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- could be the young man a company would like to be their representative
- can be an ambassador of goodwill
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There is a web vote to select one of the 17 contestants as the 'People's Choice' to find out more about this contest:

**Mr Gay Europe**  
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<http://mrgayeurope.net>

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Following another smash-hit, sell-out Edinburgh Festival run, international performances at the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne Comedy Festival, and a show stopping West-End debut, Frisky & Mannish take the second instalment of their pop-parody trilogy; *The College Years* on a stereophonic tour of the UK from April.

POP, as sharp-witted music theorists Frisky & Mannish educate you on the finer details of pop-parody. Comedy-music double act Lady Fitz Frisky and Hansel Amadeus Mannish delight crowds with another instalment of flamboyant pop posturing and music-mash-ups, as they pay homage to some of pop history's greatest contributors.

[www.friskyandmannish.co.uk](http://www.friskyandmannish.co.uk)

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## BALLET INCREDIBLE

Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe release the music for their first ever full-length ballet, *The Most Incredible Thing* this month. The ballet is a collaboration with choreographer Javier De Frutos and Britain's leading dance theatre, Sadler's Wells. Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story of the same title, it runs at Sadler's Wells in London from 17th -26th March.

Tennant and Lowe proposed Andersen's story as the basis for a new ballet to Sadler's Wells in London in 2007 after a friend, the then Royal Ballet principal, Ivan Putrov, asked Neil Tennant if Pet Shop Boys would consider writing a piece of music for him to dance to at Sadler's Wells. Coincidentally a couple of days later, Chris Lowe suggested to Neil Tennant that "The Most Incredible Thing" would make an excellent narrative for a ballet and, inspired by this synchronicity, they approached Sadler's Wells with the project. Subsequently Javier De Frutos was invited to be the choreographer and director. The story is about a competition in a mythical kingdom where the King announces that whoever invents the most incredible thing will win the hand of the Princess in marriage and half of the Kingdom. What follows is creative, destructive but ultimately happy.



Neil & Chris said: "This is a very exciting project to be part of. In the past we have written dance music so to write music for a ballet seems like a logical development. Also we have always been fascinated by giving our music a theatrical context."

Album 'The Most Incredible Thing' out 14th Mar Parlophone Records

[www.petshopboys.co.uk](http://www.petshopboys.co.uk)

## CRY WOLF

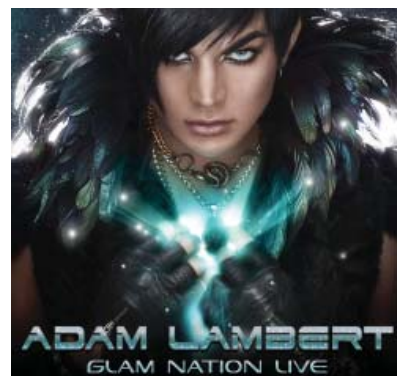
Evokateur is a collaboration between the inventive, electronic soundscapes of a Mexican boy and the self-assured vocals and discerning craft of an English girl, holding your attention with curiosity as you delve into the depths of their natural chemistry. They are a dark, enigmatic electro pop duo who are set to unleash their hot electronic gem *Wolf Girl*. This highly addictive single is bold, sexy and powerful. Although based on aggressive synth sounds and syncopated beats, the song is classy and seductively catchy due to Sarah Villaraus's sultry vocals and irresistible hooks.

*Wolf Girl* is set for release on 14th March. It will come accompanied by a radio edit and an alternative industrial remix by legends Gary Numan and Ade Fenton.

## ADAM LAMBERT

American Superstar Adam Lambert announces plans to release *Glam Nation Live* a CD/DVD, shot in Indianapolis, Indiana. It features 12 tracks plus a bonus cut and includes some of Lambert's most beloved performances such as "Ring of Fire", "If I Had You" and the Grammy nominated "Whataya Want From Me". Although the UK has been slow to latch on to the force that is American Idol's only true superstar, we here at Bent think that if you haven't yet succumbed to the man's talents then this may well be a brilliant way of getting onboard to experience the power and virtuosity of the Lambert voice.

Out: 22nd March - 19 Recordings / RCA Records  
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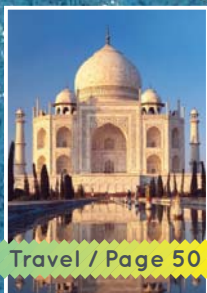
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My partner and I have just celebrated our 34th anniversary together and we've been 'married' for five years. The news about the length of time we've been co-habiting has garnered such responses as "Thirty-four years... that's like 100 straight years isn't it?" "Ugggh, how can you stand only one person for so long?" "Bloody hell... do you hold the gay world record...?" Also there was one who was simply stunned at the news, which literally left him speechless and he departed shaking his head in disbelief. Then there are those who think we have the secret of success but I'm afraid we don't except... hang on to you hats as this might be a revelation. We quite like each other, we're comfortable with each other's noises and silences and we laugh nearly all the time... and not just at somebody else's misfortune.

I saw a headline recently that said: 'Kylie Minogue Credits Good Underwear As The Secret To Her Sexiness' and I have to agree... there is nothing that makes me feel more sexy and up for a day of typing than knowing that the little strip of material is keeping everything comfortably in its place. What makes it even better is thinking about the little sweetie who got me them in the first place... and that brings an extra stimulus that makes the day simply fly by.

So, going along with PM David Cameron's idea of 'The Big Society', what are you going to volunteer to do? Perhaps a stint on your local gay switchboard? Visiting AIDS suffers in hospital? Perhaps support a charity in its fundraising endeavours? I suspect that if you've never volunteered before then 'The Big Society' isn't going to make you do so because, and here's a surprise for Cameron and his chums, people have been volunteering and helping out for years, without a stupid and patronising edict from central government. Only now with all the cuts, it will be harder, there will be no support and those who are least able to help themselves, will be left helpless... a great 19th Century tradition is making a comeback... like rickets.

As Jim Royle would say:  
"The Big Society... my arse."



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## BEST OF BRITISH

The theme of this year's Manchester Pride parade 'Best of British' was selected from hundreds of suggestions made in a recent poll on the Pride website.

Organisers are encouraging parade participants to think outside the box and be as creative as possible bearing in mind the diversity of British society and culture.

From fashion (Vivienne Westwood, Alexander McQueen) and sport (Louis Hamilton, David Beckham, Amir Khan), to music (The Beatles, The Spice Girls, Queen) and film (Charlie Chaplin, Harry Potter) there is a wealth of ideas to choose from, and a number of different ways in which to celebrate British culture.

Meanwhile, Manchester Pride 2010 has been voted the 'Best Festival or Pride Event' by readers of the Pink Paper - Britain's national gay news portal - for the fifth year running.

The readers of Pink Paper voted for Manchester Pride amongst a strong

line-up of UK events including Pride London and Brighton Pride.

Vicken Coulgian, chair of Manchester Pride, said: "We're absolutely overwhelmed to have won this award for the fifth time in as many years. It's a credit to everybody involved with the festival from the organisers, volunteers and sponsors to everyone who came to enjoy the event. I'd like to take this opportunity to pay a special thanks to all Pink Paper readers who voted for us and to everybody who helped make last year's Pride another success - we couldn't have done it without their support. We hope you will join us this summer to celebrate our 21st anniversary."

Manchester Pride is the city's annual lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) festival. This year's event takes place from 19th -29th August and since 2003 has raised £895,000 for local LGBT and HIV charities and groups.

[www.manchesterpride.com](http://www.manchesterpride.com)

## WEDDING WISHES

Vintage Playing Cards has created the perfect wedding gift with a range of letter frames that have been hand crafted especially to celebrate the special day. The letter frames contain individual cards sourced from a 1930's spelling game which are put together to spell words of endearment including Love, Lust, Kiss & Cherish as well as Mr and Mr. Or for a personal message of celebration you can spell out a unique message that means something special to the happy couple. The cards are then double-mounted with cream and black, into a stylish wood box frame.

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# WHATS ON

## MANCHESTER

### KYLIETASTIC

Kicking off her latest world tour in February and arriving in Manchester for five dates in April, Kylie mania is about to take over Poptastic...



In celebration of Miss Minogue's 12th concert tour, Poptastic are holding two extra special club nights at The Birdcage, Manchester. Her hits have been gracing the dance floor for years, but now is the chance to come together and enjoy Poptastic's Official tribute to Kylie throughout the decades.

The nights are set to give concert goers the perfect after party to Kylie's Aphrodite: Les Folies tour. With fans coming from all over the country and with nowhere better to head out to afterwards, the event is to be held only a stone's throw away from the M.E.N arena.

The perfect alternative gay night, Poptastic is the place to be for hipsters and pop queens

alike to rub shoulders, blow their student loans or pension and drink the night away.

Hailed as Kylietastic, this is a high camp, no nonsense celebration of everything Kylie. The word is out we will have you spinning around with this step back in time and could be shocked that you stayed until the early hours.

**Kylietastic - Monday 4th April, & Tuesday 5th April.**

**Venue: The Birdcage, Whithy Grove, The Arndale, Manchester.**

**Doors Open: 10pm  
Tickets: Pay on the door.**







# \*HYLIETASTIC

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## BRITNEY THE 'ULTIMATE GAY ICON'

**EEK, and eeeek again, lil ol' Britney has been voted as the "Greatest Gay Icon Of All Time".**

With 31% of the votes she came in well ahead of her nearest rival Madonna who could only garner 25%... Lady Gaga got 22%. Now before you get your knickers in a twist about the injustice of all this... it was a poll run by the Orange County Equality Project in the USofA and even the organisers

thought Madonna should have won. However, until Madge brings out a new album, or appears on Glee... Britney Rules.

Who do you think is the "Greatest Gay Icon Of All Time" and why?

**Send your thoughts to: editor@bent.com**

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**Heat 1 - 12th March  
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# WHATS ON



## MANCHESTER

### CIRQUE DU POP

**Poptastic's 15th Birthday - Circus De Poptastique  
Special Guest PA - BOY GEORGE**

**Lady lovers and gentlemen, boys and gays! Welcome to Cirque du Poptastic!**

**Poptastic has never been one to shy away from a good themed night and this year is no different! We're pulling out all the stops and unleashing some of the best entertainers around to give clubbers young and old the night they deserve. Expect fire blowers, stilt walkers and a huge live PA from the one and only BOY GEORGE!**

Born as a one-off event, it has become one of the most popular alternative gay clubbing experiences in the country. Now, after years of partying and thousands of pop hungry queens and indie kids passing through its doors, Poptastic is coming of age!

For 15 years, it has led the way for Queer and Alternative clubbing. Usually found in Alter Ego every Tuesdays and Saturdays, the

event is celebrating this impressive milestone with an equally impressive venue: The Ritz, Manchester.

A night of fun and debauchery, it is the perfect opportunity to dress up in your best clown clobber, have a dance, get trashed and show appreciation to one of the longest running gay nights in the country. Remember, we will be transforming The Ritz into a circus of delights, so don't be shy to show boys your talent. This looks like being a busy one so get your ticket early!

**So roll up and prepare yourself for the only birthday worth celebrating this year.**

**Circus De Poptastique When: Tuesday 12th April**

**Where: The Ritz, Manchester**

**Limited Advance Tickets Available from: Clone Zone, Poptastic, www.poptastic.co.uk**



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## RIGHT SAID FRED OUT AND ABOUT

Right Said Fred, the duo comprising Richard and Fred Fairbrass, have announced plans for their Night Of The Living Fred UK tour starting this April as well as details of a new album, DVD and website. The band who back in 1992 were the first act since the Beatles to reach No.1 in the USA with a debut single, have decided to take a break from their usual European stadium circuit in order to get back to their roots and connect with their fans on a more intimate basis. To this end the brothers will be enjoying a Q & A with their audience as well as performing some of their greatest hits, and some newer, more poignant, lovelorn ditties.

[www.rightsaidfred.com](http://www.rightsaidfred.com)

## RUGBY LEAGUE'S GAY SUPPORT

On 13th March at 3.00 pm, Sheffield Eagles' first home game of the season, the team will be walking onto the pitch wearing a kit carrying the message 'HOMOPHOBIA - TACKLE IT' sponsored by LGBT History Month and Pride Sports. The team will also be presented with the Pride Sports Challenge Cup, a trophy that will recognise, annually, Rugby League teams which support LGBT History Month. Sheffield Eagles RLFC are the first professional sports club in the UK to make a public stand against homophobia in sport. The team are not just wearing the kit, however, they have supported a number of LGBT History Month events, travelling across the country to show their commitment to dealing with this issue. For those of you who fancy a more 'hands on' experience, there will also be a fun touch rugby event before the game run by Sheffield Eagles coaches, which is free to anyone attending the match in the afternoon. So there's a chance to give it a go before you watch the professionals at work.

Join us, help fill Bramall Lane Stadium in Sheffield on 13 March 2011 and enjoy some great rugby league!  
Tickets can be ordered for this game, from the Sheffield United box office telephone:

08719 951889

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[www.eaglespride.co.uk](http://www.eaglespride.co.uk)



## RED NOSE TEES

Get your hands on a piece of fashion history with the fabulous range of Red Nose Day T-shirts designed by none other than Vivienne Westwood! The collection represents a unique fusion of humour and iconic historical images, including Rowan Atkinson as 'Edmund' and Miranda Richardson as 'Queenie' from Blackadder, William Shakespeare, The Laughing Audience by Hogarth, a Punk Girl and a Louis XVI lady.

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This La Ronde is set in the gay bar of a small English city in the mid 1990s, and in the bedrooms of the various principals. As the only gay bar in town, all kinds of people have to mingle at La Ronde. And explore their most intimate desires here too. 8 serial encounters in all that are presided over by the Barman, the man who has seen it all before, and two Bar Flies, who provide the comic commentary.

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**Alhambra, Theatre, Bradford  
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**Box Office on 01274 432000 or visit  
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**For tour dates:**

**www.new-adventures.net/  
productions/cinderella/**

## LIVING BY GAYXAMPLE

Hitting our computer screens live on 12th March is GAYXAMPLE (pronounced GAY-SHAM-PLUH), a ground breaking new web series set in the gay area of Barcelona's Eixample district. It's sexy, hilarious, outrageous as well as being thoughtful, sad and cutting edge. Over ten episodes we bustle through the lives of seven characters who shag, fight, shout, laugh and cry with all the passion you would expect from the residents of this gorgeous, Spanish city. We have Alex, the divorced father who only realizes he's gay when he meets the horny, handsome and nightmare that is Iván. Don't miss Toni, our naughty beefy bear who likes nothing better than having his class As and a good party while managing to be an honest and sincere friend. In contrast there's Xavi, the cute and innocent country boy whose world is shaken when he discovers his favourite uncle is gay but who soon adapts to life in this alluring city. Finally meet tortured teenager Lluís who has to move out of his parents place and starts doing drag and tricks in a drastic attempt to grasp at his dream of being an artist. GAYXAMPLE is more than the bastard child of Queer as Folk and Almodovar, it's blood boiling Mediterranean drama with a heart and mind.

**GAYXAMPLE is an international web TV project in Spanish, subtitled in English, French, German, Portuguese, Dutch and Italian in order to be internationally accessible.**

**www.gayxample.net**



# WHATS ON

## MANCHESTER

**Mondays at Cruz 101 have always been a good excuse for a night out and with the continued success of our Disco Inferno Featuring series we have some fantastic events for you in March.**



Monday 14th March • Movie Musicals Sister Act, Hairspray, Little Shop Of Horrors, High School Musical, Dream Girls, Xanadu, Mamma Mia and Grease are all featured in this all singing all dancing Disco Inferno special. Chances to grab yourself a fantastic mix CD produced by our very own resident Dino!!

Monday 21st March • Hi NRG From 1979 to 1987, unlabeled high-tempo disco music was especially popular in gay clubs in both the U.K and America. Early 1980s hi-energy disco acts included, Miquel Brown, Amanda Lear, Sylvester, Divine, and The Weather Girls. Hi-NRG entered the mainstream with hits such as Hazell Dean's "Searchin' (I Gotta Find a Man)" and Evelyn Thomas's "High Energy". In the mid-1980s, Hi-NRG producers in the dance and pop charts included Ian Levine and trio Stock Aitken Waterman, both of whom worked with many different artists.

Monday 28th March • Tina Turner's career has spanned more than 50 years. She has earned the title The Queen of Rock 'n' Roll,

with a string of hits including "River Deep, Mountain High", "Proud Mary", "Let's Stay Together" and "We Don't Need Another Hero".

Monday 4th April • Glam Rock is a style of rock and pop music that developed in the UK in the early 1970s, which was performed by singers and musicians who wore outrageous clothes, makeup and hairstyles, particularly platform-soled boots and glitter. The flamboyant costumes and visual styles of glam performers were often camp or androgynous, and have been connected with new views of gender roles. Glam rock peaked during the mid 1970s with artists including T. Rex, David Bowie, Roxy Music and Gary Glitter.

**STOP PRESS:**

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**Musicals**



**Monday 21st March**

**Featured artist**

Get the poppers out to some pumping dance floor classics! A night of old school pop & dance.

**Hi NRG**



**Monday 28th March**

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# DANCE TRAX

By Jason Guy

Over the next few weeks you can catch me playing at Freakshow in Manchester at Sub101 ([www.clubfreakshow.com](http://www.clubfreakshow.com)) and at the most anticipated club event in Manchester for ages – the relaunch of Federation Manchester as it moves to the world's Number 1 Club as voted by Mixmag readers – Sankeys! As usual, you can download my monthly podcast - simply search for 'Jason Guy' in iTunes or download directly from [www.jasonguy.podomatic.com](http://www.jasonguy.podomatic.com). If you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured here, contact me at [jason@bent.com](mailto:jason@bent.com).

## Karl G & Jamesie Winter Warmer EP (Born To Dance)

Karl G & Jamesie are two of the UK's hottest up & coming producers and this EP perfectly shows off the production skills. All 4 tracks are perfect examples of the duo's style of driving, bouncy, melodic house, with a twist of trance and electro. It's a tough call to pick my favourite, but new offering 'Forever' just about beats last year's huge club hit 'Never Should'. 'Forever' features a Giorgio Moroder I-Feel-Love-esqe backing track, with a killer strings-laced breakdown and haunting vocals and has sent the Freakshow dancefloor into a frenzy every time I've dropped it.



TRACK OF THE MONTH

## K-Klass ft Bobbi Capture Me (Nocturnal Groove Digital)

As one of the most experienced and influential house production outfits still in the scene today, K-Klass demand a level of respect uncommon in the world of electronic production. Now down to two of the original members – Russell Morgan and Paul Roberts – the group has lost none of its potency as their latest release on Nocturnal Groove shows. Pounding drums and white-noise rushes are combined with an old-school piano breakdown on the original, while on remix duties Jason Chance and Riley & Durrant serve up bubbling hot tech house and spicy progressive beats respectively.



## Marc JB & Angie Brown Free UR Soul (White Label)

When one half of UK remix duo Bimbo Jones (Marc JB) and one of the UK's best known divas (Angie Brown) meet, you know you're in for something special. Already being championed by the likes of Stonebridge, this tough, Swedish style tough house offering is really lifted by Angie's perfect vocals. Available in a variety of mixes, I'd head straight to the offerings by Van Hej, who makes the track tougher by working in a few trancey elements to great effect. Due out at the end of this month.



## Dim Chris ft Amanda Wilson Sometimes (White Label)

Dim Chris has been at the forefront of dance music's ears for quite some time and vocalist Amanda Wilson surely needs no introduction in a gay magazine! This is another collaboration that really works (as with the track above). Head straight for the Daddy's Groove mix, which isn't funky as you would expect, but a driving, progressive house stormer with a killer breakdown. 'Sometimes' really showcases the talents of both artists here and proves that vocal-lead house isn't dead!



# WHATS ON

## MANCHESTER



### FED ON THE MOVE

Almost a decade has passed since Federation launched in Leeds at the infamous dark arches under Leeds train station. Since then, the brand has criss crossed the UK and Europe with club nights in London, Birmingham, Blackpool, Nottingham, Ibiza, Belfast, Gran Canaria and of course our beloved Manchester.

2011 sees a brand new start for our flagship Federation in Manchester with a move across town to the amazing club 'Sankeys' at Beehive Mills. The club has recently undergone a massive refurbishment and was voted 'Worldwide Club of the Year' in Mixmag 2010. Federation Manchester will now offer three rooms of music with our funky, chunky and tuff house in the main room, Federation Classics in room two and New York Electronic Disco in room three.

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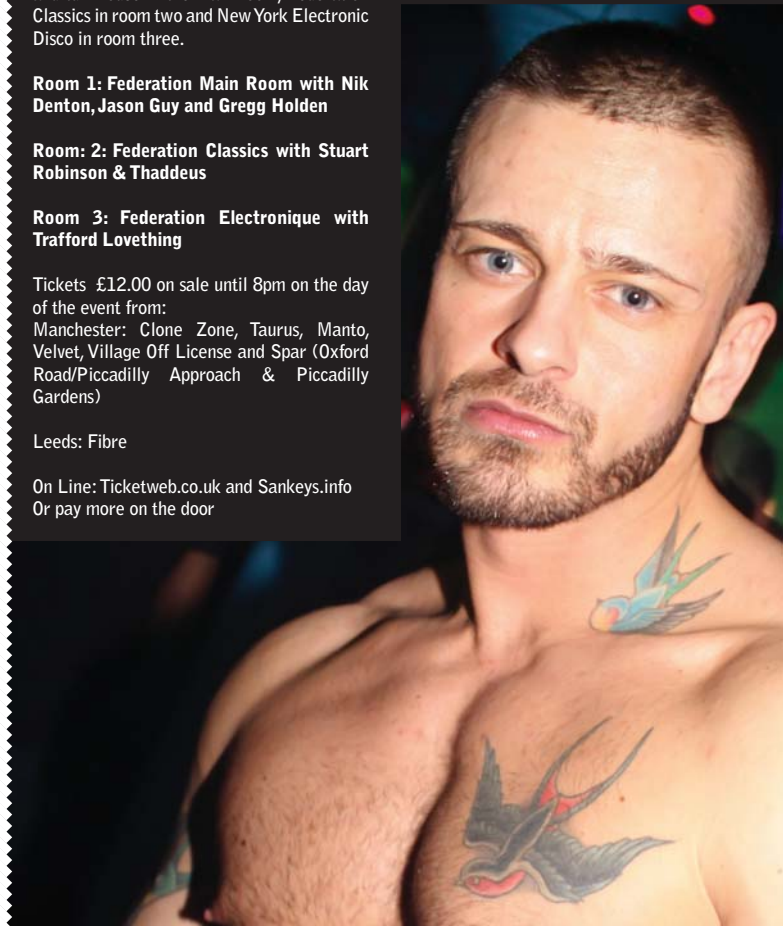
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# BITES



## WHO'S AFRAID OF...

Gay, bisexual, ambiguous... call him what you will but this month sees Patrick Wolf take to the road to promote his latest single and up and coming album. The enigmatic Wolf mixes electronics and samples with a wide range of instruments including viola, keyboards, ukulele, and percussion, all of which he plays himself to form a fusion of jazz, folk and electronic music.

instruments that included junk-shop organs and a home-built theremin. He's been in a pop collective (all very noble) and one half of a noisy duo called Maison Crimineaux with his friend Fanny. There is still a touch of the strange about an appearance by Mr Wolf but you should make the effort if he's in your neighbourhood.

**The new single "The City" is out on 14th March**  
[www.patrickwolf.com](http://www.patrickwolf.com)

He began experimenting with sound and four-track recording at the age of 11, eventually building an arsenal of

## MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE

The story of Omar and Johnny - an unlikely love story born of the Thatcher years, set in South London where Asians and National Front members aren't known for their friendships, gay relationships don't exist and the economy's a mess. Tough decisions, human compassion and a failing laundrette - can love conquer all?

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# ALBUMS

By Adam Lowe

### BLANCMANGE

**Blanc Burn**  
7th March



One of the first English synth pop acts, Blancmange paved the way for everyone from Hot Chip to La Roux. More than three decades after their first EP, Blancmange return with their trademark fat synth sounds, with tracks like 'Drive Me', 'Starfucker' and 'The Western' featuring the Indian percussionist Pandit Dinesh and adding nuance to the retro feel. This is a keen, chart-friendly album that will remind audiences that Blancmange never really went away.

### ELYSIUM III

**Rock Diva**  
21st March



Elysium III are doing the easy thing and following Glee in copying—sorry, reworking—popular rock songs from the past few decades. Rainbow's 'Since You've Been Gone', Boston's 'More Than a Feeling' and Bad Company's 'Feel Like Makin' Love' all get the same makeover we've seen time and time again over the years. I'm generally not amused by cover albums unless they really take things in new directions—but even the 'new direction' thing seems gimmicky and I wish people would just write new songs. Next!

### METAMORFÓZY

**Decasia**  
28th March



Norwegian disco has never sounded as good as when Metamorfózy take to the decks. With one foot firmly in the Tromsø electronic scene of the 80s and the other in the British club scene, theirs is a particularly appealing musicology. There's something about this album which makes it seem like a soundtrack—perhaps their past experience producing and composing for art, film and theatre. This is a haunting album which encompasses Euro-pop, dub and symphonic melody.

### MUNK

**The Bird and the Beat**  
7th March



This album comprises 14 electronic funk, futuristic house and indie pop songs, recorded with a dozen international female vocalists. Cue contributions from New Young Pony Club frontwoman Lou Hayter, Peaches' former backing singer Mia von Matt and upcoming 21-year old disco princess Sarah Ze. Seven languages mix here, along with humour, romanticism, pianos, synths, xylophones and Asian percussions. This is an exciting, eclectic fusion of worldly sounds which coalesces into something energetic and vibrant.

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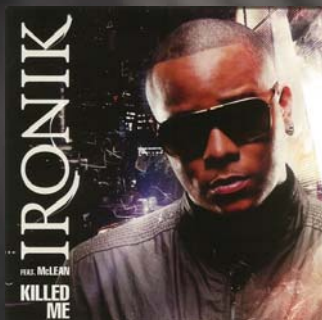
# SINGLES

By Adam Lowe



**MCFLY**  
**That's the Truth**  
6th March

With production coming from Dallas Austin of Whacko Jacko and Madonna fame, this third single from Above the Noise wouldn't do too badly anyway. Add to the fact we quite like Dougie. And Danny. And the drummer. (But not the other one.) Then you have a single we're going to love anyway, even if they were just jumping up and mouthing . . . well, just jumping and mouthing. Mmmcfly!



**IRONIK FT McLEAN**  
**Killed Me**  
13th March

Ironik has certainly upped his game as he comes in with a heavily stringed and nicely arranged single featuring British soulster McLean. Ironik says that it is musically a more complex song than his past efforts but it really kicks off with the haunting melody refrain of the title from McLean. Should be a huge hit and will touch many listeners. A touch of class!



**MASON FT. ROISIN MURPHY**  
**Boadicea**  
21st March

The unforgettable vocal stylings of Ms Moloko make this Mason track something sublime. That is, class electro wound to a nice mid-tempo, with seductive attitude, deep grooves and Italian house flavours. Channelling the great British warrior queen, Murphy rampages all over this track in delicious dancefloor decadence.



**REEL PEOPLE FT TONY MOMRELLE**  
**Tell Me Why**  
7th March

This soul-infused dance tune is an infectious love song riddled with sexy urban jam. Tony Momrelle's vocals are effortless and reveal the wealth of his influences, from gospel to soul to jazz. The Reel People, as usual, are funky up, tasty and well schooled in what gets the body moving.



**ROSIE DONNAN**  
**Lay Your Love**  
7th March

Yorkshire girl! Rosie Doonan is everything good about modern folk-pop, with an equal measure of British and Americana flavours. She is reflective and yet expressive, with songs of heartbreak and redemption, overlaid with ethereal magic. 'Lay Your Love' is an upbeat track, despite charting a torrid love affair that goes wrong, and makes best of use of Doonan's remarkable voice.

# WHATS ON



## MANCHESTER

## FREAKSHOW

### OUT WITH THE FREAKS...

Freakshow continue to pack them in each and every Saturday night to their new home Sub (Next Cruz101). Bringing their inimitable upfront soundtrack of chunky, fierce and tuff house from Djs Nik Denton, Jason Guy, Gregg Holden, Lee Yeomans, Psyche, Lawrence Clark & Andy Mac plus full Freakshow production, lasers and glitter to make Sub the most underground clubbing space in the gay village. Add to this the most up-for-it crowd of clubbers and you truly get the only show in town.

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# BEYONCE

## BEAUTY AND THE FREAKS

### HEX OF THE VEXED EX



The Boy: I'll ring the lift.

Ex: Aren't you going to say goodbye, then?

New BF: We already did. Three times.

Ex: (mumbles something under his voice)

Familiar scenario? How about:

You: Is that your new boyfriend?

Him: Yes.

You: (laughs uncontrollably at the fat thing attached to his arm)

Or

Him: Fancy going for that drink?

You: The one you first said we'd have three months ago?

Him: Yeah.

You: Too late. I'm seeing someone else.

Him: Oh. (falls to pieces like shattered glass) Never mind.

Exes mean awkward moments. For you, for them, for your new beau, for theirs.

But there's always a rule: exes will pop up when it's most inconvenient. Maybe you're on a first date with a hot fireman, while he sits in the booth opposite with a straggly piece of gristle. Maybe you're shopping for XL condoms when he breezes in to buy buttplugs and, in an attempt to avoid each other, you both back into the Liquid Silk display. Or maybe you have a complete and unexpected trouser failure as you walk into the boutique shop where he's just got a job as floor manager. Whatever. It will happen. And it'll happen sooner rather than later (and then will happen again).

Here are my tips for surviving the inevitable run in with the ex:

**ALWAYS** dress as if you expect to see him. If you always assume he'll pop up wherever you go—even if it's just Waitrose—you'll dress to kill. And then if he sees you, then he'll be reminded of how fabulous you are.

DO surround yourself with beautiful boys. It always gets their goat. If you can't find several sexy young boys to gyrate against your thighs wherever you go, find at least one. If you're particularly ugly you may need to invest in an escort for the occasions when you leave the house. Ring Juan. Tell him I sent you.

DO make sure you're only ever in public in fabulous places. Stop going down the market and buying your T-shirts from Bianca's Casuals. Stop shopping at Netto. And stop buying multipacks of white briefs from Primark. Seriously. If your ex sees you there, you'll die of shame (unless he's the one behind the counter serving you).

### DON'T

wear make-up. He'll just think you're a Powder Poof Girl.

### STOP

driving past his house/work/local haunt. It's getting really creepy now.

### DON'T

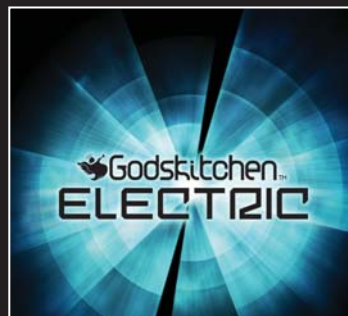
be Scott Pilgrim's girlfriend. Or Scott Pilgrim, for that matter.

### ALWAYS

carry mace. Or a taser. Or a Hattori Hanzo samurai sword. You never know when that irritating ex will need to be put down. Or when you'll need to battle ninja vampires from outer space for the last XS vest in H&M.

**So bear these tips in mind and you should be fully equipped for dealing with the hex of the vexed ex. Stray from them at your own peril.**

# MUSIC COMPETITION



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## UNDERGROUND MIAMI!

The WMC is the hottest date in the party calendar - a weeklong festival spread around South Beach and downtown Miami with most of Miami's famous clubs, such as Space, Cameo, Mansion, Ink, Twilo and Opium Garden playing host. The week culminates in the Ultra Music Festival, held in Bicentennial Park, which is the single largest electronic music concert in the U.S. Hundreds of DJs play for 14 hours in front of 50,000 people.

star line-features Laidback Luke, Michael Woods, Afrojack & Bobby Burns, Kim Fai, 2000 And One, Marc Romboy & Stephan Bodzin, Joris Voorn, Kaiserdisco & Flavio Diaz to name but a few, least not forgetting Miami's newest party scene Dubstep.

**Out: 14th March - Ministry of Sound**

To be in with a chance to win a copy of this fantastic 3CD set, just answer this simple question:

Miami's South Beach is known locally as - a. SoWi, b. SoBe, c. SoMe?

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# The OVERTONES

**Finding your own sound in the world of pop music can be a bit of a hit and miss affair. What's in and current one minute may well be out and passé the next so let us introduce you to - Mark, Lachie, Mike, Darren and Timmy - otherwise known as The Overtones.**

This relatively new male vocal group seamlessly blend classic 50's harmonies with a modern pop sensibility and are regarded as 'the find of the year' by their record company Warner Music. The band was signed to the label following a serendipitous meeting in August of 2009. After years of rehearsals, broken promises and ill fated gigs, the band were toiling as painters and decorators to make ends meet when they were overheard by a label scout while rehearsing during a lunch break.

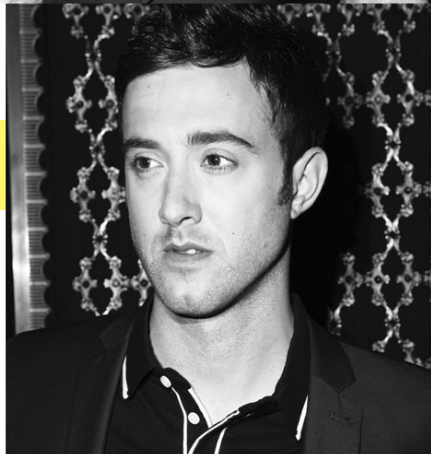
That first fateful meeting just off London's Oxford Street proved fortuitous - the talent scout worked for Warner Music and promptly invited the lads to down tools and audition for the label. Following a series of meetings and impromptu acappella gigs for the staff, the paint brushes

and overalls were hung out to dry and the band were rewarded with a multi-album deal.

The Overtones have been singing and performing together as a foursome for over five years - honing their classic sound and penning songs whilst working in a series of increasingly soul destroying jobs. The group formed their decorating company 'Classical Interiors' a year ago - figuring that this was one way of earning money that would also enable them to rehearse at the same time. Shortly afterwards the group met bass vocalist, Lachie, and the planets finally began to align; The Overtones were re-born as a five piece band and their luck began to change.

The boys have lots of exciting things in the pipeline, including their forthcoming tour! This is just the start for The Overtones.

[www.theovertones.tv](http://www.theovertones.tv)



## TWENTY TWENTY... VISION?

**Meet Sam, Jack and Sonny: three lads with sweeping hair, handsome faces and raw musical talent. Together they make up Twenty Twenty. At the moment, they're touring with The Saturdays across the UK. Soon, they'll be storming the UK charts.**

A bold statement to make but considering the band have already completed their own sell-out headline tour, played live shows with JLS, McFly and Sugababes, reached No.4 in the UK DVD Chart with their independently-released Get Down With Twenty Twenty DVD and accumulated more than 45,000 fans on Facebook. So there's no doubt Twenty Twenty are about to take on some of the UK's biggest acts.

But how did Twenty Twenty come to be?

"Well, Sam and I are brothers and grew up in Cambridge," Jack begins. The brothers' love for music started early. In fact, they were picking up their first instruments (Sam on the drums and Jack a trumpet) before they even hit puberty. Then Jack got given a guitar from his grandmother and their passion spiralled from there.

"We used to jam together, didn't we?" Jack grins, his cheeky smile shining, he clearly enjoys reminiscing with his big brother. "I used to rock out in our attic with my guitar, I'd hear the ladder and it'd be Sam scurrying up to join me."

Until 2008, the jamming was all done during the boys'

spare time. Over in Essex, Sonny was playing in various punk bands with friends and was mastering his guitar, as well as his drum skills. But a year into his University course, Sam decided he should take time out and form a band. He called on his brother Jack and their good friend - who is now a TT Band manager - to help out. It didn't take long for them to be introduced to Sonny and his drums, who came along to play on a few demos. Calling themselves Twenty Twenty after chatting about band names in a local pub at 8.20pm (20.20), Jack says of the Sonny: "We liked him. And he wanted to be in our band - he said we were really cool."

"I decided to stay in the band, obviously. They really wanted me to," counters Sonny, before all three boys fall start giggling again.

The natural bond between them is evident and there's no doubt they're enjoying life together as Twenty Twenty.

"We've already done so much at a low level- we've released our own singles," smiles Sam, the lead singer and self-proclaimed "big worrier" of the group. "It's nerve-wracking but we can't wait to get releasing again. A new song out in

April and a mini-album out soon after too - how amazing is that?"

The band will unleash their first official single, Love To Life on 17th April. It's a bouncy ballad (yes, it's possible) and a perfect taster as to what we can expect from the up coming min-album and album.

[www.twentytwentyband.com](http://www.twentytwentyband.com)







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# BITES



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## TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD

Comic book characters are all the rage in the cinema this year and the next Superhero to get the big screen treatment is Captain America.

"Captain America: The First Avenger" will focus on the early days of the Marvel Universe when Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) volunteers to participate in an experimental programme that turns him into the Super Soldier known as Captain America. As Captain

America, Rogers joins forces with Bucky Barnes) and Peggy Carter to wage war on the evil HYDRA organization, led by the villainous Red Skull.

Not in theatres until July we still love to see a chap like Chris Evans filling out a uniform... even if it isn't quite as revealing as a spandex ensemble.

## GAY FILM FESTIVAL

The 25th BFI London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will run from 31 March to 6 April 2011.

The Festival will showcase a broad programme of the best new international queer cinema, alongside highlights from the past 25 years, shorts programmes and special events. There will also be Education events and experimental artist film and video.

There will be a special preview of the LLGFF line-up with an introduction

by the Festival programmers on 3 March at BFI Southbank.

BFI Members will receive priority booking from 11 March and Public booking opens on 18 March – [www.bfi.org.uk/join](http://www.bfi.org.uk/join)

Visit [www.bfi.org.uk/llgff](http://www.bfi.org.uk/llgff) for further info and details on how to book, or follow us on Facebook and twitter.



# WHATS ON



## LEEDS

### VIADUCT

As we bump into the month of March there's a feeling that perhaps the worst of the winter is over, the nights are getting lighter and the chance to get out and party more often is definitely on the cards.

Fresh from winning the Owlies - Best Bar in Leeds award, the folk at the Viaduct have even more entertainment planned for your delight.

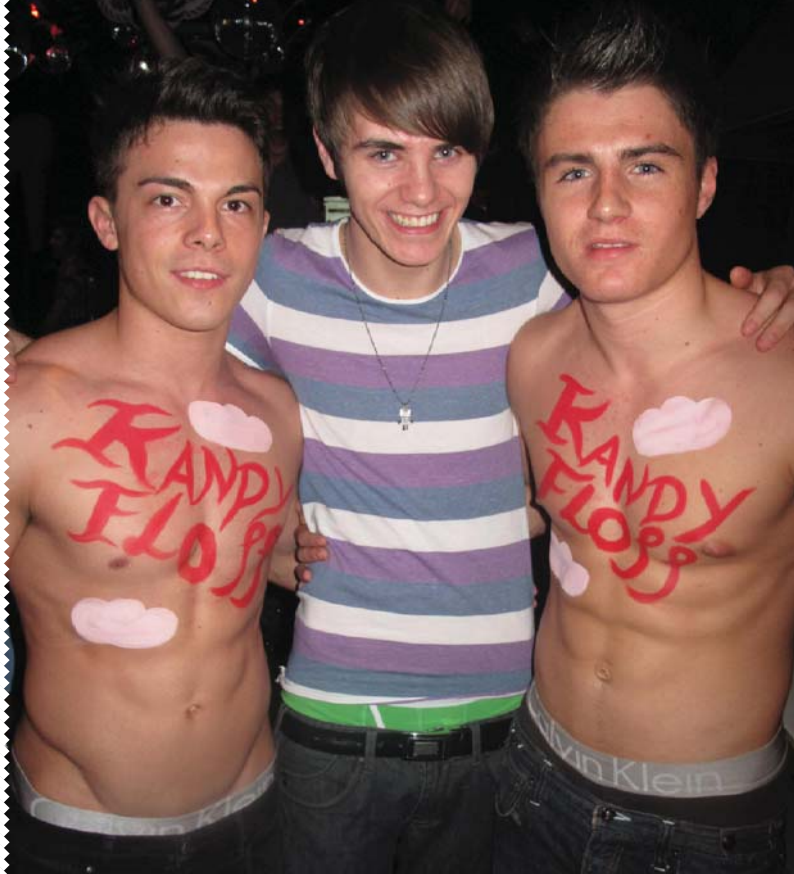
With the sexiest bar-boys in the city, the week kicks off on a Monday with the Kandyfloss Boys, Kyle, Jack, Chris and Rob stripped to the minimum... teasing with treats galore and special drinks offers starting at just a £1.

Meanwhile, something new for those heavy Saturday afternoon shopping trips... take the weight off your feet and a break from those heavy carrier bags as Susan Platt entertains from 3pm thru to 8pm, playing all the classic pop tunes from the 70s, 80s and 90s.

The monthly Big Sunday event on the 27th March features Drag With No Name direct from, well, everywhere as the lady is a legend. Get to the Viaduct early to claim your spot... it's going to be a very busy evening.



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# LEEDS



Leeds is the 3rd largest city in the UK according to population, economic importance and size of urban area. There's a huge student population and perhaps most notable for a city this size, a centre that is compact and easy to negotiate. Visitors always marvel at how much Leeds has to offer and just how accessible and shopper friendly the place is. The rejuvenated arcades boast an incredible array of trendy, label and boutique outlets and a 'café culture' that seems to have taken off big time in recent years.

For the gay visitor Leeds has bars and clubs to suit just about everyone's taste. The oldest gay bar in Leeds, The New Penny, still has its army of loyal followers, while less than a stone's throw away the rest of the vibrant scene flourishes. The Bridge, Blayds, The Viaduct Showbar, Bar Fibre and the ever present Queens Court are situated at the bottom end of Lower Briggate giving the city its own 'gay quarter'. Also situated in this area is the main club Mission and one of the two gay saunas, Basement, which is sandwiched between the Mission complex. For the other sauna you'll need to travel a couple of miles out of

the city centre to Armley, where the large and inviting Steam Sauna has a continuing programme of special events. According to police figures, the gay quarter is one of the safest places in the city with regular patrols and a LGBT liaison officer to help with any related problems should they arise.

One of the country's top chefs Marco Pierre-White is from Leeds and his legacy has meant the centre and its surroundings boast a welter of excellent restaurants, with a fantastic cross-section of culinary styles and delicious food.

This year on the 7th August Leeds hosts its 6th annual Pride, which kicks off in the afternoon in Millennium Square with a huge concert featuring big name stars and local celebrities. Later, the party continues down in Lower Briggate where the streets are cordoned off and, according to 2010 figures, over 30,000 people paid the event a visit.

Leeds has a thriving gay scene and is justifiably proud that although the venues décor may change, the gay visitor is made more than welcome.



# WHATS ON

## LEEDS

Photos: Mark Hawkins

### PARTY TIME

You know we are heading towards summer when Fibre and Queens Court announce the start of their huge alfresco parties 'The Courtyard Parties' which run on various dates throughout the summer. The first of these huge events takes place in the courtyard between Fibre and Queens Court on Easter Sunday 24th April from 2pm-Midnight and if past years are anything to go by, expect to see at least another 2000 people there with you!

Each event has a happy hour from 2pm-4pm where all drinks at all bars in both venues are just £2.50 and admission is just £3 if you get in before 7pm or £5 after.

DJ's include Stuart Robinson, Christian Appleby, Nick Myers, John Marshall, Nick Smith and Alex Kirkham from Fibre plus Mickey Nelson and Glen Battersby from Queens Court. All the usual production of sound, light, lasers and decor add the finishing touches for what some people class as the highlight in the Leeds clubbing calendar. The event dates are every bank holiday Sunday so Easter Sunday 24th April, Sunday 1st May, Sunday 29th May and Sunday 28th August.

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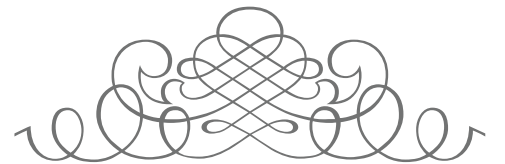
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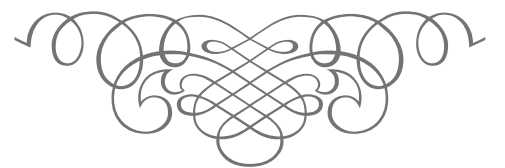
## NEON HUGS

Neon brights from HOM's SS11 range of designer men's underwear. This Brooklyn Low Waist Maxi is available in lime green with pink trim or vivid violet with neon green. Each boxer brief hugs the body in fantastically soft cotton rich fabric

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## A SHORT SPRING INTO SUMMER



An exercise in colour theory and the art of design, the Manhattan based Mjolk Spring/Summer 2011 collection draws from the mechanics and history of visual art, focusing on relationships between colours and shapes, and the affect these manipulations have on the viewer. Bold primary colours give way to subtle secondary and tertiary shades of green, burgundy, soft brown, and warm grey, allowing magnanimously disjointed looks to come together in chromatic harmony when the collection is viewed as a whole. Carefully calculated combinations and distributions of hues, patterns, and textures pay homage to aesthetics and the visual sense, creating a spirit of subtle affability, visual coherence, and focused artistry throughout the line.

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## WATCH AND RUN

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## LYLE & SCOTT VINTAGE

The Spring '11 Lyle & Scott Vintage collection illustrates a brand that successfully combines catwalk trends and contemporary street subculture, whilst retaining the heritage that has made the brand what it is today. Inspiration is taken from the 80's Italian Paninaro movement and the Vintage fit as always is slim and sharp. The feel is super-confident and the colour palette strong and bold.

Vintage check shirt, £75  
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 Vintage kit bag, £60

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## OILER & BOILER SWIM

Following a successful launch into the UK underwear market, Oiler & Boiler is to launch a range of men's swimwear, hitting stores in April.

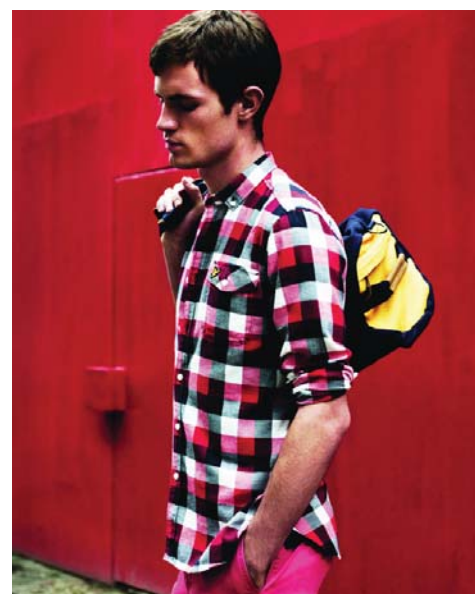
Equally as cool and distinctive as the underwear line, Oiler & Boiler swimwear combines artistic and original hand drawn prints with simple but stylish plain colourways.

Heavily inspired by the preppy, classic look of the Hamptons, Oiler & Boiler captures the essence of Long Island style, providing stylish swimwear with a fantastically refreshing, affordable price tag.

With prices starting at £30, the collection is available in a fantastic range of stockists including Selfridges, Fenwicks, and Topman. It is also available to buy online at [www.rockundies.com](http://www.rockundies.com), along with Oiler & Boiler underwear.



£30



PIECE TWO  
**THREE PIECE**

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PIECE TWO  
**ONE PIECE**



## TERRY GEORGE TELLIN' STORIES

**OK, I know it looks like I'm jumping on (or should that be jumping in) the onesies bandwagon but I just want to say, I had the idea first. I've loved the idea of slipping into a fleecy fabric and covering my entire body in its welcoming comfort for many years but never really knew where to look for such an item of clothing. Now, Norwegian company Onepiece™ has got every pop star, film star, sporting celeb and wannabe modelling the very latest in geeky comfort, I feel I've missed out on a Dragon's Den opportunity all those years ago.**

Of course George Dawes wore a big baby romper suit on TV's Shooting Stars, so similar items have been seen but it was just not quite what I was searching for. Perhaps, as a little tyke, I might have had a version of one myself, although I don't remember such an event if I did. Friends have bought me one-piece pyjamas with feet and a button down flap at the seat, and although these were very nice, I knew there just had to be something more, well, substantial out there... but where?

I'm sure there will be people who think its all about regressing back to my childhood but isn't - I'm almost certain I don't want to look like an ageing Teletubby... and I definitely don't want to live in LaLaland. However, there is something very reassuring about the look, and the fact that X Factor's One Direction wear them means that they are trendy, youthful and fairly hip. Not that I was planning on arriving at the

next shareholders meeting wearing one, showing the assembled faces how 'with-the-times' I really am... no I'd keep it for my own personal, and not public, romping moments.

I didn't know about the zippered Onepiece™ until I was in Holland a few weeks ago and saw a guy (who I suspect was in his early 20s) walking down the street wearing one. My mouth fell open, and not just because he was really quite cute, and in such a colourful fleecy ensemble it is almost impossible to look anything but cute, it was the exact item I had been searching for all these years. I stopped him and asked where he had bought such a splendid garment and he pointed to the label. Eureka! No that wasn't the label it was the moment when the world made sense and I knew I could track the firm down via the internet. Can you imagine my horror when I found out that everyone was wearing one? My original concept stolen, and even worse, had become the very item that everyone wanted over Christmas; the one item that looks perfect indoors and out... all zippered in to keep you all snugly and warm. I could have said "Bah Humbug" but instead I put in my order and joined the happy throng of fleecy, cosy-comfort wannabes.

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# PLAYING FOR TIME

By Alex Wiggan

**You know no one really talks about them, you admit that you've not really seen them, but in your heart of hearts you know they must exist; so if that really is the case, then where exactly are all the gay sport stars in the world?**

Think about it; every year the BBC broadcasts the Sports Personality of the Year, where all the big names from the world of sport turn up to hob knob with the likes of David Beckham, Jenson Button and Phil Tufnell; yet no one ever seems to talk about all the gay men in sport. Most people are now familiar with rugby player and openly gay sportsman Gareth Thomas, who has pretty much become the poster boy for homos in the game, but with fit lads up and down the country preparing themselves for a scrum-half, statistically speaking there's got to be quite a few gays out on the field; hasn't there? It can't possibly be the case that all the gays decided against a career in sport because of being made to do double PE on a wet Wednesday morning or forced to wear an unflattering shorts and polo shirt combo for the cross-country, it's more likely that none have decided to step forward and announce their off-the-pitch ball control because of fear.

One of the big problems seems to be the nature of the sporting industry in general, where the best of the best compete to be the ultimate champions. On the outside it's a very macho environment and so coming out and announcing you'd prefer sequins on your shorts would be seen by some, as being a weakness. Just listen to the jibes, put downs and chants that most footballers are subjected to every Saturday and it's easy to see why none of them sprout handlebar moustaches and suggest playing Diana Ross tunes during halftime. It's surprising really when you think about it, as after all didn't the Olympians of Ancient Greece get all sweaty rolling around together in the dirt? Surely that was more gay than a night of cocktails and dancing with Cilla Black?! It's a tricky situation because most guys at some point have felt uncomfortable when coming out,

usually through a fear of being taunted. As a result they wouldn't want to put themselves through a similar situation and especially if they felt that it would be detrimental to their careers. It's the same reason why many Hollywood actors haven't come out, despite constant suggestions that half of Tinseltown are fans of show tunes. There's clearly an argument about being true to one's sexuality and standing proud for gay rights in sports, but every guy's situation is different and it's their life at the end of the day and their choice.

So it might seem as if finding a gay sportsman in the industry is like trying to find a pair of mating toucans hidden in a Magic Eye picture, but it's often just a case of readjusting to what you're looking at in order to see the bigger scene. There are many gay football teams up and down the country, that may not be world famous but do exactly what the big leaguers can't seem to do, which is basically be open about gay men playing football. Just take the Village Manchester Football Club, one of the North West's gay football teams. The club is actually split into two teams with one of the teams playing in the Manchester Accountants Sunday League. Yep, real-life gays, playing real-life football! Then there's the London Titan's Football Club, which if you hadn't guessed, is a gay football club in London and they've even played football in other countries! Oh and it's not just football, the gays (and bisexuals) are even taking over rugby games, just look out for the Kings Cross Steelers RFC, who have been chasing each other around a field for years! There are gay swimming and badminton teams, gay sailing and marathon running enthusiasts, boxers and gay grapplers fighting it out in the ring. There are plenty of gays out there just 'Doing It' (to paraphrase a sports company motto) and, if you want, you can join them. So there may not be lots of sports stars rushing to announce their sexuality, but that doesn't mean that no one is flying the flag for gay sporting heroes. Often it's a game of two halves, so if no one has stepped up to the plate just yet, it doesn't mean they won't in time.



## 5-A-SIDE GLORY

**Yorkshire Terriers Football Club are once again hosting their annual 5 a side tournament over the weekend of 19-20th March and it is set to be the biggest tournament yet. 32 teams and nearly 500 gay footballers, family, friends and supporters from around the UK will be descending on Leeds for the weekend.**

Yorkshire Terriers FC have been hosting the 5 a side tournament annually for 14 years and what started out as a small, friendly tournament between a few friends from the Gay Football Supporters Network (GFSN) has become one of the highlights in the gay football calendar, attracting record numbers to Leeds year on year.

"It really is fantastic how much support we get each year for this tournament," said Robert Graham, Chair of Yorkshire Terriers FC. "We have never had to turn teams away yet but this year we really are reaching the limits of how many we can host. As the GFSN football league has grown so has the number of teams wanting to come to Leeds, experience the bars and clubs and then enjoy a full day of football on the Sunday. Last year's winners, Nottingham Ball Bois, are back to defend the trophy but it really could be anyone's tournament."

The weekend kicks off, as always, on the Saturday night, when teams will be welcomed to The Loft Bar from 7:30 until 11:00, the cup draw will take place at about 10:00, before continuing the night's merriment around the various bars Leeds has to offer.

Matches on the Sunday are scheduled to start early and continue up until almost 5. Afterwards our sponsors The Viaduct Show Bar will be hosting the awards ceremony and closing the event.

Everything is set for another fantastic weekend and we welcome anyone interested to come along and join in the fun.

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# SWIMMING

Swimming is an excellent form of exercise. Because the density of the human body is very similar to that of water, the water supports the body and less stress is therefore placed on joints and bones. Swimming is frequently used as an exercise in rehabilitation after injuries or for those with disabilities.

Resistance swimming is one form of swimming exercise. It is done either for training purposes, to hold the swimmer in place for stroke analysis, or to enable swimming in a confined space for athletic or therapeutic reasons. Resistance swimming can be done either against a stream of moving water in a swimming machine or by holding the swimmer stationary with elastic attachments.

Swimming is primarily an aerobic exercise due to the long exercise time, requiring a constant oxygen supply to the muscles, except for short sprints where the muscles work anaerobically. As with most aerobic exercise, swimming is believed to reduce the harmful effects of stress. Swimming can improve posture and develop a strong lean physique, often called a "swimmer's build."

[www.outtoswim.org](http://www.outtoswim.org)  
[www.northernwave.org](http://www.northernwave.org)  
[www.goc.org.uk](http://www.goc.org.uk)

## Wikipedia says....

The most common purposes for swimming are recreation, exercise, and athletic training. Recreational swimming is a good way to relax, while enjoying a full-body workout.

Other, water based activities such as diving, water polo and triathlons have their own fans and that much desired physique wrapped in a piece of tight fitting nylon, Lycra or some other, newly developed revealing fabric makes for some of the best sights in any sporting activity. No wonder the male water events at the Olympics are often the tickets most in demand.

## Bent says....

However, 'water sports' is a completely different thing... a common term used to describe the act of urinating, watching urination or being urinated upon during sex... also known as a golden shower. Try not to get the two terms mixed up in your online profile.



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## SNAKEHIPS

Ravishing reptilian inspired men's swimwear from Gigo. This Snake Swim Brief shimmers in a black, silver and white snakeskin style design. The slinky fabric hugs the hips while the hidden inner drawerstring provides a secure fit.

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## THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE WATER

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You need water to keep your metabolism working properly. In order for this to happen, there is a certain level of water in each of our bodies that we need to maintain. If we don't keep that amount, our bodies will start to dehydrate.

An easy way to think of it is to think of your car's need for oil. If your oil level gets too low, your engine will start to run rough. If you totally deplete your oil supply in your car, your engine will stop running.

### How to do this water therapy.

Early morning, after you get up from bed, (without even brushing your teeth) drink 1.50 litres of water about. 5 to 6 glasses. You may wash your face thereafter.

Please note that it is very essential that nothing else, neither drinks nor solid food of any sort should be taken within 1 hr. before and after drinking this amount of water.

It is also to be strictly observed that no alcoholic drinks shall be taken the previous night.

To begin with, you may find it difficult to drink so much water at one time, but you will get used to it gradually. If, to begin with, you find it difficult



There are those who believe that many of the body's natural ills can be relieved, if not cured, by maintaining a regimen of a constant daily intake of water. Their proposal is to drink six glasses of water everyday and avoid medicine, tablets, injections, diagnosis, hospital and doctor visits. They say that if you've never tried it you simply will not believe the benefits and that the sooner you start... the healthier you'll feel.

to drink so much water in one go, drink 4 glasses, take a two minute break (no longer) and complete the final 2 glasses. The whole idea of taking in this amount of water is to cleanse and detox the colon making it easier to absorb the nutrients of the food, which is then turned into fresh blood. The blood is all-important in curing ailments and restoring health and for this water should be consumed in a regular pattern.



## TAKING THE WATERS

By Les Lea

Of course water is good for you. We simply cannot exist without it and there is no denying that the human race would not fare very long without it.

For thousands of years people have used water for its recuperative powers. When and where the practice first started no one really knows but it is the Greeks, and more famously, the Romans who made spas the place to go for health... and a spot of 'pampering'. Lounging around, chatting, eating, getting massaged, breathing in the healing vapours and people-watching are the images that are conjured up when thoughts turn to the idea of a Roman spa. Oddly enough, it was often the place where most business was transacted, and, as slaves oiled and scraped the bodies of well-honed soldiers, naked and with no inhibitions, it was the place where reputations for both citizens and slaves were made and where their popularity grew.

"Salus per aquae," the Latin phrase "health through water," was made more accessible because of the building of aqueducts transporting water over great distances to serve the capital and important cities. No longer did people have to travel to all those ancient towns famed for the healing powers of their mineral waters and hot springs, having a homemade spa on your doorstep was a bonus and certainly made life easier for many. However, although popular, this convenience didn't stop people wanting to enjoy the benefits that certain spa towns offered and travelling out of town was really a class thing, as only the rich were able to indulge these excursions to indulge their 'healthy' pleasures. The spa's water might contain traces of an element that could cure, or certainly relieve, some of the symptoms the visitor might have and it was these restorative powers that gained such places significance for hundreds, and often thousands of years. Over the eons it is simply impossible to quantify just how beneficial a trip to a spa has been, whether for social, professional, sexual or business purposes (not that they can't all be one and the same thing) or even now just to relax and drift away in the comfort of a warm bath.

There is a certain amount of comfort in knowing that things haven't changed. For those gay guys who are sexually active... a trip to the local gay sauna provides all the above, while those who wish to be pampered may choose a spa that offers scented candles, new-age music and gentle fluttering hands rubbing oils and unguents into their skin. Yes, the spa... in its many guises... shows no sign of decreasing in popularity. Indeed, modern spas seem to be constantly finding new, or rediscovered, ways of adding to the experience of a visit to this most ancient of past times for - taking the water.

# THE BLAST PROJECT



*This month sees the biennial being 'funny for money' Red Nose day operation slip into its hectic fundraising mode.*

**Comic Relief has a good reputation of putting all the money it raises back into the communities where it is needed the most.**

One of the projects it helps fund is the Blast Project, which is part of the Yorkshire MESMAC group of services, a charity based in Leeds and Bradford supporting boys and young men who are being, or at risk of being sexually exploited. This also includes working with young men who are selling sex and/or working as escorts. Bent dropped in at their offices to chat with Project Coordinator, Phil Mitchell about the work he and his team are involved in.

**The finance for Blast comes via two charitable organisations, Comic Relief and Esmee Fairburn, how did that come about?**

Comic Relief specifically has funding

strands which say - we will consider funding you if... and in this case... if you work on the issue of sex exploitation of children and young people, which is what we do. We are one of four projects in the country that work exclusively with boys and young men on the issue of sex exploitation. There are plenty of organisations who work with just girls, some with boys and girls but very few with only boys...

**I noticed in your publicity blurb it says that you've spoken to over 8000 boys... that seems quite a large number.**

Yes, that is 8000 boys and young men in secondary schools and educational youth settings in Leeds and Bradford. We go into schools and talk about sex exploitation, what it is, its different forms...

**So it's not 8000 lads looking for help... it's you going on an outreach programme?**

Yes, it is us going out and delivering prevention group work to explain what we're about.

**How is that received in schools?**

Really well. You've got to think about the young lads who'd rather sit and speak to someone you can have a bit of a laugh with, watch DVDs about sex etc rather than doing double physics for an hour or so... but we've still got a really formal approach. In this area the teachers and schools always invite us back and say 'can we get more involved?' which is great. I think with the subject of child abuse being in the media at the moment we are getting more schools on board. Although some schools, Faith schools, put their head in the sand and say that they don't have a problem, they don't want to know,

that they don't want us talking about sex, sexuality or sexploitation to their pupils. So it's swings and roundabouts really - those we're in want to be involved, those who aren't reject what we can offer.

**Is child sexual exploitation a nationwide problem?**

Yes. All you have to do is go to Google and type in 'child sex exploitation' and there are loads of examples. Recently there was the case of a postman down south who via Facebook groomed young lads, met them and forced them to have sex. Other cases are equally scary and opportunistic... and you can't get away from it really. In terms of sexual exploitation, for Blast, you've got to think about the two groups involved. Those under 18 who are classed as children who run the risk of being groomed and could or are being sex exploited and the 18 and over who are being sexually exploited but who, depending on their lifestyle, don't see it that way. For example: They are escorting and are happy to swap the sexual act for something else and don't see themselves as being sex exploited. I think that's because in this country males are brought up not to be victims, told to be big tough guys, don't cry, don't show your emotions... that's an element.

**Has Facebook made kids more vulnerable?**

Yes absolutely. It's interesting because we don't want to say "don't use Facebook because it's terrible" it can be but so can anything. There are risks in every single thing that people do but our job is to try and lower those risks as much as possible. ▶

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

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Facebook Page: Search "blast project"

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Also chat to us on Gaydar and Fitlads at the same time. Look for "BLASTboys". We also run a drop-in for 18-25 year olds who are selling/exchanging sex and/or working as escorts. Contact Phil, the project coordinator for further details.  
Pmitchell@mesmac.co.uk  
or 07921 372896

If you would like to know how you can get involved with the BLAST Project by becoming a volunteer please contact Phil, the project coordinator on the above number.

1. National Working Group (NWG)  
A charity with a network of professionals working with Child Sex Exploitation.  
01582 743026  
www.nationalworkinggroup.org/

2. UK Network of Sex Work Projects  
A non-profit voluntary association of agencies and individuals working with sex workers.  
0161 629 9861  
www.uknswp.org/

3. Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP)  
0870 000 3344  
www.ceop.police.uk  
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

4. Coalition for the Removal of Pimping (CROP) (Supporting parents and carers of sexually exploited children)  
0113 2403040

For instance, I'm off to see a 13 year-old lad in Leeds who met some one through Facebook. A 23 year-old guy, who the young lad says is his boyfriend, he loves him and that they're going to move in together...the 23 year-old lives in London. Now if Facebook didn't exist... those two would never have met... although I see the argument that it's not Facebook but the people who use it...

#### **So does the 13 year-old know he's been groomed?**

No not at all and when I meet him I'm not going in all guns blazing saying: "I'm a professional, you're a child listen to me I know best", you'll get nowhere with that. He's probably never heard of grooming except in relation to a cat or dog and if he has heard of it I would suspect that he has no idea of how that can happen.

#### **So how did Blast get involved?**

Well this was quite unique but generally, the people we deal with don't phone us up or pop in to the drop-in centre, they are referred by social services, police or some professional in their life. It's very rare that a lad will get in touch himself but in this instance the boy's father noticed suspicious emails. There was a big argument as the father tried to explain that his son could be raped or killed but eventually, after he spoke to the boy's school and they spoke to the police... they then got in touch with us. I've spoken to the father and the child protection office about the best way

forward... the result is I'm seeing the 13 year old who knows that I'm going round for a chat.

#### **Do the lads that come to you have much the same story?**

It also depends on the age... the over 18s are a bit different but the younger ones who feel they are gay, bisexual or just wondering might be dealing with homophobia at school, at home or somewhere in their lives and then only place they can find out more about what matters to them is on the net. Exploring your sexuality is a huge thing for boys and they see the internet as private and they don't have to worry about anyone else. However, we know that there are people out there who want to exploit that for their own ends. It might seem fun to see someone naked or masturbating online, it might be a turn on stripping in front of someone you think is a honed, sun-tanned hunk with a six-pack but would they be equally happy getting naked for some 40 something, ugly guy? So all we ask is - How do you know who it is? How do you know it's really them? How do you know it's not a fake photo? There might be others already in relationships where the older guy has showered them with gifts, let them move in, has been understanding about what the boy needs but soon enough it changes. They use emotional blackmail or tell the boy that he's being treated as an adult and that there's no such thing as a free ride. Suddenly the boy has demands he can't wriggle out of and is caught in a trap.

Then there are the heterosexual boys who are caught in a similar trap by guys who they thought were friends or perhaps a surrogate father or uncle who turn that relationship into one of exploitation.

#### **OK so what can Blast do in such a situation?**

We can build a relationship – and provide support. It may be to sexual health services here at MESMAC, maybe counselling or just meeting someone once a week who has worked in this field for sometime and knows what boys and young men can go through and know about the guilt, shame and embarrassing issues around that... They can get support without feeling judged, without being ridiculed and with no prejudice. Support can go in many different ways - from legal advice to pointing them in the direction of other agencies that might be able to offer help that we can't.

#### **You are based in Yorkshire so can you help boys and young men in other parts of the country?**

It's difficult because we are only funded to work in the Leeds and Bradford area but we can point any enquiry in the correct direction, to their local help lines or agencies dealing with sex exploitation. At the moment we operate an online drop-in once a week where anyone who has a problem, fears or wants to talk about a situation can speak to me via the net. It's only in its formative weeks but as people get to know about it and how to access us

via Fitlads, Gaydar and MSN Messenger I'm sure, as our profile increases, it will be an area that will grow. Meanwhile, we have a drop-in here at MESMAC in Leeds and Bradford and anyone who wants to chat face-to-face can get in touch via the numbers below.

#### **How does that work? Is it like an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting where they all sit around and talk about their problem...?**

No, no, no nothing like that. The drop-ins in Leeds and Bradford are aimed at 18-25 year-olds who are working as escorts, selling sex, exchanging sex for something to come along, have a cup of tea, who aren't judged and if they want chat to someone there's someone around for them. If the person isn't out or they are leading a secret life as an escort it can be a very isolating so it's a case of meeting others in a similar situation, getting peer support without being told what to do. Get legal advice. We aren't lawyers but there are certain ways of operating that are legal and some that aren't. Perhaps they've had a punter who has come to their house and attacked them, refused to pay or raped them... do they want legal advice on that, do they want support, do they want victim support? We can point up some of the areas they may not be aware of... we're here to help and support as much as possible.

## **BLAST Drop-in**

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# ADVICE

## THOUSANDS OF HIV-POSITIVE PEOPLE HAVE UNDIAGNOSED HEPATITIS C

13,000 people who are living with HIV in the UK may also have Hepatitis C but not realise it, according to a new report published in the Journal of Viral Hepatitis. That represents nearly 70% of the total estimate of people with HIV and Hepatitis C in the UK. The report is based on a study by the UK Collaborative HIV Cohort, which indicates that gay men remain a high risk group, second only to injecting drug users, with 7% of HIV-positive gay men known to have Hepatitis C.

now understood to be due to sexual transmission. If left untreated, the virus can lead to an increased risk of cirrhosis, liver cancer and even premature death. Re-infection is also fairly common.



[www.gmfa.org.uk/hepc](http://www.gmfa.org.uk/hepc) highlighted a number of ways that Hepatitis C can be transmitted, which include fisting, sharing sex toys, sharing pots of lube, and fucking without condoms. In group sex, the virus is often spread from one man to another (one arse to another arse) if condoms – or gloves for fisting – aren't changed between partners, or if sex toys are used on one man and then another. It can also be transmitted by sharing drug-injecting needles or snorting straws.

The study looked at 31,765 patients provided with care at ten specialist HIV clinics between 1996 and 2007. 36% had never been tested for Hepatitis C, despite guidelines from BHIVA (British HIV Association) recommending screening for all HIV-positive patients.

Much of the increase of Hepatitis C among HIV-positive gay men is



## TESTING TIMES

In an attempt to break down some of the barriers and fears around HIV testing, Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is launching a major new campaign encouraging gay men to share their experiences of taking an HIV test.

'I Did It' ([www.ididit.org.uk](http://www.ididit.org.uk)) is a one stop shop for information and advice around HIV testing, including where men can find their nearest clinic and what to expect when they arrive. Men who have already tested - whatever their result - will be able to add their story to a searchable map of the UK, so that others can find information on testing in their area. The website also has discussion threads, a clinic finder, and video clips of men talking about life after testing HIV positive. 'I Did It' has been funded by the Department of Health through CHAPS, a partnership of community organisations, which is coordinated by THT and carries out HIV prevention work with gay men in England.

Currently in the UK, one in four gay men with HIV remain undiagnosed, posing a serious risk to their health. They are also three times more likely to pass the virus on than men who have been diagnosed and started on treatment. THT is one of a number of organisations signed up to the 'Halve It' campaign, a commitment to halve undiagnosed HIV within the next five years.

Ben Tunstall, Head of Health Improvement at THT, said: "If we're going to reverse the HIV epidemic in this country, the first step is to cut the number of undiagnosed infections. Among gay men, most cases of HIV are passed on in the time between infection and diagnosis. Positive men who are aware of their status can not only start the treatment they need to stay healthy, they are also far less likely to pass the virus on.

To submit your story, please visit [www.ididit.org.uk](http://www.ididit.org.uk) and complete a short form. All stories will remain anonymous.

## Believe in children Barnardo's



## THERE IS NO ROOM FOR PREJUDICE

With over 64,000 children in the care system in England and adoption levels reaching a new low, Barnardo's says there is 'no room' for discrimination when it comes to potential adopters.

Adding to recent concerns that race is acting as a barrier to adoptions in the UK, a poll commissioned by the children's charity shows that more than one third (32%) of the public do not think gay couples can parent as well as heterosexual couples.

Only 3.75% (120/3200) of children adopted in England in 2010 were adopted by same sex couples, yet children are still desperately waiting to be adopted with a quarter of those with adoption plans never finding a family.

New Barnardo's chief executive Anne Marie Carrie says: "Society's

attitude plays a pivotal role in discouraging people from considering adoption. The idea that gay parents are second best must be challenged. To suggest that a same sex couple is not as able to raise a child as a heterosexual couple is at once absurd and unsubstantiated. To continue to discourage potential adopters simply because of their sexual orientation is severely diminishing the chances of securing loving, stable homes for the children who are waiting. This debate needs to be urgently raised and myths surrounding how sexuality, race, marital status and gender can affect your parenting dispelled."

To find out more about adoption and fostering, visit [www.barnardos.org.uk/fosteringandadoption](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/fosteringandadoption) or call 08000 277 280.

## REBOOT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

So how are those New Year's resolutions going? If you've fallen at the first hurdle, don't despair. The latest issue of FS magazine from GMFA, the gay men's health charity, is full of great advice on how to make this year the best ever. Here are just a few of the suggestions to get you off to a good start and make changes that really matter.

### Re-start your sex life:

If you find you've got into a sexual rut, whether you're in a relationship or shagging around, why not try something different? Try new positions, different locations, slap his arse and call him Nora, anything to break the routine and spice things up.

### Make new friends and improve your social life:

There are plenty of ways to make new friends; for example, volunteer for a charity or other organisation, and as well as doing something worthwhile you'll meet new people and learn new skills.

### Go for a sexual health check-up:

If you've ever had sex, you could have picked up a sexually transmitted infection, or STI, including HIV – which can affect not just your health, but the health of anyone you sleep with too. [www.gmfa.org.uk/clinics](http://www.gmfa.org.uk/clinics).

### Boost your confidence:

Adam Clark of Gay Life Coach comments in FS: "The key to boosting your self-esteem is giving yourself positive messages about who you are. Start by making a list of your positive qualities. Think about completing the statement 'I like myself because I am...' It may be that you're kind, considerate or sensitive; you may have overcome obstacles in your life, or be successful at work. Over the days to come, read out this list to yourself. You'll be amazed to see how much this simple exercise will begin to change the way you feel about who you are."

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# JOHAN'S BLOG

## At last **the winter's over** thank God!

*Here in the mountains of the Czech Republic we still have between 50 - 100cms of snow lying on the ground, but it is starting to thaw now that temperatures are constantly above 5 degrees.*

So with spring on the way it's time to check your body and see if you're prepared for the tank-top and Speedos season. After all, with the prospect of us finally throwing off our thick winter jackets – which make us look like the Michelin Man!! – and changing into tee-shirts, swim-shorts and flip-flops, now's the time to get rid of the pounds we've gained over the winter months. Of course, we all loved sitting on the sofa, watching DVDs and munching through the remainder of the festive biscuits, rather than going to the gym or doing some skiing, but now it's time to get into shape – something that's long overdue!

With this in mind I've already organized a training schedule for myself. First of all – and perhaps the most difficult part – I have to reduce my alcohol intake and eat a lighter diet. By this I mean stopping the extra glass of wine or beer that I have in an evening, forgetting the kebab or chips that I have as a small snack for lunch and (definitely) throwing away all the sweets that I love to munch whilst watching TV.

Most of the time it's not a strict diet that we need – we just have to monitor our eating habits a little bit. Double check the things that we're consuming and question whether a salad for dinner wouldn't be better (and more healthy) than a packet of crisps!

Meantime, my schedule for the coming month is quite easy – my overall plan being to engage in more sports and to eat less food. In short, to eat less calories than I'm burning up. As such, I've started cycling everywhere

again, so that even the shortest trip to the bakers or the post-office can become a short fitness session. In addition, I've also started to cycle to the gym. When you think about it, it was quite ridiculous anyway – using the car to make the ten minute journey to the gym, and then spending twenty minutes on the cycling machine to warm up for my weight training!

Like everybody, I have some problematic zones – mine being the stomach and legs. You could say that I grow much too fast in both these areas, becoming very easily fat around the belly and quickly over-building the muscles in my thighs. It's a tricky combination, which means that I have to pay special attention to the exercises that I do at the gym. So I can't do any extra weight-training on my legs, since my daily cycling sessions are just enough. After all, if I don't pay attention, my legs will become like tree-trunks – totally disproportionate to the rest of the body and (worst of all) no longer able to fit into my tight cycling shorts! That would be a disaster, since cycling-wear is my secret fetish – especially when it's being worn by cute twinks! Those shorts always show more than they hide!



It's not just because I'm a porn actor that I think body shape and personal fitness is important. I think everyone should watch their bodies and keep themselves fit. I'm not talking about the 3 to 5 sessions of sport I do each week – plus all the sex, which is a kind of fitness programme in itself. I just mean that we should all use the gym a little more regularly, use the stairs instead of the lift and keep a watch on all the things we eat and drink.

I agree that you can become totally obsessed with the so-called "body culture" – especially as a gay guy. Why, even I sometimes feel a bit shy about taking my shirt

off in gay clubs, thinking that I am in some way inferior to the muscle-queens that you see dancing around half naked! Don't get me wrong, their bodies are great and make me feel really horny, but their attitude is always such a turn-off. They basically just live to be admired, and all the sweat they shed and all the lonely hours they spend in the gym is basically just so that they can spend three hours dancing in front of the mirror on a Saturday night! The only thing I can say is that in my opinion a brain is always more important than a perfect body. A combination of both is just perfect, of course – though unfortunately preciously rare! – but if you do know of such a person, who also has a big cock, has blond hair and blue eyes, and who is sexually versatile, then please ... call me immediately!!

I'm so looking forward to this year's spring and summer and will be sure that I'm ready and in shape for it. So let's hear it for all the outdoor sports and boys in tight shorts that we have to look forward to – not to mention the outdoor sex!

I hope to see you all on the beaches sometime soon

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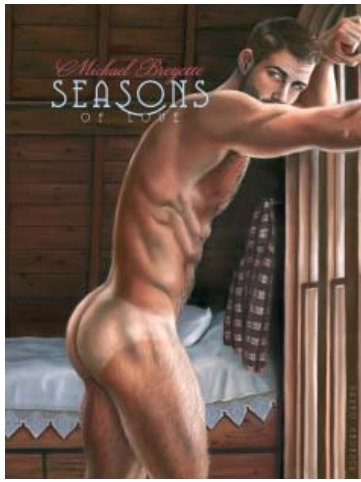
## DARE

By Guillem Medina

Macho blokes for those, who like them big, beefy and full of testosterone: Spanish photographer Guillem Medina offers us a delicious mix—his men are hunky and muscular, the photos were extensively photoshopped. That's how he creates a picture world that's damn sexy, but often also appears dark and even a little threatening. He takes us on a journey back in time, ships us into the seas of rough sailor romance and presents us with men who are butch and tattooed, irresistible and fascinating.

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# SEASONS -OF- LOVE

By Michael Breyette

Looking at these images makes clear that Breyette is a heedful observer of gay lifestyle. With his crayons he captures desire, his paintings make the heart beat a little faster ... and luckily he is not afraid to sweeten it all up with a little kitsch. These elaborately coloured drawings show us an ideal of the American man—muscular, sensual and drop dead gorgeous—without overdoing it. Breyette charmingly masters the balance act between comic and art, for which he doesn't need any words. He rather lets the magic of the moment speak.

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**Secret Summer**  
By Narvel Annable

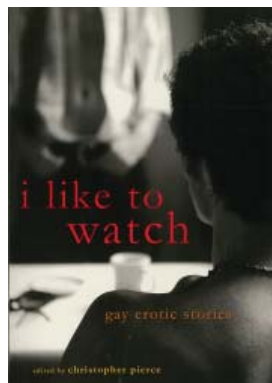
Set in the 1960s Simeon Hogg is a young, British gay guy living in Detroit but pining for the open spaces of his home town back in Derbyshire. The problem is he is shackled up with a homo mafia hunk who just doesn't like to lose his possessions. Eventually, the hoodlum lifestyle gets too much for this delicate English pansy and, with the help of a friend, goes on the run and escapes back home... hotly pursued by the American pink mafia. This tale of love, friendship, pain and passion also focuses on a time in the UK when gay lib was starting but homophobia was all too prevalent. We also meet some of the characters who have shaped our hero's life.

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# CHILDREN -OF- GOD



Johnny Ferro



Stephen Tyrone Williams

The gorgeous beaches and towns of the Bahamas are the setting for *Children of God*, a strong and tender romantic drama from first-time filmmaker Kareem Mortimer.



Percolating under the hot sun and sand are religious intolerance, political grandstanding, family woes and hopefully enough love to conquer them all.

Johnny Ferro plays an art student in Nassau whose technique is perfect, but he's creatively blocked. On a trip to the island he meets Romeo, played by Stephen Tyrone Williams, a hot musician and the pair begin a clumsy dance of attraction and romance.

**Filming Children of God in the Bahamas must have been a brilliant location to work... all that sun, sand and... sea?**

**S.** There was something comfortingly familiar and at the same time refreshingly new about the shoot. I'm a Southern boy and the hospitality of Nassau reminded me of home. In the same breath, we

took a mail boat over to Eleuthera, what the Bahamians call a family island, and it was like nothing I had seen: crystal clear water as far as you could see and untouched beaches with pink sand. I'd like to continue to travel and tell stories abroad.

**J.** It was amazing. There's nothing like hearing "Cut!" and then just staying in the water.

**How did the locals react to a mixed race/same sex love affair?**

**J.** We tried to keep that out of the open while we were filming. The locals obviously knew us as the people making a movie on the island, but very few knew what it was about.

**S.** Like any place, there was a mixture of reactions. Some of them negative, Brokeback Mountain was banned in two countries worldwide: China and the Bahamas. So I had an idea of what to expect. What I did not expect was that Children of God would make its World Premiere as the Opening Night film of the 2009 Bahamas International Film Festival. So there were positive reactions, too.

**Johnny, you've recently won the Best Actor category at Atlanta's Out on Film gay and lesbian film festival... do such honours go to your head... and have you won any other awards?**

**J.** There were a few minutes after I found out that my head may have blown up a bit, especially knowing that James Franco was the runner up, haha. Of course now he's been nominated for an Oscar, so that kind of pops that bubble. As for others, that was my only personal award, though the film itself has won quite a few.

**Stephen, in the movie your character is teaching Johnny to learn to relax...**

**what do you do to relax?**

**S.** For the most part, I am laid-back and chilled, but it doesn't get more relaxing than cooking a nice dinner with a glass of red with Miles Davis playing.

**Who would you like to be stranded on a beach with?**

**S.** Rumi, Nina Simone, and James Baldwin

**Have you appeared in many other gay productions?**

**S.** I don't know what a gay production is, but I have played gay characters. I've done Moises Kaufman's play, THE LARAMIE PROJECT in NYC. There's the short film, FLOAT that Children of God is based on and Michael Saul's feature called DON'T ASK, a part of his film collection CRUSH.

**J.** Nope, Children of God is the only one.

**Is there an actor you'd love to play opposite or character you'd kill to have?**

**J.** I'd love to be in a film with Johnny Depp, though the billing might look weird. "Starring Johnny Depp and Johnny Ferro," haha. I've always wanted to play the villain in a comic book movie, someone smart and completely crazy. I'd really love to play the Riddler in the next Dark Knight, but I think Joseph Gordon-Levitt got that one.

**S.** It's a long list.

**What will we be seeing you appear in next?**

**S.** If you were following SUNDANCE this year you caught me in the World Premiere of Andrew Dosunmu's RESTLESS CITY. Prep School Boys Cinema's STAG & DOE, winner of the 2010 HBO's short

film competition is currently airing on HBO and HBO On-Demand. And if you're in New York, you can catch me off-Broadway in Adam Rapp's HALLWAY TRILOGY.

**J.** I've just finished filming a pilot... but that's all I can say at the moment.

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## CHILDREN OF GOD

Beautifully paced and with three separate storylines that merge at the film's climax, the filmmaker really has done a great job with his small budget.



The Bahamas are bound by religious traditions that discourage homosexuality and end up forcing gay men into the closet, but Romeo, a local Bahamian, has a fiancée and is identified as straight, although he's been known to secretly play with the boys on the side. Johnny, a visiting but up-tight artist, needs to find a way to relax and let his creative juices flow but when the two meet that 'forbidden' attraction is formed. Meanwhile, Lena is a pastor's wife. Her husband demonizes homosexuality to further his career, yet he's not all he seems and she needs to know more.

**Out: 12th March - £15.99 tla releasing**

**To be in with a chance to win a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:**

**In which ocean are The Bahamas?**

# WIN THESE!

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62 for details

## BOYS ON FILM 6: PACIFIC RIM

Celebrated gay short film label 'Boys On Film' goes down under to bring a fresh batch of funny and touching tales courtesy of our Aussie and Kiwi cousins, while from Hawaii to Korea via Singapore several more stories of men falling in love round out the collection. Rising stars Xavier Samuel and Callan McAuliffe set off on honeymoon. On the same day Ellen, having been rescued from a desert island by the Navy, arrives back home to be told the news. She immediately heads for the happy couple's resort where things are about to get complicated.

**Out: 28th March – £15.99 – Peccadillo Pictures**

**To be in with a chance to win a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:  
Which 80's group had a hit with the song "Girl's On Film"?**

## Move Over Darling

This wonderful romantic comedy is a delightful fast-paced comedy romp starring one of the most popular and successful American superstars of the post-war Doris Day. Although hugely requested it has never been available on DVD until now.

Five years after his wife Ellen (Doris Day) disappears in a plane crash, lawyer Nick Arden (James Garner) declares her legally dead. He embarks on a new life by marrying wife number two Bianca and the newlyweds set off on honeymoon. On the same day Ellen, having been rescued from a desert island by the Navy, arrives back home to be told the news. She immediately heads for the happy couple's resort where things are about to get complicated.

**Out: 21st March - £15.99 – Second Sight Films**

**To be in with a chance to win a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:**

**Complete the title of this Doris Day hit song: "Que sera \_\_\_\_\_"**



## SKYLINE

A group of friends are awakened in the dead of the night by a strange, eerie light beaming through their apartment window. Like moths to a flame, a disturbing blue light is throwing the people of Los Angeles into a trance, drawing them outside before a terrifying extra-terrestrial force swallows them off the face of the earth. With the military struggling to keep the aliens at bay, now it will take every survival instinct they have to elude capture from the thousands of monstrous creatures that are sweeping the city and searching for all humans in their path. From tankers to drones and hydra-like extra-terrestrials, the aliens are inescapable and seemingly indestructible.

**Out: 21st March – Blu Ray & DVD – Momentum Pictures**

**To be in with a chance to win a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:**

**What do the letters UFO stand for?**



# THE PECK EMPIRE

British Film Director **Ron Peck** talks us through his career and making 80s East End gangster movie **EMPIRE STATE** complete with gay characters and a pulsating 80s gay sound track.



## How did you become a filmmaker?

I worked for a year to get enough money together to go to the London Film School, which was a very good experience, and after two years there four of us set up a film company and started making documentaries. This was 1972-74. In 1978 we made our first feature, NIGHTHAWKS, which was accepted as a British entry at Cannes, and that began to open possibilities up a bit.



## How did you come to make Empire State?

I moved to Bethnal Green in East London around 1975, when it almost seemed like another city. In the late seventies and in the eighties it began to undergo one of its historic changes as the Docklands were opened up for massive redevelopment. Money on a phenomenal scale and a new population buying up property began to move into the area. It was all about money. There was very high unemployment and at the other end of the scale extremes of wealth. Just like the era we're moving into now. At the same time, within East London, there was this phenomenon of American-style bars and nightclubs with names like 'Fifth Avenue' and 'Manhattan'. People cultivated a new heightened glamour, it was a world full of colour and shine. It was also the period of new fitness clubs, new drugs...

**Despite being a film about the East End underworld Empire State has a cult following among a gay audience. Why do you think this is?**

The gay world itself at that time was becoming increasingly confident and commercialised. Clubs were a big part of the gay scene so it might partly be

that, the fact that most of the action of Empire State revolves around a vast nightclub. Plus most of the characters in the film were pushy, fighting for their space, as was the gay population. The film includes characters who are gay and bisexual and we tried to integrate them in the criss-cross action of the many stories and subplots.

**The club scene is very eighties – suited clubbers, heavy make-up and a soundtrack featuring Jimmy Somerville, New Order and Yello. Did you do much research into the nightclub scene to recreate the authenticity or did you go to the film with set ideas following your previous foray into this arena with Nighthawks?**

That mix was part of the real world we were dramatising. Benjy's, a Mile End club which was one of the inspirations behind the film, was quite a tough place but very gay-friendly. It had a back street entrance to a gay S&M club that opened on the same nights that the main club pulled in a more general crowd. What I liked was that it all crossed over and mixed up. The same people might be very macho and also gay. It was a very exhilarating place with room for everyone.

## EMPIRE STATE

A production from cult British director Ron Peck (Nighthawks/Fighters), this is a perfect mix of gangster action and the high camp of the eighties East End club scene at The Empire State nightclub in London's newly developed Docklands, a place where disparate lives intersect. Illusory, dangerous and glamorous, it is both the playground of the rich, and an escape from the poverty and squalor of the toughest reaches of the city. The Empire State is also the arena for a fierce struggle between the hard men who for decades ran the East End, and the new breed of racketeers.

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# FILM

By Chris Amos

## THE EAGLE Out 25th March

This Roman epic adventure stars hotties Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell (Billy Elliot is looking sexy). Rome's 5,000-strong Ninth Legion, under the command of Flavius Aquila, marched north carrying their treasured golden Eagle emblem. They never returned; Legion and Eagle simply vanished into the mists. Hearing a rumour that the Eagle has been seen in a tribal temple in the far north, Flavius' son Marcus (Tatum), determined to restore the tarnished reputation of his father, is galvanized into action. Accompanied only by his slave Esca (Bell), Marcus sets out into the vast and dangerous highlands of Scotland - to confront its savage tribes, make peace with his father's memory, and retrieve the hallowed Eagle.



## MOVIE BUZZ

Guy Ritchie is rumoured to be stepping in for Zack Snyder to direct Xerxes, the planned sequel to Snyder's 2007 breakout hit 300. The film is based on a forthcoming Frank Miller graphic novel, assumed to be picking up where Miller's original novel left off.

Daniel Radcliffe is attached to star in The Amateur Photographer, an indie comedy for writer/director Christopher Monger based on his novel of the same name. The story is set in 1970 and follows a young man who discovers his artistic calling after being drafted by the denizens of a sleepy little New England mill town to serve as photographer of their most intimate moments.

Ray Liotta has joined the cast of Andrew Dominik's Cogan's Trade, the first film for Dominik since directing The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford. He joins a cast already made up of Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, Javier Bardem, Sam Rockwell, Casey Affleck and Mark Ruffalo. The story centers on Jackie Cogan (Pitt), a professional enforcer who investigates a heist that takes place during a high stakes poker game.

Die Hard 5 is in the works starring Bruce Willis (of course). It may be called Die Hard 24/7 and may feature another sibling of Hans Gruber, the franchise's original villain played by Alan Rickman. You'll also remember Jeremy Irons played Hans's brother Simon in Die Hard With A Vengeance.

Julia Roberts has closed a deal to star as the Evil Queen in The Brothers Grimm: Snow White. There is another Snow White flick in the works too, Snow White and the Huntsman, which has lined up Kristen Stewart and Viggo Mortensen in the title roles and Charlize Theron as the Evil Queen.

Meanwhile another fairy tale is in the works, Famke Janssen (X-Men, GoldenEye) has been added to the cast of Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters alongside Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton in the roles of the titular siblings.



## BATTLE: LOS ANGELES Out 11th March

With the summer blockbuster season still a few months away, we have this massive special effects driven flick to enjoy. For years, there have been documented cases of UFO sightings around the world - Buenos Aires, Seoul, France, Germany, China. But in 2011, what were once just sightings will become a terrifying reality when Earth is attacked by unknown forces. As people everywhere

watch the world's great cities fall, Los Angeles becomes the last stand for mankind in a battle no one expected. It's up to a Marine staff sergeant (Aaron Eckhart) and his new platoon to draw a line in the sand as they take on an enemy unlike any they've ever encountered before.

## THE LINCOLN LAWYER Out 18th March

Mickey Haller (Matthew McConaughey) is a Los Angeles criminal defence attorney who operates out of the back of his Lincoln Continental sedan. Haller has spent most of his career defending garden-variety criminals, until he lands the case of a lifetime: defending a Beverly Hills playboy (Ryan Phillippe) accused of murder. But the seemingly straightforward case suddenly develops into a deadly game of survival for Haller. The Lincoln Lawyer is based on the best-selling Michael Connelly novel of the same name. This is the type of role we like to see McConaughey and with Phillippe thrown into the mix too, makes this worth the price of a movie ticket and popcorn.







## FAIR GAME Out 4th March

A suspense-filled glimpse into the dark corridors of political power, *Fair Game* is a riveting action-thriller based on the autobiography of real-life undercover CIA operative Valerie Plame (Naomi Watts), whose career was destroyed and marriage strained to its limits when her covert identity was exposed by a politically motivated press leak. Valerie leads an investigation into the existence of weapons of mass destruction in

Iraq. Valerie's husband, diplomat Joe Wilson (Sean Penn), is drawn into the investigation to substantiate an alleged sale of enriched uranium from Niger. But when the administration ignores his findings and uses the issue to support the call to war, Joe writes a *New York Times* editorial outlining his conclusions and ignites a firestorm of controversy. A thinking man film, very engaging and thought provoking.



## THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU Out 4th March

Matt Damon stars in the thriller *The Adjustment Bureau* as a man who glimpses the future Fate has planned for him and realizes he wants something else. To get it, he must pursue the only woman he's ever loved across, under and through the streets of modern-day New York. On the brink of winning a seat in the U.S. Senate, ambitious politician David Norris (Damon) meets beautiful contemporary ballet dancer

Elise Sellas (Emily Blunt) - a woman like none he's ever known. But just as he realizes he's falling for her, mysterious men conspire to keep the two apart. David learns he is up against the agents of Fate itself - the men of *The Adjustment Bureau* - who will do everything in their considerable power to prevent David and Elise from being together.



## UNKNOWN Out 4th March

*Unknown* stars Liam Neeson as Dr. Martin Harris, who awakens after a car accident in Berlin to discover that his wife (January Jones) suddenly doesn't recognize him and another man (Aidan Quinn) has assumed his identity. Ignored by disbelieving authorities and hunted by mysterious assassins, he finds himself

alone, tired, and on the run. Aided by an unlikely ally (Diane Kruger), Martin plunges headlong into a deadly mystery that will force him to question his sanity, his identity, and just how far he's willing to go to uncover the truth. If you like last year's Neeson hit *Taken* you will enjoy this too!

# ELTON AND GA-GARDEN GNOMES

by Pedro Caiado



Elton John has been pretty busy lately. Since his son was born last December, using an American surrogate mother, the 63-year-old musician has been occupied changing diapers and enjoying fatherhood. However the *Rocket Man* recently released the long awaited animated film which he and his hubby David Furnish co-produced, *Gnomeo and Juliet*.

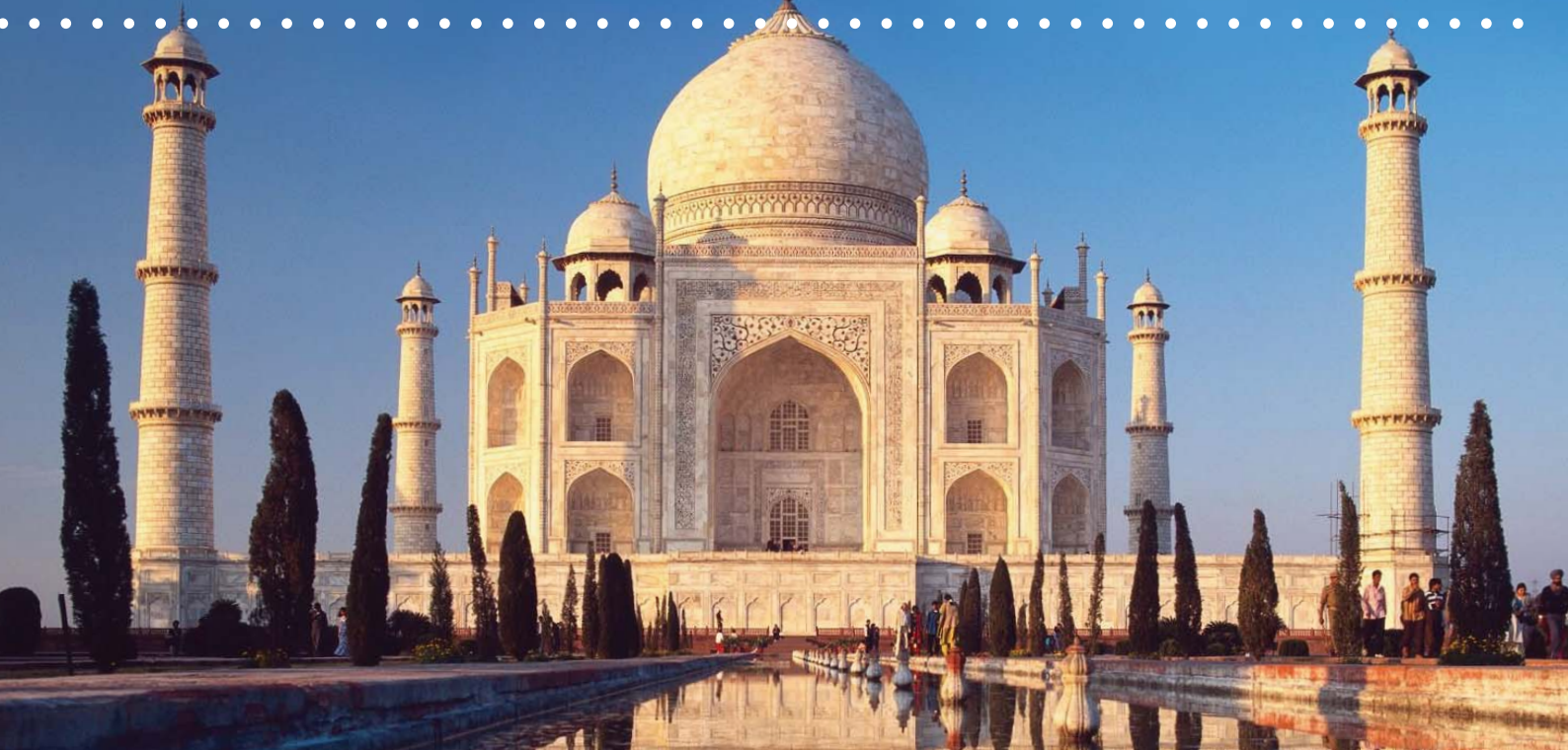
"We had a baby that took nine months to be born but this movie took 11 years. It was like giving birth to a whale, but we are so proud of it. This a wonderful film that in five years time, our son will love to watch,said Elton John during the London premiere.

Elton has lent his back catalogue of hit records to the movie soundtrack and recorded a new duet with superstar Lady Gaga titled Hello, Hello! Elton confesses, she's one of my new best friends. We just mentioned the film and the song and even being very busy she said she'd love to do it."

*Devil Wears Prada* star Emily Blunt lends her voice to Juliet. Despite the excitement she showed in the press conference at the Dorchester Hotel, in London, it was not always the case. They called me and said - 'its an animated movie'; I said, 'great!' Then they said - 'its called Gnomeo and Juliet'; I said - 'Ohhhh, God, really?' But when I read the script I completely fell in love with the story,explains Emily. She admits she was a little bit gnomophobic before this movie, but sees gnomes as romantic and charming little things now.



# DELHI



India's gay ban has just been lifted!  
*Adrian Gillan* flew direct to buzzing capital, Delhi.

First populated hundreds of years BC, in the misty eons of the times of the proto-Hindu Mahabharata tales, one of the first major external civilisations to leave substantial physical traces on the city and region of Delhi in North West India were the Muslim Sultanates, from the west, which ruled 12th - 16th Centuries AD; to be superseded by the likewise Muslim Mughals, who left major traces such as Delhi's Red Fort and Agra's Taj Mahal; then they, in turn, by the British Empire, which survived the so-called 1857 'Indian Uprising' to build eventual colonial capital New Delhi (previous capital, Calcutta) under architect Lutyens in the early 20th Century – only to concede India its independence in 1947.

Despite subsequent partition and war with Pakistan, three Ghandi assassinations (Mahatma in 1948 by Hindus; Indira in 1984 by Sikhs; Rajiv in 1991 by Tamils) and a 'Westernised' middleclass growing amidst still-endemic poverty and pollution, India continues to emerge as a – perhaps the – military and economic powerhouse of the 21st Century.

Mercifully the planet's second most populous nation is also the world's biggest democracy and its governments operate under the rule of law, allowing a free press. Home to a sixth of Earth's people –presumably a sixth of its gay people – India thankfully decriminalised homosexuality in 2009, overturning an old British colonial law, and, whilst still socially frowned upon,

a small, still fragmented and largely affluent gay community is emerging, not least in cosmopolitan hubs like Mumbai – and Delhi.

Delhi's metro is state-of-the-art and, to us, jaw-droppingly cheap. That said, rickshaws – both auto and cycle – are far more fun. Petty crime is no more prevalent than in any other big Asian city – so just keep your wits, and valuables, about you. Brace yourself for wild animals roaming the streets – from cows and donkeys to dogs and monkeys – and for a high visual dose of omnipresent poverty.

**Note:** To minimise the risk of 'Delhi Belly', always drink bottled water; avoid ice creams, salads, peeled-fruit, buffets, street stalls and quiet restaurants; and try to eat food you can see being freshly cooked.

## TO STAY

Hotel Ginger Delhi, Rail Yatri Niwas (Bhav Bhutti Marg, New Delhi; T: +91 11 6663 3333; [www.gingerhotels.com](http://www.gingerhotels.com)) is a clean, secure, award-winning, great value hotel with fab restaurant, a mere stone's throw from New Delhi Railway Station and metro, smack bang between Old and New Delhi.

## TO DO

In Old Delhi, visit 17th Century Mughal residence and one-time British garrison, the Red Fort; the 17th Century Jama Masjid, India's biggest mosque; thronging Chandni Chowk thoroughfare and various surrounding specialist bazaars. Check out various Ghandis' riverbank cremation spots, at the Raj Ghat.

Just south, in New Delhi, gawp at the former Lutyens-designed British Imperial Rajpath – from imposing India Gate, via Secretariat Buildings and circular Parliament, to presidential palace, the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Take in the nearby National Museum; the Crafts Museum; early 18th Century observatory, the Jantar Mantar; and Gandhi Smitri, the Mahatma's touching assassination spot.

## FACTS

<b>India's population:</b>	1 billion.
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Between Old and New Delhi, visit ex-colonial Connaught Place, whose 360-degree crescents brim with big-name brand boutiques, and eateries – plus busy underground market.

A little south of centre, take in 16th Century Mughal treasure, Humayun's Tomb, precursor of the Taj Mahal; India's oldest mosque, the Qutb Minar, featuring a super-tall Sultanate structure; the lovely Lodi Gardens, packed with atmospheric Sultanate tombs; the high-walled Purana Qila park, supposed site of the legendary setting of the Mahabharata; plus eye-catching Baha'i 'Lotus' Temple!

Scattered around the city, mainly just north-of-centre, are a further smattering of former British colonial remnants, many associated with the 'Uprising' – notably



Nicholson's Cemetery, St. James' church, infamous Lal Darwaza gateway, the ammunition magazine and Kashmiri Gate, plus, along the lofty, leafy Northern Ridge, the Uprising Monument itself and Flagstaff Tower. Yet further north, check-out ghostly, unkempt Coronation Park, site of former Durbars, and surreal post-independence dumping ground of one-time British imperial statues – a fitting metaphor for colonialism if ever there was one!

2-3 hours by train (an eye-opening experience in itself, not least in 3rd Class) from Delhi, Agra awaits, with its massive Fort, and – of course – the breathtakingly beautiful Taj Mahal.

## TO BOOZE 'N BOP

Only recently decriminalised, Delhi's scene is spread-out and still emerging: mainly venues offering weekly nights, the most established of which is at Pegs N Pints (Chanakya Lane, Chanakyapuri, next to the Chanakya Cinema) every Tuesday evening, with a particularly colourful and diverse crowd – the best place to get the latest news on an ever-changing scene. Current weekly Saturday night parties include Amigo (3 Local Shopping Complex, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash Part 2) and Orange Hara (3-4 Ground Floor, Southern Park Mall, District Centre, Saket), both south of centre.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

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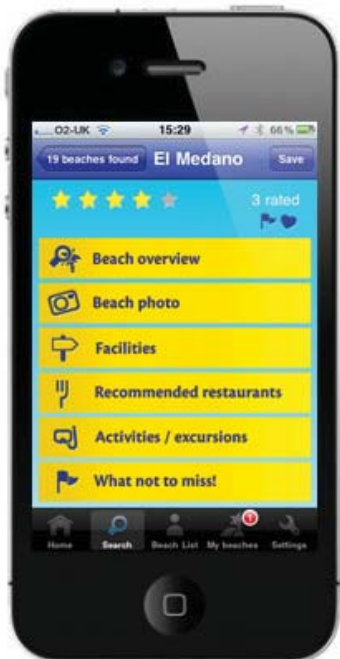
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Much of the Brighton gay scene is concentrated in the Kemptown area of Brighton, the focal point being St James's Street and the Old Steine. It's here you'll find most of the clubs, shops and bars mentioned in most guides, so many in fact that Kemptown has become known as Brighton's Gay Village.

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## BRIGHTON PRIDE

It has been reported that this year's annual Brighton Pride will see changes to the event including limiting numbers and charging for the very first time.

Last year the festival attracted over 160,000 people but the money donated and raised on the day didn't reach the £350,000 it cost to stage and there were complaints about the amount of litter and anti-social behaviour.

Spokeswoman Judith Manson said: "We've spent the last five months listening. The message has been very clear - Pride has to change to be safe and enjoyable for everyone."

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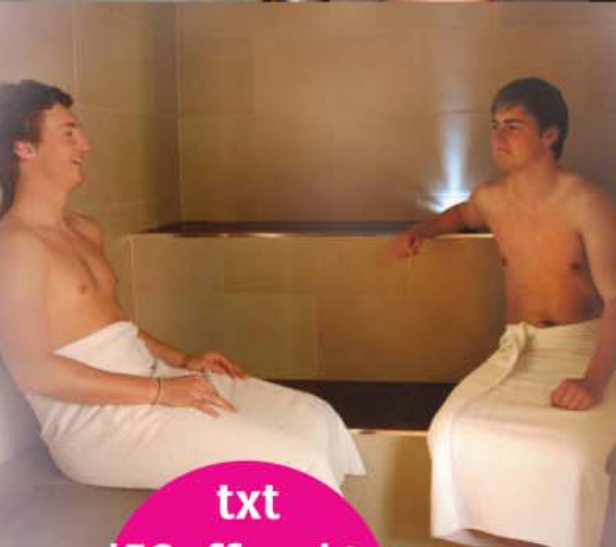
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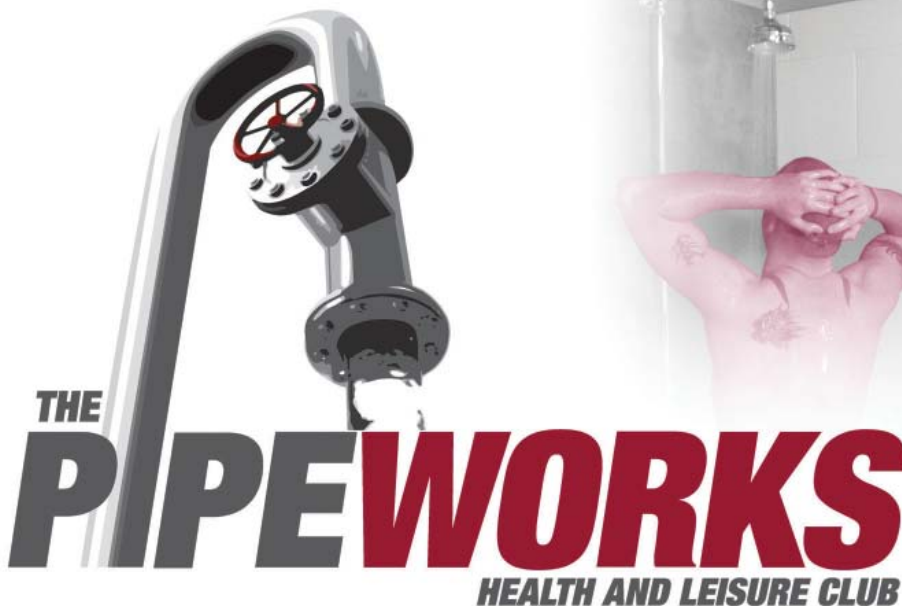


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# AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

BY LES LEA

I could feel the occasion was something special. The atmosphere and excitement in the auditorium was electrifying and it imbued everything with a dizzying exhilaration.

Ever since I was cast I knew I was destined for greatness. Every person I came into contact with had said how special I was, how before too long I would be on the front cover of every newspaper, magazine and leading the TV news. I loved the attention. People were awestruck by my very presence. Their attention made me feel proud and confident, sparkle and gleam, not only with an exterior brightness but I knew deep, deep down that every molecule of my body was made so I would be the centre of attention.

My brothers, cast at the same time, also knew what was expected of them. We were not ordinary, we were exceptional and the nearer it got to the ceremony, the more our faithful helpers polished our PR... ready for the big day.

My brother knew he was destined to be accompanying the leading lady home, while my other sibling felt destined to know the exhilaration of being with the best newcomer and I, for my part, revelled in the idea of being the best actor in a leading role.

"...and the award goes to..." this was the moment I'd been born for. The moment when all my hopes and ambitions came together. I was already taut with anticipation but at the announcement my body reverberated in sheer pleasure as I was swept up in the pure energy and joy of the recipient. He was young, slightly drunk yet throbbled with charisma. He held me triumphantly aloft and whooped

his sheer happiness. He kissed me and thrust me out into the admiring crowd in victory. He stroked my silky silhouette in abject appreciation and I knew we were destined to be together.

The rest of the night is a bit of a blur... cameras flashed, red carpets beckoned, and TV cameras scanned every millimetre of my golden body. I was happy to share the limelight as my image was flashed proudly onto huge screens all around the globe.

Much later, I was standing on a table surrounded by piles of white dust. The hubbub had died down and I was alone with the world's best actor. The last few hours had been a mad frenzy but at last, the fury had died down a little. It was our first time alone and I was excited. I didn't have any clue as to what happens next but I was ready to glow with pride every time he picked me up and gleam and sparkle as much as possible for my winner.

I saw him strip. I saw him sniff some of the white powder that seemed to surround us both. He looked adoringly at me and said that he had waited all his young life for this moment. He sat back naked in the easy chair and held me against his warm groin. He seemed to love my gleaming surface as he gently glided my solid smooth frame all across his breathless and sweating body. He guided me up his legs and onto his crotch before slowly inserting my head into his anus. I had no idea what was happening as my entire body was slowly but forcefully pushed further and further up. As he pushed and pulled at my base I could feel his warm innards tightening and with a yell... everything tightened around me.



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## ARIES

(Mar21/Apr20)

Don't rush things in any area of your life just because you want to see results. Take time to do your work properly and you won't have to return to it to fix the mistakes. If you're decorating your home, plan the job carefully instead of jumping in without really considering the end product of your actions. Where a romantic or sexual interest is concerned, your partner will be left in no doubt about how much you are but give them a chance to catch up with you.

## TAURUS

(Apr21/May21)

Conversations are too slow, suggestions people make aren't very constructive and you're getting impatient. It isn't often you are so restless and agitated. This suggests you have reached the end of your tether and you're ready to put an end to situations that should have been concluded long ago. You want to move on now and you suspect someone is dragging their heels for reasons of their own. You are no longer willing to put up with their behaviour.

## GEMINI

(May22/June21)

It isn't often you are at a loss for words and when you find yourself in such a predicament, you're confused about what to do. Gemini, if you don't know what to say, then don't speak at all! In a new relationship that looks promising for romance, remember that the truth is always best. If there is some discord in the family it will be good for you to have a heart to heart with an older relative. This will be your chance to get something off your chest.

## CANCER

(June22/July23)

Despite your quiet ways, you can be determined and you possess a strong will. Someone won't give up trying to get you to do something you don't want to do. You won't back down no matter how persuasive they may be. Share your ideas for sprucing up your place with the family as a loved one is feeling creative and they could help you attain your dream of having a beautiful home.

## LEO

(July24/Aug23)

You might witness an incident that makes you see red; someone is being bullied or treated unfairly. This is when the more determined and authoritative side of your personality will come into play. You don't intend to let anyone get away with any kind of unjust behaviour. Although you will be direct in letting others know your opinion you will also fall back on your diplomatic skills to prevent a rift from occurring.

## VIRGO

(Aug24/Sept23)

Contact from an old flame will take you by surprise. You might wonder why he or she is suddenly taking a renewed interest in you. If you're sure it isn't to take up where you last left off but there is some ulterior motive behind

their friendliness, tread with care. It may be they think you have something belonging to them or they'd like an item they gave you as a gift that you've grown quite fond of, returned. Don't say I didn't warn you!

## LIBRA

(Sept24/Oct23)

This could be a good week to discuss a future holiday with your nearest and dearest. You can look forward to a meeting of minds and agreements are easily reached. If you're single and looking for love, accept all social invitations even those that are business related. Keep your eye open for your dream lover as there is every chance they have just stepped into your world and if not, they are certainly in close vicinity!

## SCORPIO

(Oct24/Nov22)

You're fun loving, imaginative and full of energy these days. In fact there is a strong feeling of enthusiasm and high spirits for almost anything you take on. People will enjoy your sense of humour and you will enjoy keeping them entertained. Even so, when you're working on some serious business, focus on listening more than you talk. You could learn something interesting and this will relate to a new job opening that's coming up in the future.

## SAGITTARIUS

(Dec22/Jan20)

You aren't expecting or wanting praise or reward when you offer to do someone a favour. If they're struggling you would rather help than stand back and do nothing. A competitor interprets your actions quite differently to your friends. You accept everyone has a right to their opinions and this won't stop you from voluntarily helping others out and expecting nothing in return.

## CAPRICORN

(Dec22/Jan20)

Parties and social gatherings set the scene for new romantic affairs if you are single. In the middle of all this bonhomie could be an opportunity to boost your career prospects too. Getting out and about in your neighbourhood is a great way to make new friends. If you have time to spare in the evenings or weekends, playing a sport or getting involved in a club will put you in touch with like minded people.

## AQUARIUS

(Jan21/Feb19)

You've always promoted peace and harmony in your world. Where there is contention, you will do your best to encourage reconciliation. This week your efforts with people who are sensitive, intelligent and creative will make a bridge. You will get on well with each other and progress will be good. Communications with a selfish and stubborn person could break that bridge so carefully made. So be choosy about who you mix with.

## PISCES

(Feb20/Mar20)

Ideas on how to bring improvements into your personal and professional worlds dominate your thoughts. You might want to concentrate on a special project that will be of some importance to your future career. On a more personal level, you might be seriously thinking a change of image is due. If it seems as if you've been in something of a rut, you now need to experience more of the rich tapestry of life, to make your world more exciting.



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