journey is different. There was no right or wrong way to react. I felt it was important to give him a quiet strength. Garry Summers and I bonded well during the shoot which really helped.

What did you think of your character in *Emmerdale*?

I enjoyed Ivan very much. Unlike other jobs where you play a character for maybe a few months, Ivan and I were part of each other lives for two years so you grow very attached. As time goes on and more scripts are written you learn more and more about the character. I really enjoyed the complexities of playing someone bisexual who was having

difficulty coming to terms with his sexuality. I had many letters from people saying I'd helped them and made it easier for them to come out. That was really nice.

Are 'soaps' as much hard work as they say... not much time to rehearse etc?

Soaps are bloody hard work! On a movie you'd maybe shoot five minutes of usable film a day. The *Emmerdale* team shoot on average thirty a day. If you were in all the episodes for that block your feet would literally not touch the ground for two weeks. When I first joined the show I was shocked at how fast we had to work. I definitely gained a new found respect for people working in the genre.

You've played opposite some very influential leading ladies and actors, in your film career. Was there anyone you were intimidated by?

Of course. Some of the people I've worked with I've either grown up watching them or admired their work for years, so when you meet these people for the first time it's always a little bit mind blowing. I think Judy Dench and Meryl Streep were the two I was most nervous to meet. However, both were so very lovely to me. I've been so fortunate to have worked with so many incredible people over the years. I've always tried to learn as much from them as I can.

You have gained quite a large gay following... is this something that pleases or worries you?

Are you kidding me?!? I love it.

What are we going to be seeing you in next?

I've another two movies out after this one. *Age of Heroes* (with Sean Bean & Danny Dyer) a really great World War 2 movie and *Little Deaths*, a really dark horror. I did a bit on the next series of *Waterloo Road* earlier in the year, I've also just finished shooting *Casualty* as a new heart surgeon which was great fun, and I've just done a guest spot on *Eastenders*. That was really exciting! In the next week or two I'm about to start shooting a new 4 part series for the BBC but I can't say too much about that yet. It's been a busy year thinking about it!

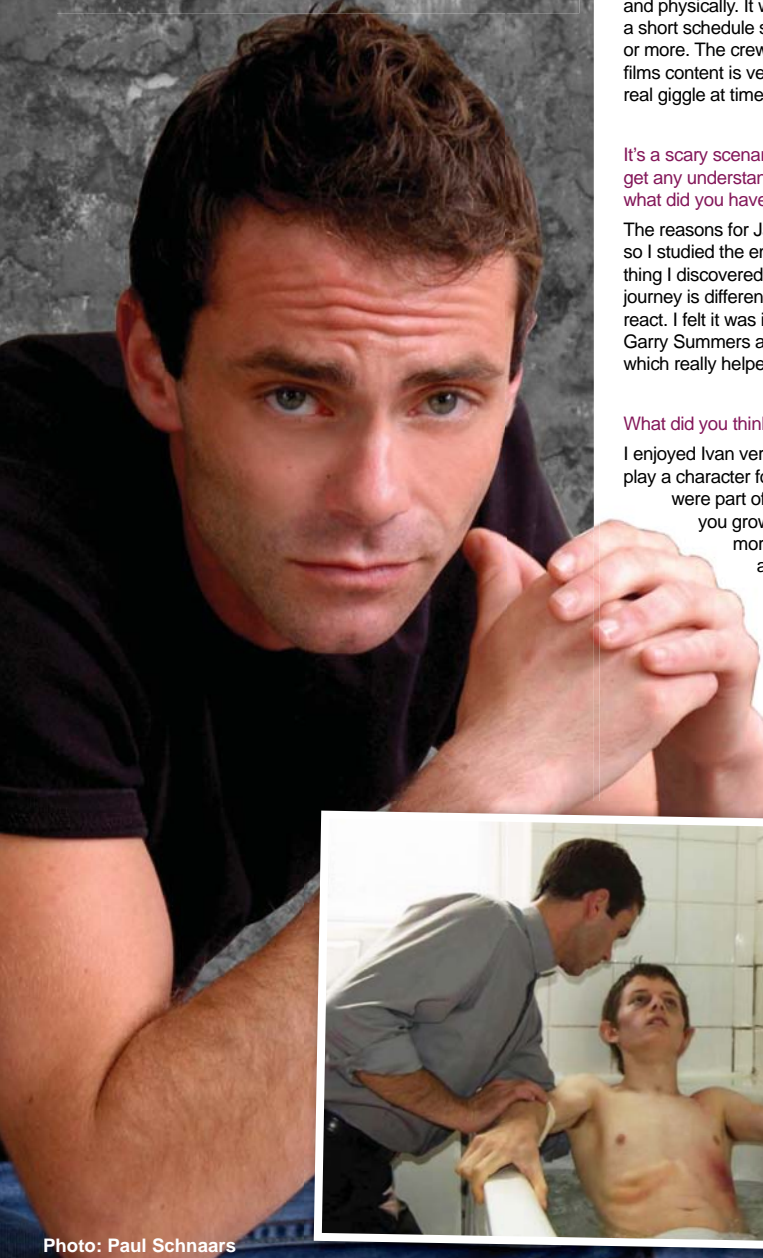


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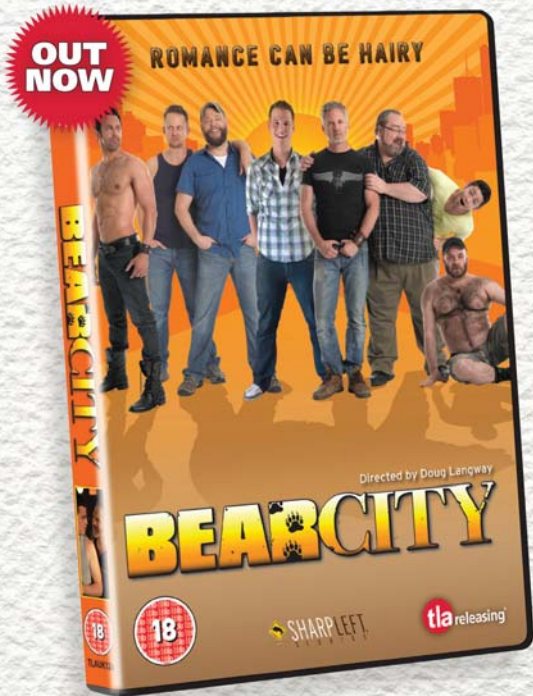
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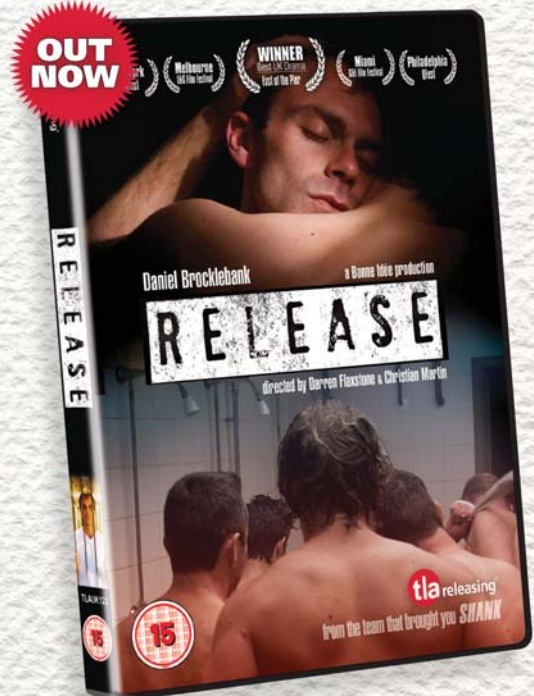
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FILM REVIEWS

BY CHRIS AMOS

BURLESQUE

OUT: 17TH DECEMBER

Ali (Christina Aguilera) is a small-town girl with a big voice who escapes hardship and an uncertain future to follow her dreams to LA. After stumbling upon The Burlesque Lounge, a majestic but ailing theatre that is home to an inspired musical revue, Ali lands a job as a cocktail waitress from Tess (Cher), the club's proprietor and headliner. Burlesque's outrageous costumes and bold choreography enrapture the young ingenue, who vows to perform there one day. Soon enough, Ali builds a friendship with a featured dancer (Julianne Hough), finds an enemy in a troubled, jealous performer (Kristen Bell), and garners the affection of Jack (Cam Gigandet), a bartender and fellow musician. With the help of a sharp-witted stage manager (Stanley Tucci) and gender-bending host (Alan Cumming), Ali makes her way from the bar to the stage. Her spectacular voice restores The Burlesque Lounge to its former glory, though not before a charismatic entrepreneur (Eric Dane) arrives with an enticing proposal...

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

OUT: 9TH DECEMBER

Edmund and Lucy Pevensie, along with their pesky cousin Eustace Scrubb – find themselves swallowed into a painting and on to a fantastic Narnian ship headed for the very edge of the world. Joining forces once again with their royal friend Prince Caspian and the warrior mouse Reepicheep, they are whisked away on a mysterious mission to the Lone Islands, and beyond. On this bewitching voyage that will test their hearts and spirits, the trio will face magical Dufflepuds, sinister slave traders, roaring dragons and enchanted merfolk. Only an entirely uncharted journey to Aslan's Country – a voyage of destiny and transformation for each of those aboard the Dawn Treader – can save Narnia, and all the astonishing creatures in it, from an unfathomable fate.



LOOSE CANNONS

OUT: 17TH DECEMBER

I Am Love meets Meet the Parents in this outrageous 'al dente' family comedy from celebrated award-winning director Ferzan Özpetek. Tommaso is the youngest child in the large, eccentric Cantone family who own a pasta factory in Puglia. When the Cantones gather for a family dinner to both welcome Tommaso's return and to discuss the future of the family business, a gay secret is revealed that throws the whole family into turmoil, and the strong familial ties which bind them together are put to the test with explosive and hilarious results.



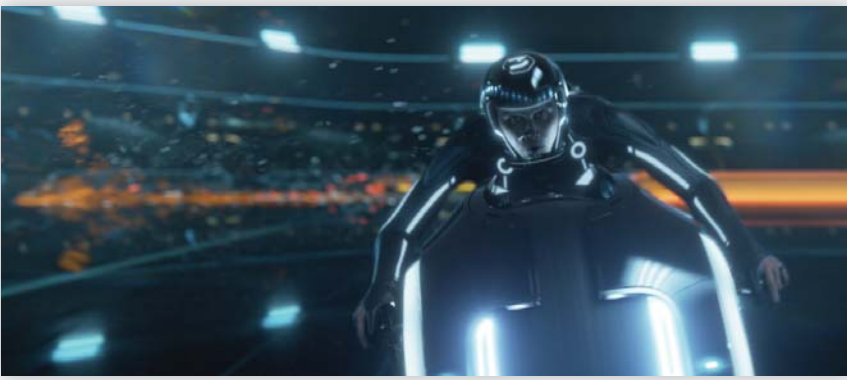
THE WAY BACK

OUT: 17TH DECEMBER

Inspired by Slavomir Rawicz's acclaimed novel, The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom as well as other real life accounts, six time Oscar nominated director Peter Weir's (Master And Commander & Dead Poet's Society) The Way Back is a stunning epic chronicling the escape of a small group of multi-national prisoners from a Siberian gulag in 1940 and their life affirming journey over thousands of miles across five hostile countries. Irish actor Jim Sturgess gives a breathtaking breakthrough performance in the lead.



Leonardo DiCaprio has signed to star in the film of Erik Larson's non-fiction book *The Devil in the White City* about USA's first famous serial killer. DiCaprio's next film will be *Hoover* for Clint Eastwood in which he'll star as controversial FBI director J. Edgar Hoover. Dustin Lance Black, Oscar-winning *Milk* scripter, penned the screenplay.



TRON: LEGACY

OUT: 17TH DECEMBER

Tron Legacy is a 3D high-tech adventure set in a digital world that's unlike anything ever captured on the big screen. Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund), the tech-savvy 27-year-old son of Kevin Flynn (Jeff Bridges), looks into his father's disappearance and finds himself pulled into the

same world of fierce programs and gladiatorial games where his father has been living for 25 years. Along with Kevin's loyal confidant (Olivia Wilde), father and son embark on a life-and-death journey across a visually-stunning cyber universe that has become far more advanced and exceedingly dangerous.



TEN THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT...

JOHNNY DEPP

1 Arrested for being in a fight with the paparazzi in front of a restaurant in London in 1999.

2 Has twice recorded with British band Oasis. Most notably, he plays lead slide guitar on the track Fade In-Out, from the 1997 album 'Be Here Now'. Noel Gallagher, Oasis's lead guitarist, was allegedly too drunk to perform it himself, so celebrity pal Depp stepped in and nailed the lead on one take.

3 Ex-fiancées: Sherilyn Fenn, Kate Moss, Jennifer Grey and Winona Ryder.

4 Lists British comedy The Fast Show as his favourite TV program of all time. He used to take tapes of the series on tour with him to keep him amused. Made a guest appearance in the last-ever sketch in its last-ever episode.

5 Purchased Bela Lugosi's Los Angeles home.

6 He and Vanessa Paradis grow grapes and have wine making facilities in their vineyard in Plan-de-la-Tour north of Saint-Tropez.

7 Is scared of clowns.

8 Has a nightclub named after him in Tartu, Estonia. The nightclub is called "Who wouldn't like Johnny Depp?"

9 Was People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive in 2003.

10 Nicolas Cage got him his first acting job.

Mega hunk Johnny stars in this month's action adventure The Tourist out 10th December.



SOMEWHERE

OUT: 10TH DECEMBER

From Academy Award-winning writer/director Sofia Coppola (Lost in Translation, The Virgin Suicides, Marie Antoinette), Somewhere is a witty, moving, and empathetic look into the orbit of actor Johnny Marco (played by Stephen Dorff). Johnny is living at the legendary Chateau Marmont hotel in Hollywood. He has a Ferrari to

drive around in, and a constant stream of girls and pills to stay in with. Comfortably numbed, Johnny drifts along. Then, his 11-year-old daughter Cleo (Elle Fanning) from his failed marriage arrives unexpectedly at the Chateau. Their encounters encourage Johnny to face up to where he is in life and confront the question that we all must: which path in life will you take?



MEET THE PARENTS: LITTLE FOCKERS

OUT: 17TH DECEMBER

The test of wills between Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) and Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) escalates to new heights of comedy in the third instalment of the blockbuster series. Laura Dern, Jessica Alba and Harvey Keitel join the returning all-star cast for a new chapter of the worldwide hit franchise. It has taken 10 years, two little Fockers with wife Pam (Polo) and countless hurdles for Greg to finally get "in" with his tightly wound father-in-law, Jack. After the cash-strapped dad takes a job

moonlighting for a drug company, however, Jack's suspicions about his favourite male nurse come roaring back. When Greg and Pam's entire clan - including Pam's lovelorn ex, Kevin (Owen Wilson) - descends for the twins' birthday party, Greg must prove to the sceptical Jack that he's fully capable as the man of the house. But with all the misunderstandings, spying and covert missions, will Greg pass Jack's final test and become the family's next patriarch... or will the circle of trust be broken for good?

Channing Tatum now sits atop Sony's list to star alongside Jonah Hill in 21 Jump Street. The film is based on the 1987 TV series that launched the career of Johnny Depp. It focuses on a pair of undercover officers who infiltrate high schools to fight crime.

While it looks like Zac Efron has been offered the lead in Akira, Morgan Freeman is circling the key role of the Colonel in the Manga adaptation.

Baz Luhrmann is preparing The Great Gatsby for a return to the big screen and Carey Mulligan has been officially offered the role of Daisy Buchanan in the film and she'll star alongside Leonardo DiCaprio as Jay Gatsby.

In other confirmed casting news, Casey Affleck, Matthew Broderick and Judd Hirsch have joined the cast of Brett Ratner's Tower Heist an action comedy that already stars Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Alan Alda, Tea Leoni, Gabourey Sidibe and Michael Pena.

James Cameron will write and direct Avatar 2 and Avatar 3 with tentative expectation to film them back-to-back with an anticipated release schedule starting in December 2014 followed by the third film in December 2015. It's been reported Avatar 2 may explore the oceans of Pandora and perhaps expand further into the Alpha Centauri AB system.



JOHAN'S BLOG

IT'S JUST MY LUCK! AS SOON AS THE FIRST COLD, WET, AUTUMNAL DAYS ARRIVE, I GET THE FLU!

It's the same every year, so it was not exactly a surprise the other evening when I started to feel really unwell and began to cough. As such, I'm writing to you now from my cozy, warm bed, with the heating on full blast and a hot cup of tea next to me on my bedside table. Not very sexy, I'll be the first to admit, but there's nothing I can do about it. Instead, I have little choice but to use about two boxes of tissue every hour... and that's for the sniffles not wanking... well mostly!

I guess I should just learn to read the signs. When the temperature drops below freezing I should stop wearing tank-tops (or at least add a jacket to my wardrobe). It might also be a good idea to stop wearing my tight bike shorts when I work out on my mountain bike. That said, I say exactly the same every year, and I still end up in bed with flu twelve months later! It's a kind of ritual I've had since I was 6 years old!

To be honest, I don't have a problem with feeling unwell or having a red nose. What I really miss is the sex and intimacy with my boyfriend. The cuddling and kissing – not to mention the fucking that we have every night!

Of course it isn't really very romantic when a French kiss concludes with three minutes of coughing from me. Or when I search for (and use) some tissues to wipe my nose whilst he fucks me. That's what I'd call a definite no-go! So I can't really blame my boyfriend when he's a bit reserved about fulfilling our sexual desires.

Anyway, I hope the winter will arrive soon so that I can start the skiing season. Here in the Czech Republic we have lots of great mountains for downhill skiing – and I love it! Indeed, when the snow's on the ground it's hard for me to get me off of my skis – after all, I love to be outside on the piste every single minute!

Well, I've just realized that this will be my last blog of the year. As such, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Of course, I still have plenty of work to do before then, what with all the presents that I have to get for all my friends and family, but I'm not going to say any more on that subject because a lot of my friends read this blog in BENT on a regular basis.

In the meantime, I also have a present for all you BENT readers: sign up on our club-site www.RawFilms.net, www.DirtyFuckers.net and receive 2 free DVDs! Here you'll see me and a whole host of my Czech fuck-mates in dirty, filthy action. I'm sure you'll like it – and the DVDs will be with you in time for Christmas. It's your chance to celebrate the festive season and end the year by watching some of filthiest free porn on the planet!

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SAUNA GUIDE

REM SAUNA NEWCASTLE

The REM Sauna Newcastle is the newest addition to the REM Group following the successful launch of the REM Bar and REM Hotel in Manchester's Canal Street earlier this year.

The REM Sauna is located in the heart of Newcastle city centre and is situated in the building which formerly housed Top2Bottom Sauna. Designed exclusively for gay and bisexual men, the building has been totally refurbished, modernised and adapted for 2011 and has a fresh new management and staff team.

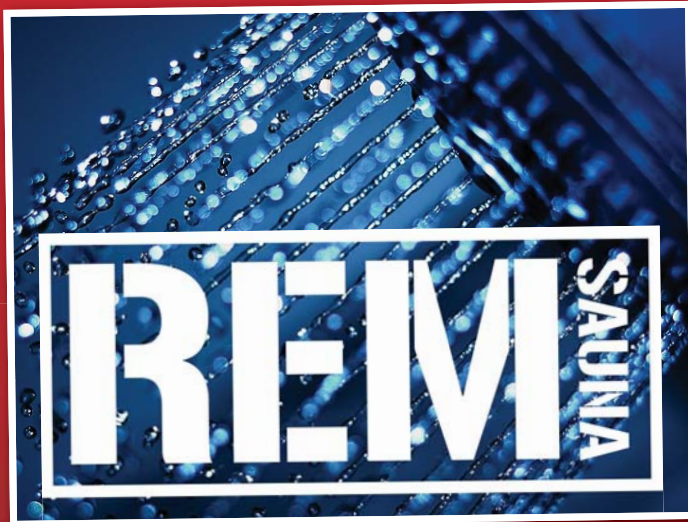
Facilities include a large modern spa room, spacious steam room and relaxing sauna. The modern lounge area includes a 50" plasma TV, free internet terminals and a new bar and kitchen area for meals and refreshments. Free tea and coffee are available at all times. And for those guests who require a special pampering, a professional masseur is available to help you unwind and relax.

Downstairs a stylish and unique metal-mesh maze area has been installed and includes special play areas, private cabins and darkrooms. There is also a cinema room and luxury cabins with personal TVs for those who prefer a more intimate and private space.

Future plans include the introduction of regular theme and fetish nights, special guest appearances and regular development of our facilities and play areas.

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NUMBER 52 SAUNA

Newcastle isn't a city that you would normally visit to rest, relax and recover but Number 52 sauna, situated at the heart of the bustling gay area, is an inviting oasis to do just that in clean and stylish surroundings.

The venue offers the very best where like-minded people can meet and enjoy the facilities: a sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, several restrooms, a relaxation lounge and a licensed café bar offering a range of refreshments from coffee to beers and wines. If you've never ventured into a sauna before friendly staff await your visit and they will be only too happy to walk you through the layout of the building and answer any questions you may have... there's no reason to be shy.

Well located for all the city centre attractions, Number 52 is just a short walk from the train and bus stations and is situated close to the main road links including the A1 and A69. An NCP secure car park is only a minute's walk away.

Opening times have changed and now go around the clock every weekend from 11am on Friday morning until 10 pm on Sunday evening or 10pm on Bank Holiday Mondays.

www.number52sauna.co.uk for coming events and offers

Basement Complex continues to attract the hottest crowds at its venues in Manchester, Leeds and holiday complex in Gran Canaria. All three venues now have such a buzz with Manchester and Leeds open 24 hours and their Gran Canaria complex booked up months in advance.

LEEDS

Now in its 5th year, having just undergone a face lift, making it the city's most stylish and sexy sauna! In fact, the scene in Leeds is going through some dramatic changes, with all of the bars investing heavily on refurbishments and exciting promotions. Moreover, with the return of Federation and Back Door gay to the city. With Monday's now being the big student night, with special drinks offers in the bars, the venue has teamed up with Homo at mission 2 to give a RED HOT offer to all students, meaning everyone with a Homo door stamp gets entry to the sauna for only £5!!!!

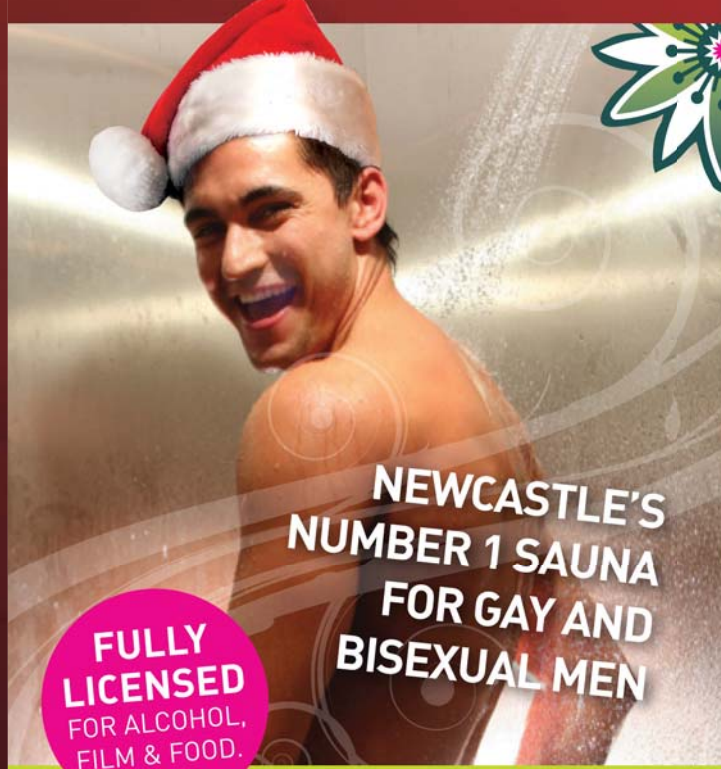
Saturday night and Sunday morning, free breakfast will be served to all the punters that come in from the clubs. Also New are "Spit roast Sundays" in true Yorkshire style with free hot roast and one of the UK's top strippers every week. So if you have not been for a while you really should come and see the change.

MANCHESTER

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This unique event, now in its tenth year, saw over 50 chic dinner parties taking place simultaneously in the capital's finest restaurants and private

homes. All the restaurants involved in the Supper Club have donated their services free of charge to raise funds for THT. After dinner, guests were chauffeur driven to a party at the legendary Café De Paris for champagne and delicious Zacapa rum cocktails. Guests were also treated to exclusive performances by The Correspondents and DJ Danny Rampling.

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PRIDE MONEY

Manchester Pride 2010 raised £115,000 for charity, bringing the total generated since 2003 to £895,000. Headline acts such as Kelis, Chicane, Beverley Knight and Belinda Carlisle helped generate a large number of ticket sales during the Big Weekend over the August Bank Holiday. The money will be used over the coming months to support various lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) groups and projects across Greater Manchester.

It will also support the Lesbian and Gay Foundation's 'Free Condom and Lube' scheme and the George House

Trust HIV Welfare Fund. Jackie Crozier, festival director of Manchester Pride, said: "This is a fantastic achievement and we're absolutely delighted with the figure. It's a wonderful feeling to know that everyone who supported Manchester Pride 2010 has made a positive contribution to the future of the LGBT community in Greater Manchester." For more information on how to apply for any of the community grants available, visit:

www.manchesterpride.com/community



A PRISONER - AN OPEN PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE

Hi,

My name is Richard and I'm currently serving time at Her Majesty's Pleasure at HMP Armley in Leeds.

But before you say to yourself, "Not interested" let me explain this isn't about the injustices of the world, or the boredom of prison life, it's about trying to make 'doing time' a little better for all gay prisoners that are currently in the system.

There are some I'm sure who don't deserve any sympathy, some might say that I am one myself, however, I'm not wanting sympathy... what I do want is equal rights in prison. Over many years gays have been a targeted minority for the bullies and, lets not beat about the bush, it hasn't always been at the hands of the other inmates. I was 15 when I was sent down for the first time and I was beaten to a pulp because I was gay. I am now 26 and that was the first and last time I was beaten because of who I am. Prison does make you harder... it's made me unafraid of anything now... and I'm not sure if that's a good thing or not. I'm not saying take the law into your own hands... cos if you do you may well end up in the cell next to me... but you have to let people know they can't pick on you.

I have been in 16 institutions and only 8 had a 'gay friendly' group, of which 5 of them I started. We shouldn't have to put up with being called a puff, queer, Batty man and so on and I for one will not put up with it. I don't get called it any more because I have built up a reputation as the puff who will fight anyone who's homophobic - that includes prisoners... and staff. I'm not boasting. I'm not particularly pleased with my reputation but, when I hear on the radio in my cell or read in the paper that 1 in 8 LGB&T people have been a victim of homophobic crime and that 7 in 10 people did not even report that hate crime to anyone... I really feel something has to be done. I don't and won't let anyone make homophobic comments to me or the other gay, bi or trans guys in here. It helps having this little group to support, talk and understand just exactly what we're all going through.

OK, OK. I know that some of you must think that gays in prison must be in their element surrounded by an all male environment, and, if you watch

those porn videos set in "Cell Block Sex" I can see where you get your ideas from. But, porn stars aside, it isn't really like that. I'm not denying that relationships cannot be formed because they can but it isn't easy. Some gay prisoners are not as strong as me and, are targeted on an almost daily basis as I once was. To escape from their ordeal of constant abuse they will often self harm or when the torment gets just too much... even worse.

Things are changing here in prison and I have to thank some of the Diversity Officers in the service who are trying to make a difference. Here at HMP Armley, I think the Senior Officer George has helped immensely but there are always problems like getting hold of books, mags, info with (if you'll pardon the pun) a gay bent. Some magazines don't even respond to a letter if it is from a guy in prison. I have written to mags, groups and organisations and only 7 out of the 30+ letters sent have responded or even acknowledged those letters... it is pretty disheartening. All I want to do is try and stamp out homophobia like they have done with Racism... and support from outside organisations and members of the public is vital.

Thanks for reading this letter and any encouragement or assistance you can offer... to any prison, not just HMP Armley, for their gay inmates, I'm sure would be greatly appreciated.

Richard

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DADDY CHRISTMAS

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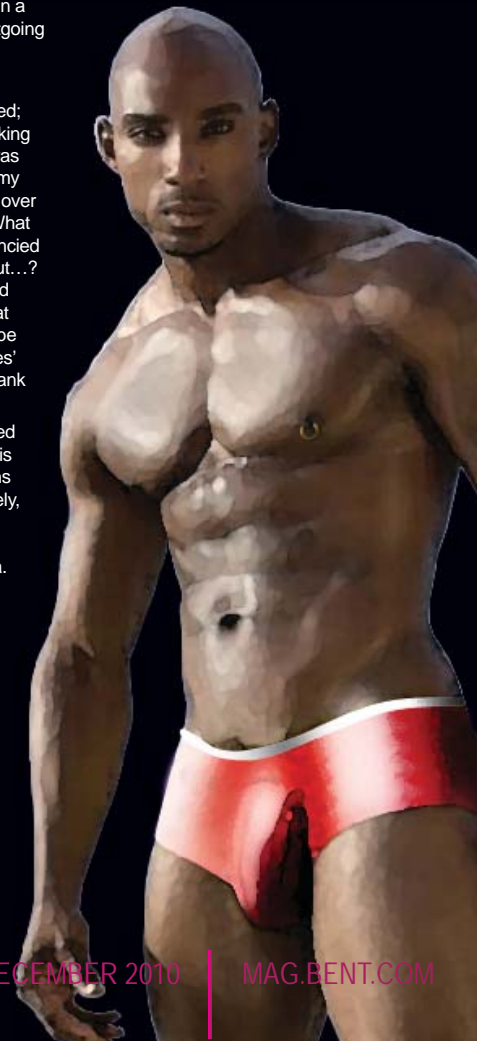
24th December and the dark cold night seems appropriate. Christmas Eve and again I was on my own, never really taking to the 'family thing' over the festive period, although in truth... I do miss the present giving. I can't quite remember when I'd taken the Scrooge "Bah, Humbug!" route to celebrating Christmas but I usually thought the pretend and forced celebrations of a baby born on this day was a little over the top and totally unnecessary. Having said that, I do miss receiving pressies as well but, well, I'd made my own decisions... So here I am nervous, cold and expectant... but I don't know what for.

Three days ago I received an anonymous Christmas card, one of four that were now decorating my mantelpiece, but the card also held a golden key and a very brief message. "For the best Christmas Ever be at this address on 24th December at midnight" and the address was in the warehouse district of the city. I assumed it was an invite to a club, possibly a private party and I wondered which of my friends had sent me it. Getting out of the house at this period, and on this particular night, appealed to me but I wanted to know what I was letting myself in for before I went. None of my friends admitted to knowing anything about the card. In fact they were a bit pissed off that they hadn't received a similar invite. Exclusive... yes... now that did appeal to me but there was suddenly, and for no apparent reason, a nagging doubt and a touch of apprehension about the whole invitation. No one I spoke to knew of this place as a possible clubbing venue, there was nothing on the net. Facebook didn't help... even my hairdresser, who knew everything and everyone on the gay scene, pleaded ignorance. What he did say was that I'd be a fool to pass up such a "wonderful request" and he'd be there in a flash. Well he would. He is such an outgoing type of guy but I'm not that impetuous.

However, yesterday another card arrived; this one saying how much 'he' was looking forward to my attendance. 'He?' So I was meeting a guy but who? I tried to cast my mind back over all the partners I'd had over the year (and there had been a few). What about those guys on Gaydar that I'd fancied but who hadn't fancied me? What about...? It was no good. If I wanted to find out I'd have to go and, as usual, I had no great plans for Christmas Eve so it wouldn't be a big diversion to my personal 'festivities' which usually consisted of a drink, a wank and an early night.

So, here I am. The area seems deserted but I'm now desperate to know what this invite is all about. The golden key opens the door and I let myself in. Appropriately, strings of fairy lights lead me from the buildings entrance through a labyrinth of rooms towards... well I have no idea. I'm listening out for some music or chatter or champagne corks popping but all there is are the lights, and a sign saying, FOLLOW THE LIGHTS. However, I can feel the tension in my body building as the darkness seems to fit my festive gloom. My mouth has gone dry in anticipation. No matter how much I lick my lips they feel as if I had been blasted by a Saharan sandstorm. I was desperate to relax and be in control but my Dutch courage drained the moment I entered the darkened building. Unexpectedly the little twinkling lights

peter out and I enter a huge black space that is pleasantly warm. The chill has left me and I'm now sweating from the sudden heat and the certain knowledge that I am not alone. A single spotlight flashes on and makes a pool of light about 20 feet away from me. I'm intrigued but dare not move. I become aware of movement and stiffen up in apprehension. Am I going to end my life here in this deserted (well almost) warehouse on Christmas Eve? A figure walks into the illuminated spot. He stands and smiles. I don't know who he is but his fantastic presence seems to glow with both an inner and outer brilliance. He whispers my name and I nod in acknowledgement. His well-oiled, sleek ebony skin shimmers with each breath, while his serene manly face stares back at me, smiling. A single large silver ring pierces his left nipple and a pair of sexy red shiny shorts barely contained his massive knob, which is already pushing its way to freedom down his left thigh. Gleaming white teeth and clear eyes beckoned me forward as I stand transfixed directly in front of him. I can't believe this superb vision in front of me really exists. He is a dream, a Christmas wish come true and I melt under his clear gaze. Bringing me back to reality he takes my hand and presses it onto his huge throbbing cock; the silky fabric and the warm throbbing behind it instantly making me hard. "This is yours now..." he says, "...what would you like to do with it?" I fall to my knees and snuggle up close to that colossal bulge, the material stretched to capacity but still gleaming and shiny in the spot light. I look up into his eyes for permission. "Happy Christmas" he says as he strokes my hair and guides my mouth to the object of my desire. "Daddy has loads of gifts for his favourite boy... let's open this one first!"



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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23 / Dec 21)

Your serious approach to long-term plans will surprise a friend or colleague. They may not know you very well but they are about to find out how determined you can be once you've set your sights on specific goals. If you are attached, your partner will let you in on some interesting news concerning the year ahead. This all makes your joint future look brighter and more exciting. It will be worth your while to attend a work-related festive function mid-December.



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ARIES

(Mar21/Apr20)

The chance to enjoy a change of scenery will be a one you are likely to jump at as the month begins. There is someone you are growing close to and you might appreciate sharing some of your deepest thoughts with them over the festive season. If you are in a long-term relationship your aim will be to give your special someone all the loving attention they deserve these next few weeks.

TAURUS

(Apr21/May21)

Acting on a spontaneous whim could be fun as the month begins. Even though you will be tempted to take a quick look to see what might lie ahead! So where is the harm in leaping afterwards? A group effort is likely to be more productive than individual exertions. In fact working as a member of a team will give you a lot of satisfaction. Expect expenses to increase as the month wears on but your financial position is strong enough to withstand this particular assault!

GEMINI

(May22/June21)

Expect obligations to increase over the festive season and you might wonder whether you are biting off more than you can chew. There's a temptation to give advice to someone who has romantic problems. It would be better to leave them to sort out their problems on their own. Someone you spend a lot of time with over the next few weeks will want to talk about a past event. It will link with the present so listen to what they say.

CANCER

(June22/July23)

A surprise train of events could find you defending someone you don't normally have a lot of time for. As you get to know people better, you will realise you have misjudged them in the past. The more spontaneous side of your nature comes to the fore as the weeks wear on and you may have to contend with an irresistible temptation to splash out on entertaining friends. Much to your delight a festive undertaking will be more fun than anyone expected.

LEO

(July24/Aug23)

You might be contractually obliged to turn up at a regular event or seminar you are starting to tire of. For this reason you could be deciding to make it your intention to pull out of this obligation in the New Year. Over the weeks ahead a strong desire to change all that is around you won't be shared by your partner and other loved ones. It might be better to postpone some of your more adventurous ideas until the festive season is over!

VIRGO

(Aug24/Sept23)

Expect career responsibilities to be heavy. In addition jobs about the house will also take a lot of effort these next few weeks. There's unlikely to be much choice other than to get on with it. Some confusion over festive arrangements could

snowball into a problem that won't seem worth the effort to solve. You will approach your work in a new frame of mind after receiving an unexpected and very welcome offer later in the month. You will be on the ball later in the month when it comes to money. Your instincts will guide you towards finding the best bargains!

LIBRA

(Sept24/Oct23)

Home life will be important to you and family obligations will be given priority over the weeks ahead. Community activities also progress well. Everyone seems to have learned a lot through some recent problems and this will have served to bring you all closer together. A restless phase begins as the festive season gets underway and this will impel you to join a group of like-minded friends on an outing to a theatre or shopping centre.

SCORPIO

(Oct24/Nov22)

A long cherished wish could be granted this December but be careful as there will be strings attached. What you will probably find is you will happily agree with any conditions given. Any outstanding problems facing you now will have to be overcome before making new starts. If you have responsibilities linked with a past partner or relative you need to arrange to have this lifted in order for you to fulfil personal plans for the weeks ahead.

CAPRICORN

(Dec22/Jan20)

An experience that is totally new to you will be sensational as the month begins. You will be blown away by the energy and enthusiasm of those you are mixing with. Tasks within the home will call for a lot of energy as December wears on. Some inspiring work news centred on a scheme for changing routines will make you feel that what's to come over the weeks ahead will be good for you!

AQUARIUS

(Jan21/Feb19)

Although a friend who is feeling a little low will enjoy all the sympathy and attention you're willing to give them, spending too long with them could make you feel a little miserable too! For that reason make plans to meet up with positive and cheerful friends over the weeks ahead. By mutual agreement you and a partner might decide to spend Christmas away from your usual haunts; you will be making plans accordingly.

PISCES

(Feb20/Mar20)

You want to put some thought into the future. More importantly you don't intend to be influenced by someone who is close to you who often raises powerful objections to your plans. Whether they're trying to be awkward or they really think they know what's best for you, over the weeks ahead you intend to make plans without their input. Family arrangements for over the festive season need to be agreed as soon as possible.

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