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Left to Right: John Wheeldon, Charlie Drummond, Greg Lumley, Samuel Kneen, Nik Chapman.

Introducing MRGAYUK

From Bristol to Birmingham, from Derry to Dundee this year saw the return of Mr Gay UK after a three year gap. All over the country heats took place, scouring the nation to find the first Mr Gay UK of the decade. After three months that man was Samuel Kneen, a 22 year-old hairdresser from Cardiff.

Samuel won his heat at Pulse, Cardiff's biggest gay venue, where he beat a bevy of contestants to reach the final. This year the competition was shaken-up and with the help of social media and networking opportunities, an online vote forced a new dimension onto the contestants. Being pretty and pert are no longer good enough to win the title; this time the heat winners were going to have to 'sing' for their proverbial 'supper' and go out and about, campaigning for votes.

Some pledged on Twitter, some chased through Facebook. There were topless boys out on the streets of the respective towns and cities having photos with celebs, while others had interviews with press and radio stations, all gathering fans and support.

The public voted via the official Mr Gay UK Facebook page by 'liking' their favourite finalist, by using Twitter, going on the website or by phone and text. The race ended on 29th November when the Five Finalists were announced.

The Grand Final was held at Club Mission in Leeds on Saturday 10th December, where the three judges decided on which contender best fit the profile and would win the accolade of Mr Gay UK 2011. When asked how he had felt once his name was called out as the winner, Samuel commented, "I didn't believe it at first. Then I started to get really emotional, because some of my really close friends who had come to support me started to get emotional." He continued, "I felt a real sense of achievement after all the work I'd put in and of course a huge burst of confidence. I just can't believe it"

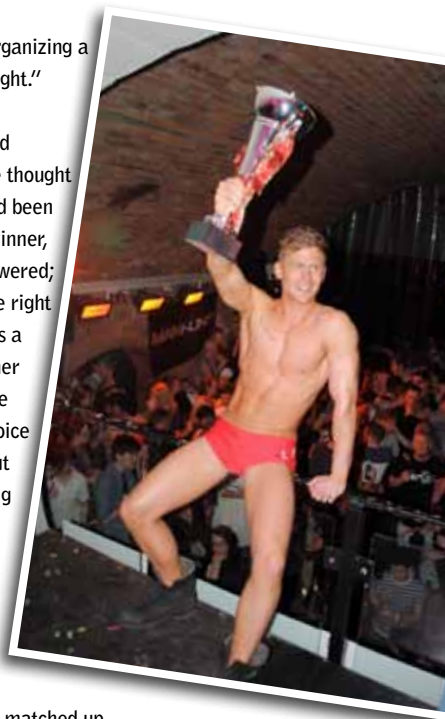
This year the judges were renowned photographer Jay Eff, Rob Gunns of Manhunt UK (the event's sponsor) and Kieran Richardson of Hollyoaks and Dancing on Ice fame. "I had a great time, it was really good fun," said Gunns. "Five very hot and very friendly finalists. A big thanks to Terry and the

team for organizing a fantastic night."

When asked whether he thought Samuel had been a worthy winner, JayEff answered; "I think the right guy won. As a photographer he would be my first choice to shoot, but after talking to him as well, I saw that his

personality matched up to his looks"

Kneen has won a professional photo-shoot on location in Morocco, the chance to enter Mr Gay





Europe and £2000 – some of which Samuel has vowed to donate to the Terrence Higgins Trust. "It's a charity I feel really strongly about," remarked Kneen, "a friend of mine was diagnosed with HIV recently and he dealt with it with such strength, thanks to them. He's really an inspiration". He has also volunteered to help the charity in any way he can.

After a grueling but exciting few months, Samuel has vowed to enjoy every opportunity as the newest Mr Gay UK. He reflected on the contest with a smile, "I enjoyed it all, especially the photo-shoots and getting to meet the finalists. The best bit though," he continued "was going on ITV's Loose Women, meeting Simply Red and the ladies, and having Bet Lynch sprawled across me. Pretty good going for a Friday afternoon".

On Friday 9th December, Julie Goodyear, in a pre-Christmas promotion for Street of Dreams, a musical based on Coronation Street, met up with Samuel along with two of the other finalists (Greg Lumley representing Middlesbrough and John Wheeldon who represented Leeds) on ITV's Loose Women. They were asked to pamper her in the

green room and then later, showing off their fine physiques, walk her bare-chested (them not her) onto the set. "You can tell Christmas is coming up," she remarked when asked how she felt about the boys accompanying her. Before the cameras flickered into action however, she made sure attention was on her with a quick glance at Greg and a cheeky, "Get your hand off your cock and put it on my shoulder".

The day after the Grand Final, Samuel was immediately whisked off for a photo-shoot, he's also being used for an advertising campaign for Lick underwear. On top of all this, he has interviews lined up including Attitude magazine, Gaydio and Boyz magazine and offers for features and personal appearances are coming in from around the country.

The competition may be over, but for Samuel the year is just beginning. "Winning Mr Gay UK has made me feel like a new person: a new chapter with new opportunities and new doors opening. It's like all my dreams have come at once. I can't wait to see what else there is to come."

If your venue would like to host a Mr Gay UK heat in 2012 email info@mrgayuk.co.uk





MRGAYUK



What made you enter Mr Gay UK this year?

My friends persuaded me, and I thought it might help with my confidence. I've been going to the gym a lot for the past year.

How did you feel when you won the heat?

Ecstatic, I couldn't believe it! It was a huge surge to my confidence, which I've had a bit of trouble with in the past.

Why do you think people voted for you?

I'd like to think that they could see my potential and saw that I really wanted to get through, and hopefully they liked me.

What did you do to get votes?

I did a photoshoot with a photographer and he put me on his blog. I did a radio interview with Radio Cardiff which was fun. I was constantly pledging on Facebook and Twitter and making sure to post new pictures and information to keep people interested. I went to the university and asked the students if they would vote for me. I also volunteered to do some work for them too. I spoke to clients at work and although I was ill at the beginning of the voting, I asked friends to put up posters that I had printed in the gay clubs around Cardiff.

How did it feel when they called your name out as the winner of the competition?

I didn't believe it at first. I started to get quite emotional, because some really close friends were standing near me and I could see them getting emotional. It was a great sense of achievement because I really worked so hard to get here, and a huge burst in confidence



What are you planning to do next?

Well I've got a party at Pulse in Cardiff, I've got some interviews coming up and I'm planning to enjoy my Christmas. I'm going to give money to Terrence Higgins Trust like I promised and do some volunteer work for them. I just want to make sure to work really hard at every opportunity

What's the best thing about being Mr Gay UK?

Well it's a bit early to say at the moment, but it's just made me feel like a new person, like this could be a new chapter in my life, with new opportunities and new doors opening for me. It's like having all my Christmases come at once. I can't wait to see what there is to come

Apart from winning, what has been the best part of the contest ?

Wow, so much. The most enjoyable part was the photo-shoot I think and getting to meet the other finalists. It's been really exciting travelling about and meeting cool people. Of course going on Loose Women was really fun and seeing simply red and the Ladies. Having Bet Lynch sprawled out over me was fun – not your average Friday afternoon



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Earthfall's award winning 2005 production of At Swim Two Boys, based on the novel of the same name by Jamie O'Neill, is being revived for spring 2012, following a recent sell out tour. Created by Jim Ennis and Jessica Cohen, featuring two male dancers and two musicians, the story unfolds against a cascading wall of water that slowly fills the stage. Tender and visually beautiful the production reflects the boys developing love against the turmoil of political revolution during the 1916 Easter Risings.

www.atswimtwoboys.com

WATCH OUT, NOOKA'S ABOUT

New York fashion design company, Nooka Inc. has launched in the UK, bringing its futuristic time pieces to British shores. The brand, which is created for a wide range of ages and

lifestyles, has become a firm favourite with celebrity fans such as Kanye West, Justin Bieber, and the Black Eyed Peas and has attracted a large following amongst street wear enthusiasts.



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Adam Lowe

SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA VS KNIFE PARTY

Antidote

Electro maestros Swedish House Mafia go head to head with Rob Swire and Gareth McGrillen's Knife Party. Dubstep influences trouble the bottom-end of this track, which moves into decidedly darker territory than the Mafia's work to date. A great one for the dancefloor, 'Antidote' is the cure for those January blues.

15th January



ANJA MCCLOSKEY

A Kiss

Featuring Anja's trademark accordion, along with violin, double bass and guitar, 'A Kiss' is a dramatic mix of traditional folk, alternative pop and classical music. It features a bold arrangement, punchy instrumentals and Anja's enticing vocals, backed by Thomas Tantrum's David Miatt.

16th January



BOB SINCLAR & RAFFAELLA CARRÀ

Far l'Amore

Bob Sinclar is set to burst onto the charts as soon as we've picked ourselves up from the NYE dancefloor with his sexy new track 'Far l'Amour'. Literally meaning 'Make Love', and featuring celebrated disco diva (and former Italian TV presenter) Raffaella Carrà, this track has already taken Europe by storm: snatching the top spot in both Italy and France. We love Bob Sinclar, you love Bob Sinclar, so turn up the volume and let's get sweaty!

2nd January



YASMIN FT. SHY FX & MS DYNAMITE

Light Up (the World)

Yasmin returns after top 20 hits with D&B/jungle master Shy FX, with an old school, carnivalesque reggae jam with Ms Dynamite. Not content with taking the musical world by storm, Yasmin has also become something of a muse for the fashion world, including Robert Cavalli and Vogue Editor Alexandra Shulman, who asked her to perform at the magazine's Fashion Night Out.

15th January



STEPS INTO A DREAM

Steps were the Pop Sensation of the Millennium. The five-piece have sold 20 million records, and achieved 14 consecutive Top 5 singles. They have won countless awards and had sell out tour after sell out tour all over the globe. The group, made up of members; Faye Tozer, Ian "H" Watkins, Lisa Scott-Lee, Lee Latchford Evans and Claire Richards all attended an audition through The Stage newspaper in 1997, the five starlets instantly formed a musical connection and the rest as they say... is history. With their 2012 reunion tour about to get under way, we sent Ryan Houston to meet Lee and Ian to find out more about this unexpected resurgence in the public consciousness.

Lee: It has been 10 years since the split and we heard that Sony records were going to put out an Ultimate Collection cd of our greatest hits, on top of that we were approached about doing our own TV documentary so we decided this would be a nice way to close the door on our past, resurrect our friendships and give something back to the fans.

Ian: This has turned into something that we never expected! We all agreed to support the Ultimate collection, then came the TV series and now we have nearly sold out 20 Arenas!

How do you feel about the response from the public?

Lee: The response has been phenomenal. We never expected the reaction that we got and what has happened since has not only shocked ourselves but also the Industry.

Ian: So overwhelmed! This was supposed to be more like a 'school reunion' not a NO.1 album & full blown tour ! It feels amazing that there is so much love out there for STEPS after all this time...

After the tour is there a plan for a complete come back?

Lee: We are touring the Ultimate Collection and giving the fans what they want with a nostalgic trip down memory lane. The tour will be full of all our hits and a couple of surprise elements thrown in. There is talk of some new material and it would be great to get back in the studio and create a modern day STEPS with all the new technology and production of today but we would not want to rush the process. So, for now, we are purely concentrating on doing a fantastic tour.

Ian: Let's take it slowly! We have been offered record deals already but I would just like to enjoy this without any pressure. Let's see if the fans want new music, then we can decide! The idea excites me though.

Do you think the success of the tour is based on the anniversary of the band forming?

Ian: I think that the fact we first formed ten years ago and now ten years later we are re-forming does have a certain effect on the fans. I don't think that is the only reason though and I do believe our fans are still holding out a flame for our full-time return... but we shall see!

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Jason Guy

Federation is back with a bang at its original Manchester home of The Ritz after its £2.5 million refit. This special After Hours Federation starts at 3.30am New Year's Day, so whether you're seeing in the New Year in a bar, club or house party, there's no excuse not to see in 2012 in style! You can catch me playing the opening set. Find out more at www.clubfederation.com. As usual, you can download my monthly podcast - simply search for 'Jason Guy' in iTunes or download directly from www.jasonguy.podomatic.com. If you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured here, contact me at jason@bent.com.

Steve Smart Memory

Kiss FM's Steve Smart is back with another killing track, following on from his huge 'Missing You'. As with the previous offering, this is a peaktime dancefloor destroyer with a killer vocal hook and some of the catchiest lyrics I've heard in ages. Head straight for the mix by those Liverpool legends Whelan & Di Scala, who are back on top form here with a driving, tough sound.



3Beat

House Republic Nuggetz

Remember 'Salsoul Nugget' from back in 2001? You are in for a treat as DJ and producer Richard Grey aka House Republic here gives you a brilliant revamp that will give M&S Disco House classic a new lease of life. Nothing but fabulously filtered feel good House music at its finest, moulding the spirit of classic Salsoul Records Disco with high-octane updated House beat, filled with those 'If You Wanna' vocals and a touch of Duck Sauce thrown in for good measure! A simple, yet genius formula



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Ego

Cristian Marchi & Syke'n'Sugarstarr ft Lisa Millet U Got Me Rockin'

The first release on this brand new record label from Italy is a belter! It features the amazing vocals of Lisa Millet, who is best known for the vocals on 'Bad Habit', who teams up with DJs/Producers Cristian Marchi and Syke'n'Sugarstarr. 'U Got Me Rockin' is part house, part electro house/electro song, with a catchy groove and all the right ingredients to make you raise your hands in the air. My favourite mix here is from Cristian Marchi & Paolo Sandrini, who turn in a progressive peak time anthem that really shows off Lisa's voice.



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Shapeshifters U Got Nothing But Love For

Internationally renowned DJ group The Shapeshifters drop another club anthem on Defected, this time enlisting the C Dock (aka Charles Dockins) for uplifting vocal duties. The relentless groove and throbbing bass elements drive the track forward at a furious pace, while the combination of the rich vocal and the Shape's signature uplifting chord progressions means it's an instant hit on the dancefloor from the very first play.



Defected

Stacey Jackson

She isn't your typical mother of four. In her own words, Stacey is a "soccermom" by day and "roccermom" by night. Having worked with the notorious American rapper Snoop Dogg earlier this year, she also topped the UK dance charts with their single 'Live It Up'. It would appear that Stacey is the mum that's got it going on...

Music has always been a big part of Stacey Jackson's life. Growing up in Montreal Canada, Stacey was fronting hard rock bands by the time she was 14! Later in life, she moved to the bright lights of New York City, where she worked as a publicist and continued her passion for music by singing in a Motown covers band. Now, living with her family in Chelsea, Stacey is not only a devoted mother and True Blue Chelsea supporter, but is also making fantastically fun dance anthems that you can't help but bop along to!

This year alone she has; penned a hit with Snoop Dogg, is currently making a documentary about her hectic life and performed at several Gay Pride events... surprisingly creating her own transvestite following who dress up as her.

Stacey's new single 'Is This Love' (out 16th January) is a dance cover of the 80s classic by British rock band Whitesnake and is Stacey's favourite track of that era. This feel good number, with its infectious hook, is sure to be an irresistible dance floor-filler!

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BEAUTY AND THE FREAKS

2011 has been a strange year. We've had protests that turned into riots. We've had media moguls and banks quite frankly taking the piss. But I expect 2012 will get even worse.

Here are my top predictions for 2012:

David Cameron will be forced to declare war on the EU. He'll personally be on the frontline, fighting the fanged zombie hordes of Angela Merkel and Nicolas Sarkozy.

Ed Milliband will discover his spine in a jar at Unison's head office.

Bank chiefs will be forced to do charity work during the day and prostitution with ageing, overweight oil barons and Middle Eastern princes during the night.

The Church of England, excommunicated by the international Anglican Church, will change its recruitment strategy. The official outfit will be pink with feather boas, and ceremonies will be conducted with a lisp.

After tablet computers did away with laptops, the next step will be computers implanted in the brain. Facebook adverts will be beamed right into your skull as impulses to buy, buy, buy! Your heart will be replaced with an Apple logo and your brain with an iPod on constant shuffle.

We've had cats in wheelie bins. For 2012, we'll have pandas in blenders.

Spurred on by her success with the Gurkhas, Joanna Lumley will take on the responsibility of reforming the NHS. She'll also sort out public sector pensions and outdrink Maggie Thatcher in a game of competitive absinthe shots to the death. She will promptly be elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Pippa Middleton and J-Lo will have a booty-off. J-Lo will get bounced against the wall like a tennis ball, and will get brain damage as a result. Her following album will actually be pretty good.

Terrorists will blow up the ITV studios. Because it's shit.

Rupert Murdoch will be forced to do community service. Since he knows so much about telephones, he'll be shackled to a desk at 02's technical support centre for the rest of his life. His son will also be forced to do those 'This is the 02 voicemail for xxx', but instead of simply recording the message, he'll have to do it live and personally answer everybody's answer phones (without hearing the messages that follow afterwards, of course).



'DANCE 4 ME'

Acclaimed Swiss house DJ/Producer and Purple Music label boss Jamie Lewis unleashes the first of two very exciting new singles on the label from the superstar phenomenon, PRINCE. 'Dance 4 Me', carries that original Prince-funk style that we all know and love and also comes packaged with a selection of hot dance remixes. Without needing much of an introduction Prince Rogers Nelson is without a doubt one of the major global superstars of a musical generation. A man who plays over 26 instruments and has roughly 1000 unreleased songs at his first class, Paisley Park Analog Studio in Minneapolis for us all to only hope see the light of day soon. During the 80's, along with luminaries Michael Jackson and Madonna, he breathed life into the world's music scene with smash hits such as 'Kiss' and 'Purple Rain'. He went on to produce thirty Top 40 singles, ten platinum albums - selling over 90 million copies, earning him seven Grammys! With each album Prince released, he demonstrated growth and musical diversity, constantly experimenting with different sounds, textures and genres. Whilst touring in Europe earlier last year his management company considered making some new collaborations with an independent record label. After a meeting with Purple Music at the offices in Switzerland, both parties discovered a shared taste in music and ideas and a strong bond was soon established. 'Dance 4 Me' is the first of 2 singles to come out through Purple Music. The second release will be due in February with a song called '2 Nite' by Bria Valente - a Minneapolis upcoming Prince protégée produced by the man himself.

'Dance 4 Me' will be released Worldwide as Limited Edition picture Disc, Vinyl, CD Single and Digital Download on 23rd January on Purple Music (CH)

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Simon Walton

Simon Walton is an openly gay singer/ songwriter from Brighton and he believes that lyrics should not hide one's sexuality. He has been supported by ITV fixers and has made a documentary and music video. Through his work with house producer Scott Harvey he has created his first EP 'Proud Music'. We sent Ryan Houston to find out more about his work and how the ITV Fixers campaign has supported his ideas.

ITV Fixers have really encouraged me to fight for what I believe in. Through their funding and creative resources I have been able to make a professional documentary and music video and some musicians never get such an opportunity. They are a really great organisation and I probably wouldn't have the determination and the understanding of the industry if it weren't for their support.

Who inspires you and your music?

I love pop music so I'd say most music that hits the top 40 over the last decade has inspired me. I love Britney- I've always found her aspirational ever since I was younger. The Spice Girls were great and their attitude and fearlessness still inspires me.

If the music industry hadn't worked out for you what do you think you'd be doing now?

Well I still say that I've got a lot more I'd like to achieve to getting my music heard but if it doesn't work out I'll still be performing on some level definitely and I'll never stop songwriting. Lyrics just come to me I don't think that that creative flow will ever stop.

Your new album 'Proud' is a collection of songs, can you describe the album to our readers?

It's my first ever EP and I'm really proud of it. Collectively the songs have an electro-pop vibe that I love and they have catchy hooks all over the place. 'What About You?' and the remix of this track are important to my journey as that was the song used for my ITV documentary on challenging the perceptions of gay relationships in music. The title 'Proud Music' is to promote this notion that gay singers should be able to sing openly about their relationships without it being seedy or taboo. 'Men & Their Machines' is one of my favourites and I've recently made a music video for this too.

Once you have released that album what is in store for you over the next year?

I have recently put on an openly gay music night to celebrate the album release and also to encourage other LGBT singers to sing openly. I was joined by some great musicians and I'd love to put on more events like this. I'm also working on some collaborations with 2 guys (Loco Ninja & Demetrius Blacc) in the USA. Both are openly gay rappers and they will feature on my tracks 'The Lover' and 'Every Single Tear'. I hope to make music videos for these and release them on the net over the next few months. I'm also working on one of Demetrius' tracks 'Feels Good' which is exciting and it's a lot more R'n'B than any of my stuff. I'm also going out to the US early next year so I hope to gain some listeners there and to perform more and meet other gay musicians.



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STEEL CITY

Hailing from Sheffield, the home of the likes of... Roisin Murphy, Arctic Monkeys, Pulp and the Human League, Laura Steel is a charismatic, enigmatic power-pop diva...with looks that kill and hooks that leave a mark like a sonic lipstick kissed stain on your psyche. Already a huge success independently and voted 'One to Watch' by internet giants Tiscali, Laura Steel is a fiercely dedicated performer and songwriter. Gadabout Ryan Houston caught up with Laura to chat about her big break into the business.

What first got you interested in the music industry?

I've always been interested in music and played piano from an early age but when I moved to London to pursue a career in fashion I had to give up my music as University and work was so demanding. In September 2008 I started to pick music up again and really focus on my singing and songwriting. I'd never really considered singing as an actual career before but after doing a few gigs and the reaction being so good I realised that my dreams could actually have the potential of being a reality.

If the music industry hadn't been on your side where do you think you would have been?

Luckily my background in fashion, hair and makeup comes in very handy for shows and videos etc. because I actually know what I'm talking about! Each area goes hand-in-hand with the other and to be able to do everything I love to do all the time is incredible! I think for me if music hadn't worked out

then I'd be in that kind of area, which would still be an enjoyable experience for me.

What are the best and worst points, if any, to the industry?

Like most industries there is a lot of competition and there are a lot of 'wolves in sheep's clothing' who don't always have your best intentions at heart but encounters with these people only make you stronger and want it more. The good things about the industry always outweigh the bad. Just one second on that stage and you forget all the tears you have shed, all the work you have slaved over and all those long hours you put in. It's so worth it!!

What is the theme to the new single? -

At the moment we're really busy getting ready for a 'double A' single to be released early next year. Unfortunately I have to keep exact details under wraps at the moment but I can tell you it will be more of an introduction to my album and a sample of what people can expect. They're both going to be sexy little numbers with lots of energy. We're very excited about them and hope you guys are going to love it.

Last year you've appeared in some amazing places, some being Pride events - For you, where has been the best place to perform?

To date my favourite place is at the Isle of Wight festival. It was one of the biggest gigs we have done so far and it was just incredible to see the tent literally fill up as our set progressed. At the end of the day the fans are what keep me going and to see their faces light up when we were on that stage was the best feeling ever. The stage was huge, the crowd was huge, the equipment was awesome and I just loved every second. Even though my eyes were streaming from getting eyelash glue in my eyes and I could hardly see... it was still the best gig yet! Saying that I do love the smaller gigs where I get to show people my voice without all the production behind it. There's something magical about just you, a guitar and a small crowd.

After the release of the single what can readers expect from you?

I won't stop doing music that's for sure. For me it's not about being rich or famous it's about doing what I love and the fact that people love what I do too... well that's even better. I couldn't ask for more.



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X FACTOR HOPEFUL WEST END DEBUT



**CHILDREN
OF EDEN**
Prince of Wales Theatre, London
29 January 2012

photo: Claire Bilyard

Just a few months ago, John Wilding made history as the only X Factor hopeful to reach the judges' house round for a second year running, only to miss out once again on appearing in the live TV finals after failing to make Gary Barlow's final four.

But now John, 18, from Essex, is to make his West End stage debut, co-starring with the first ever Pop Idol runner up and recent star of Les Miserables, Gareth Gates.

They will sing the iconic roles of Cain and Abel in the Biblical-inspired musical Children of Eden, by Wicked composer Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, which is being revived in the West End for one night only in a spectacular star-studded charity gala at the Prince of Wales Theatre on Sunday 29 January.

"After coming out of X Factor this year, I only had my placement at Italia Conti theatre school to look forward to," says John "Now, with this amazing opportunity in Children of Eden, I am more excited than ever! I can't wait to make my debut performance in the West End with such an amazing cast!"
Children of Eden

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Canyon have publicly turned away from producing an album of 'dance songs'. Keep Your Dreams opens with fevered chords, loose synth lines and macerated drum machines, then only gets weirder as it spills through sitars, saxophones, live and programmed recordings, psych-pop, beat-less layers of ether and glitterball grooves. So, while this might be classified as 'dance/electonica', there is a refreshing sense of danger and experimentation, and layers of sound that reward repeat listening.



16th January

Leo Zero is best known for his remixes of Florence & the Machine, Paul Weller and Bryan Ferry. He comes to us from the underground house scene, where he watched the birth of a musical genre, and serves up a raw, stripped-down album of old-fashioned Chicago house and Detroit techno. With his years of experience, Leo knows what makes a good dance track, and he delivers the goods with aplomb.



January

MARLON ROUDETTE

Matter Fixed

Former Mattafix frontman Marlon Roudette releases his debut solo album hot on the heels of a seven-week spell at the top of the German single charts, with 'New Age'. Matter Fixed was created with top-notch collaborators such as Paul O'Duffy, Guy Chambers, Brian West and Kwame Holland. This is a poignant, at times autobiographical, album featuring Caribbean influences, melancholy lyricism and summery grooves, with guest artist Finlay Quaye even making a show. St Vincent-born musician Marlon offers us a slice of accessible pop warmed through with real soul.



16th January

Legendary dancefloor vanguards X-Press 2 release their highly-anticipated third album and reveal eleven standout tracks. Teaming up with great talent like James Yuill, Roland Clark, Rob Harvey, Amber Jolene, Timo Garcia, Tim Deluxe and Analog People in a Digital World, this is an eclectic platter of dance nuance.



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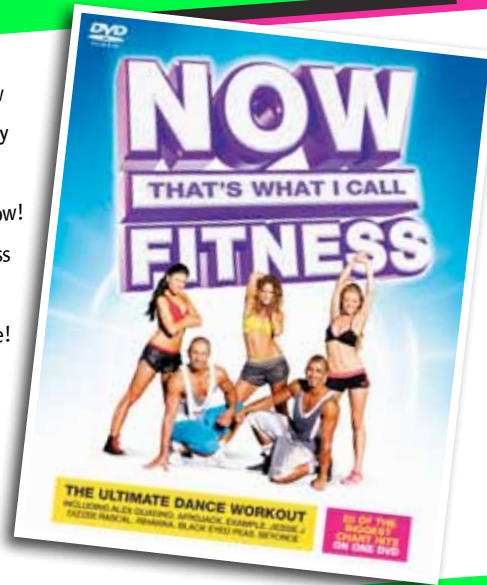
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Members of the University of Liverpool's Staff Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) Network collaborated with students to produce an original short film on the inappropriate use of the word 'gay'.

The idea for the film *Gay Is the Word* came about when LGBT Network Chair Lee Cooper discussed with Network members Dr Freya Jarman-Ivens and Dr Andy Heath the misuse of the word gay. Freya said:

A few years ago, I started noticing how many of my students would use the word 'gay' in place of where I would have used 'naff' or 'rubbish'. It was clear that students didn't intend for it to be homophobic as such, as they would use the word in front of me, as an out member of staff, and in public environments. But it bothered me quite significantly as I began to understand the word's new meaning.

The result is a funny take on the fact that the three straight guys use the word gay in a pejorative sense and don't appear to understand that their friend is talking about his sexuality. The film was premiered at Homotopia, Liverpool's LGBT Arts festival in November. Since being posted on Youtube, the short film has exceeded over 11,000 hits from across the world and has been embedded in online blogs including the Huffington Post.

YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6-AOuY1b4o>

Will in the Forest

Hot off the back of a sold-out UK tour, and Number One platinum album, Will Young has announced a tour of nation's forests in 2012 as part of Forestry Commission Live Music.

In the ten years since winning Pop Idol, Will Young has sold over 9 million records and crafted some of the deftest British music of his era. Perhaps not the best location to sing his hit 'Light My Fire', Will's unique voice and soulful set will include a succession of his hits including 'Jealousy', 'Leave Right Now', 'Don't Let Me Down/You and I', 'All Time Love', 'Who Am I' and 'Changes' from multi-platinum albums like 'From Now On', 'Friday's Child' and 'Keep On'.

Forestry Commission Live Music is an independent programme bringing music to new audiences without commercial branding or sponsorship. Income generated from ticket sales is spent on improving the local forests for both people and wildlife. With everything required for a great night out, including full catering and bar facilities, the gigs are renowned for their relaxed atmosphere.

Commenting on the tour, Will Young said, "The forest gigs have a great reputation for their atmosphere so I'm really looking forward to performing my songs in such unique settings."

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BED OF MOSES

by Randy Myer



Moses is not afraid to turn convention on its ear. In his new album, Predictions, he sets his sights on pushing buttons and changing minds. The first single off the record, "I'm Your Man", features pop sensation XELLE. Driven by a dirty synth sound, a heavy beat, and Moses' unique voice and harmonies, it's destined to become a dance floor staple.

The album features ten songs that whisk listeners on a journey through the inner world of Moses and his multiple layers of personality. It draws inspiration from 80's bands like Depeche Mode, The Cure, and Erasure, however its message is completely Moses' own with much of it stemming from his arrival in New York. "It was tough starting over in a new city with no money and no friends," recounts Moses. "But what's great about New York is it's a city of artists facing similar struggles and so we were able to build our own community."

How did you break free from their demands?

It wasn't until I moved to NYC that I was finally able to break the chains and become my own person, creatively and sexually. The wheels of freedom were set in motion as soon as I took the first step to explore, discover and define myself as a man on my own terms.

That's what your new song, "I'm Your Man", is all about.

Yes, it's about playing with standard conceptions of what a real man should be.

Is it correct to assume the music video was inspired by George Michael's, "Freedom"?

The video is being compared to the 'Freedom' video, which is humbling and flattering, but in all honesty, it was not something we ever discussed or planned to do. It just sort of happened that way. George Michael is an amazing artist with an equally amazing career, so I'm fine with people making that comparison.

But is George Michael a role model for gay men?

I can't really say. He is definitely a role model for me as a performer.

The ladies in your video aren't ladies at all... some are actually the gender-bending girl group XELLE.

We have a wide variety of personalities from the NYC nightlife world represented in the video. Our aim was to present something less to do with gender bending, more to do with bending the definition of gender.

Does "I'm Your Man" follow the same path as Gaga's "Born This Way" and Ke\$ha's "We R Who We R"?

I can definitely see the parallels with other outspoken artists, but my sound is a bit darker than that of the pop princesses. Message wise, I think we share some common elements.

Is the world ready to accept Moses as their man?

Pop culture is always on the look out for something new. I believe the world is ready to accept me as their man. I'm definitely ready to be their man.

What is your main message to fans?

Be true to thyself. It is the only way to achieve ultimate happiness and success.



Moses' big break came when he met record producer Zach Adam who helped him create the ambitious album. Says Adam of Moses, "When I first met him, I was impressed by his talent and charisma. His artistry is unconventional yet his look is commercial." Together, they are hoping that rare combination – along with Moses' pop oriented sounds, driving beat and strong message – will propel the out artist into mainstream. And why not? Moses is one superstar who deserves to be a superstar.

The idea of freedom seems to be an underlying theme in much of your music.

I grew up in Israel in a strict family with stringent expectations. My dream was to be an entertainer but when I told my parents, they literally laughed at me and said "No, really. What do you want to do for a living?" They hoped I would become a lawyer or a doctor.

Contact Moses on Facebook

LIVING A ROCKSTAR LIFE...

In South Beach, Miami By Randy Myer

With the UK looking forward to a cold winter, Florida promises hot weather and even hotter men and who doesn't need hunks in trunks for that warm glow.

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Students of Fashion



Rupert & Buckley is a newly formed student fashion brand, made for students, by students, and all products are made in the UK. With the concept of high quality British fashion taking over recent months we sent Ryan Houston to find out more from James Buckley Thorp, one of the creators of the brand.

How was Rupert & Buckley first created?

Rupert & Buckley was first created in the founders student dorm room at the University of Kent. It started off as a small idea of getting well priced garments tailored for a British student, made of a high quality, but still at the end it being a student-friendly price. Including this was aims of making sure the garments are made in the UK or California. This was the original idea of the brand and how it came to form.

What was your inspiration to start a project of this kind?

A few simple factors; high quality clothing, heritage designs, student price tags, superb customer experience. The outside inspiration was taken from other brands that aim at the student market. However it was on planning of Rupert & Buckley, exactly where the big brands were missing out, and it was here where we found a niche, which has so far been greatly received by sell out collections and rapid orders, resulting in items constantly being sold out.

The concept of ethical trading is really heavily implemented in the company, what that an important thing to promote?

We look at it as something that should be a 'standard' in all clothing brands and not something that should be achieved. We do not see 'ethical production' as an aim, but as the ground level for the brand. We hope to push that if a brand can successful offer this as a 'market norm' other shops should hopefully follow, and if they wish not too then the customer has the choice and information available to see what is ethical and what is not. And usually we sell our items cheaper than the high street.

A lot of the media are saying that as consumers we want the cheapest clothing that looks amazing and is convenient, With that said is there a place in the market for Rubert & Buckley?

There is a lot of research onto market expenditure and 'what customers want'. And what does keep occurring is the need for quick, cheap and easy fashion. However it is widely understood that to meet [said] demands, requires cutting corners or removing vital stages, such as ethical monitoring, from their production line. Of course, this then gives what the customer wants. However, this is considered for the larger and wider public domain. We are not threatened by the big clothing retailers on the high street, and they should not be threatened by us. We are targeting our brand, our clothes and our events at people who do want suitable priced clothing, who get in return a 'part' of our brand, and a 'part' of the lifestyle that comes with being a customer.



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Sexy



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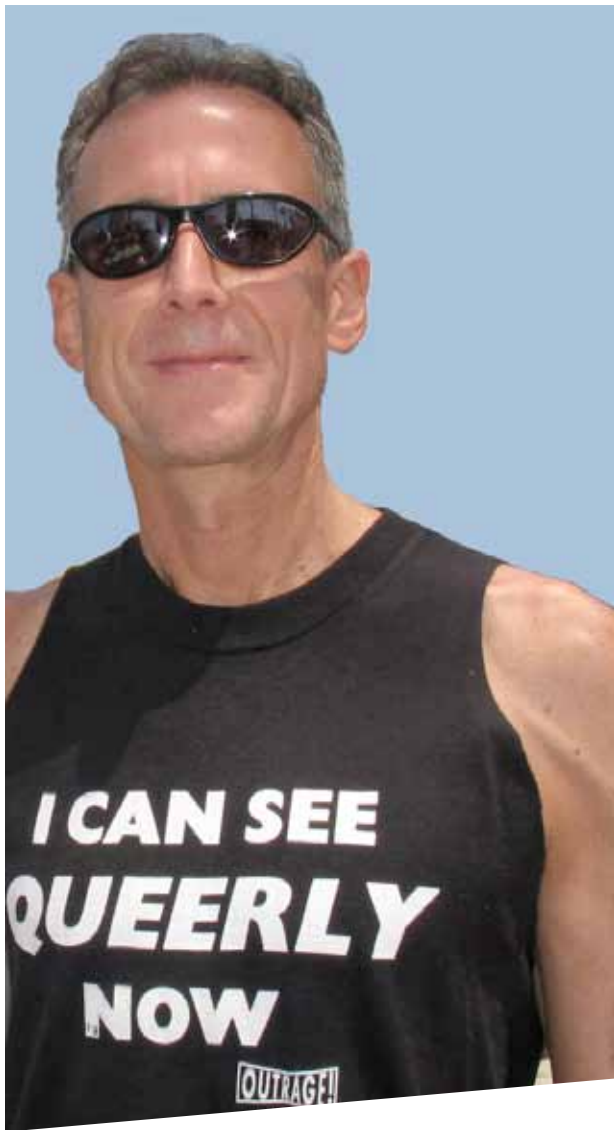
Luxury jewellery brand Tresor Paris, has embarked upon a new campaign entitled 'Dream' for 2012. With a selection of new imagery, Tresor Paris has decided to opt for a more contemporary feel for this new campaign, showcasing an array of jewellery from the new men's constellation and 'Triton' collections. Already a big favourite for

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The Great Campaigner

The New Year brings with it a rather important anniversary for gay rights. Peter Tatchell, a man who for 45 years has campaigned ceaselessly on your and my behalf, reaches the grand old age of 60. Peter, or Saint Peter as I like to call him, has put himself, literally, in the firing line campaigning for gay rights and has done since long before it was fashionable to do so. He has suffered verbal abuse and physical violence as he's gone about exposing the hypocrisy and injustice of many individuals, corporations and governments. He has often been vilified by the very people he has campaigned for and yet, this slim, often unassuming man, continues to seek the human rights of all, no matter what the cost to his own personal safety. On this, his 60th year on Earth, and his 45th year of campaigning, we here at Bent would like to offer our gratitude for the work he has done, and the positive social changes he has without doubt helped to bring about... Gordon Hopps asks the questions.

When did it all start for you?

My first campaign was against the death penalty in my home town of Melbourne, Australia, in 1967. I was aged 15. I then got involved in the movements for Aboriginal rights and against Australia's support for the US war in Vietnam. In 1969, when I realised I was gay, I began campaigning for LGBT freedom too.

How did the UK get to host the young Peter?

I came to London in 1971 aged 19; planning to stay for a year or two. But I found a good job and a nice flat, fell in love and was inspired to join the newly-formed Gay Liberation Front. I got settled in the UK very quickly and soon lost interest in returning to Australia. Ever since, I've been helping to win equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in Britain.

What motivates your LGBT campaigns?

Love. I love my LGBT brothers and sisters. I love liberty, freedom and equality. The only liberation struggle worth fighting is a struggle inspired by love. Love is the beginning, middle and end of liberation. Without love, there can be no LGBT liberation worthy of the name.

Who inspires you?

My campaigns are inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, Sylvia Pankhurst, Martin Luther King and, to some extent, Malcolm X. I have modelled many of my methods on their direct action tactics - and invented a few of my own, like outing hypocrites and homophobes who condemn LGBT people and who support harmful anti-gay laws. If MPs and bishops are gay in private but anti-gay in public, they are being two-faced and deserve to be exposed.

You are known to be very hard working. What keeps you going?

Idealism, determination and the belief that we can one day have a world without homophobia. My campaigns get positive results. This fires and sustains me. I usually work 12 or more hours a day, seven days a week. Tough but rewarding.

How would you sum up the objectives of your campaigns?

To make homophobia history.

Are you a thrill seeker?

I'm daring and a risk-taker. It is the only way to succeed. On the rare occasions that I take a holiday, I tend to go for adventure and thrills, such as body surfing big waves, caving and snorkelling in wild remote regions and mountain trekking along narrow paths and rock ledges, with 200 metre drops and no railings.

What prompted the creation of the Peter Tatchell Foundation?

The idea was to establish a small human rights organisation that would use my particular no-nonsense style of campaigning to challenge homophobia and other injustices, both in the UK and worldwide.

You suffered for what you were trying to do... but to what level?

In the 1980s and 90s, I was one of the best known LGBT campaigners in Britain. As a result, I was targeted by homophobes and fascists. It was like living through a low-level civil war. I was attacked over 300 times in the street, with fists, bricks, knives, iron bars, bottles, sticks, boots and hammers. I had dozens of bricks through my windows, three arson attempts on my flat and even a bullet through my letterbox. Whenever I went out, I was always looking over my shoulder, wondering when and where the next attack would come from. It was a very scary. But I was sort of flattered that homophobic bigots saw me as such a threat. Obviously, I was being effective. Otherwise they would not have bothered targeting me.



What about the brain and eye damage?

In 2001, I was beaten unconscious by President Mugabe's bodyguards in Brussels, when I attempted to make a citizen's arrest of the homophobic Zimbabwean dictator. The beating left me numb and semi-paralysed down my left side for nearly a week. When I went to Moscow in 2007, to support the right of LGBT Russians to hold a Gay Pride Parade, I was badly beaten by neo-Nazis. These two bashings have left me with minor brain and eye damage. I have problems with my memory, coordination, balance and concentration. My right eye is now quite blurred. These problems don't stop me but they make life more difficult. Nevertheless, I count myself lucky. In many countries I would have been jailed, tortured or executed.

What makes you take these risks?

The knowledge that I am helping, in some small way, to shine a light on injustice, expose human rights abusers and support people struggling for their freedom.

How did Mugabe react when you tried to arrest him in London in 1999?

I was involved with the LGBT rights group OutRage! at the time. We ambushed his motorcade near Victoria station, forcing his limousine to halt in the street. I opened his car door, grabbed him by the arm and told him he was under arrest on charges of torture. His eyes almost popped out of his head. He's black, but his skin turned ashen grey. He later complained that he feared being killed. Well, now he knows how the victims of his violent thuggery feel. When we summoned the police and asked them to arrest Mugabe, they arrested us instead. Mugabe was given a police escort to go Christmas shopping at Harrods.

In the early days, you got as much flak from the gay community as you did from the establishment, how did that make you feel?

At any point did you think about giving up? Many times. It is really hurtful to be denounced by your own side. But I have mostly won over my former critics. Many of them are now my strongest supporters.

After 45 years as an activist, how do you feel about the state LGBT rights in the world today?

Great progress has been made in the UK, compared to the 1950s. But more than 70 countries continue to outlaw homosexuality. Penalties range from one year's jail to life imprisonment. Six Islamist states impose the death penalty, including Saudi Arabia, Iran and Sudan. In parts of Nigeria and Pakistan, Sharia law stipulates that 'sodomists' can be stoned to death. In many countries there are also murders by homophobic mobs and death squads. So-called honour killings of LGBT people happen in parts of Africa and the Middle East. We've got a long way to go to win LGBT equality worldwide.

Which campaign are you most proud of?

The campaign by OutRage! against police harassment of the LGBT community in the early 1990s was a notable success. We disrupted the press conferences of police chiefs, invaded police stations that were conducting anti-gay raids and exposed the use of undercover 'pretty police' who lured gay men into committing sex acts and then arrested them. These protests shamed the police into curbing their homophobia. As a result, the number of men convicted of consenting behaviour fell by two-thirds – the biggest, fastest fall ever recorded. We helped save thousands of gay and bisexual men from getting a criminal record.

After the Mugabe incident even the Mail, a staunch opponent of yours, actually wrote something positive about you. How did that feel?

It was a bit embarrassing to be praised by the Mail. But it's better than being condemned by them.

What about relationships?

I've had five significant relationships in my life. Great times, fond memories. I have remained good friends with all my former partners. But in recent years there have been no serious relationships, alas. I work too hard and don't socialise enough to meet a potential partner. In any case, who would put up with me? I am happy and content being single. But a relationship, with the right person, would also be wonderful.

I suspect that for many in the media you are a godsend... so, have you been asked to appear in a reality show... and if so which one?

I have been asked to go on Celebrity Big Brother three times and offered up to £100,000. Even though this is 12 times what I live on in a year, I declined. CBB is just too boring, juvenile and trashy. It would have damaged my credibility as a serious human rights campaigner. George Galloway and Germaine Greer did not come out of CBB looking good. Lesson learned. Not a mistake that I intend to make.

Are you more of a Strictly Come Dancing, X-Factor or I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here type of guy?

I have briefly watched them all. X-Factor is the better of the three. It includes some decent talent (I'm talking singing, not looks). But none are my thing. I prefer comedies, history and movies.

If they offered you a MBE or a Title would you accept?

I have been sounded out about an OBE, knighthood and peerage. Was it an official offer?

I'm not sure. I was asked: If an honour was offered, would you accept it. I said no. The honours system is corrupt. Most major honours go to time-servers, pals of the establishment and millionaire donors to political parties. I wouldn't want to be tainted by association. Besides, I would never accept an honour from the Queen. I don't hate her, but I don't believe in the monarchy. It's outdated and anti-democratic. I'd like Britain to have an elected head of state - low-cost and purely ceremonial - like the Irish.



You've been a parliamentary candidate for Labour in 1983 and the Greens in 2007. Any plans to run for MP again in the future?

No. I can probably be more effective outside the parliamentary system, unconstrained by its limitations. My campaigns make an impact, even though I am not an MP.

Any thoughts about retiring?

I love the LGBT campaigns that I do. It would be crazy for me to retire. I'd be bored. Plus there are so many battles that we still have to win. I'll keep going for as long as my health holds out. My grandfather was active until his early 90s. With any luck I've got his genes. When I'm 95 I might call it a day. I am looking forward to another 30+ years of campaigning for LGBT human rights.

What's your motto?

Don't accept the world as it is. Dream of what the world could be – and then help make it happen.



Tellin' Stories



Terry George

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The last time I met Rihanna I wasn't sure about her. It was at the Royal Variety Show last year and of all the stars I stopped to chat to and have a photo taken with it was she who was the most aloof and diva-like. She was refusing any and all photo requests and just swished past the waiting crowd

to make her appearance on stage then just as quickly head back to her dressing room. My impression was that she was way too far up herself and was heading for a fall. Just shows what I know; now she's one of the biggest female pop stars in the world. However, a friend of

mine is a big fan and as a treat he'd got us tickets for the show and as a surprise also paid for a 'meet and greet' session after the performance. It cost £300 plus the cost of the concert ticket I might add, and we were told we'd be in a select group of about 25 people and we'd get to take



photographs and have a chat with the star herself. Now, I have to say that I have never paid to meet a celebrity in my life, so I was more than a little intrigued as to how this would work. The show was fantastic, no complaints there, and after the show we congregated at the foot of the stage as the crew set about de-rigging. The main doors were open and a chill wind was blowing through the arena, there was also a much larger group waiting for this special 'meet and greet' session. In fact, there was about five times the number that we'd been told to expect but she is a big star, so I suppose more and more fans would want to meet her. We sat waiting and freezing in the cold for over an hour before we were ushered backstage for our big moment. We were rushed in, didn't get chance to ask any questions, shoved into a small area with Rihanna (who was all smiles and happiness) and a chap took a photo of us one at a time and we were given a memory stick with the image on it. All in all, we were in that 'meet and greet' for about 15 seconds. I did a quick calculation £300x125=£37,500, not a bad little earner for a little over 30 minutes' work'. So, no wonder she didn't stop for free photos when there was such a financial opportunity waiting. However, this is for real diehard fans but I have to confess that the photo of me with Rihanna on my Facebook page is the one I have received most positive comments about... ever.



Later in the month I found myself at the Royal Variety Performance at the wonderful Lowry Arts Complex in Salford. It is the first time they have held the show at this venue where The Princess Royal was the guest of honour, and I was pleased such big names as Barry Manilow, Tony Bennett, Cee Lo Green and a host of other stars had made the bill for this fantastic yearly event. Of course 'local' comedian, and all round hero, Peter Kay was acting as Master of Ceremonies and kept the crowd laughing and in good humour throughout the long show. As some of our readers may know, I love these events and can never get enough of any photo opportunity that arises. However, some

opportunities you have to make for yourself and on this on occasion, I did just that. After they had to do a re-take on Barry Manilow's set as he was having synch problems with a delay on his play-back equipment (he was singing perfectly by the way) I found myself in the corridor outside Tony Bennett's dressing room. I'm not one to barge in on people so I tentatively knocked and, holding a running order I'd found in the hallway, told the star that there was a slight delay and he'd be needed shortly. He and his wife were the only two people in the dressing room and he was polite and said that it was no worry, and smiling, said he'd still be there when he was needed. I smiled my most endearing smile and asked him if he'd mind if I could have a photograph taken with him. The man is 85 years-old and must be fed up of people constantly asking for photos or autographs but Tony was such a nice man he quickly agreed. He even slipped on his jacket to make the photograph look better, while his dear wife got us both in focus and took the shot. I was absolutely thrilled and his warmth and friendliness will stay with me for a long time. I have to add that this year there were no diva, or divas in the making, as everyone I asked seemed more than happy to pose with me. So thanks to the brilliant and very funny Penn and Teller, Aussie comic Tim Minchin, the wildly entertaining and humorous, Cee Lo Green and all of the fantastic stars who went out of their way to make sure I got the photographs that I could share with you.



Johan's Blog

I'm not sure about you but I'm starting to hate these new smart phones. I must confess that I've been the proud owner of a Samsung Galaxy S II for a couple of months now, although I still don't really understand all the functions it has. Still, it's a lot of fun – and, most importantly, I can make calls with it. So all in all it was a good buy.



Nevertheless, like I say, these smart phones can be a real pain in the ass! Whenever we have a show at a club, bar or disco it's always the same – crazy! People seem to love to film our shows, and within a few hours guys have posted their clips on the internet, either via Facebook (linked to me), on tube sites or in a variety of gay blogs. Sometimes some of my friends call me the morning after a show and tell me how naughty I've been, having checked the clips from the night before on one of these sites, which can be kind of embarrassing as I'm sure you can imagine.

However, please remember that I'm a porn actor and producer. People should buy my DVDs rather than wank to some tube site whilst watching free clips from one of the shows! As such, it seems that we guys in the adult movie world not only have to fight against piracy but also against these smart phones. To be honest, I think we've probably lost the battle in both respects already!

Anyway, something rather irritating happened the other day in the toilets of a gay club in Geneva. Why the craziest things always seem to happen to me in public toilets is anyone's guess – I mean, it's not as if I have a toilet fetish or anything. Indeed, I'm starting to develop a kind of toilet phobia. You see, I was standing in front of a urinal, doing what us boys do in these kind of situations, when this lad came up to use the urinal next to me. Recognising me, he immediately grabbed his smart phone from his pocket and started to film me taking a piss. Of course, I shouted at him to stop and tried to grab his phone, but unfortunately I was kind of handicapped given that I had my cock in my hand! As a result, he happily zoomed up on my best private parts; and whilst I immediately informed security the guy quickly slipped back into the crowds outside and was never seen again. Annoying, I'm quite sure that the clip is already out on the internet somewhere and that people are laughing about it like crazy – or doing other things whilst watching it! Damn it!!

Still, my worst fear is to be filmed whilst having sex with my boyfriend which is then made public. Yes, I know, it's crazy – after all, I'm a porn actor and you'd think I'd be used to being filmed whilst having sex. Indeed, I don't mind standing on a stage to fuck in front of thousands of people! But sex with my boyfriend is different. I want it to be totally private and I don't want to be sharing it with anybody else. In fact, I'll even admit to being a little bit jealous where he's concerned. He's not into modeling or doing porn, and I'm not exactly sure that I could stand watching him having sex in public with anybody other than me. I think in some ways I'm probably just a little bit old fashioned!

Well, I don't know about you but this festive period is just a mad event for me and I'm now preparing for the New Year. I hope that I can come to UK more often next year – for my StaxusOnTour shows as well as for some movies with different studios from UK.

Have a great and successful 2012!



Kisses,

Johan

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The Unique Boy

'King of Queens' – is a deep and personal journey through legendary pop icon Boy George's fascinating life, from conception until now, in stunning imagery and reflective commentary.

This is the definitive and official, life defining publication of Boy George - singer, actor, DJ, artist, photographer, fashion designer, who first shot to international stardom in the 1980s as the front man of one of the UK's biggest exports - Culture Club. He has sold over 50 million albums and has had top 10 hits in every country. He has constantly reinvented himself and remains today one of the world's most recognisable iconic figures.

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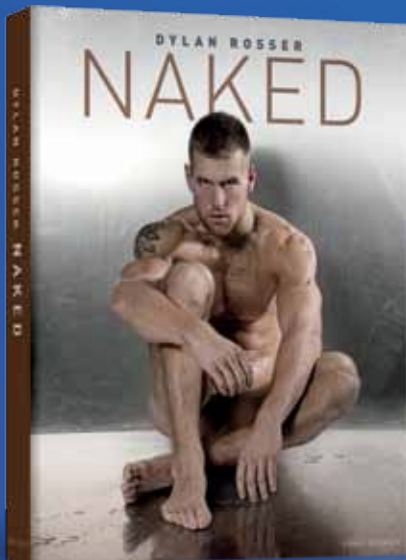
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Intimacy unwrapped

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Whenever a photographer wants to show his models completely nude he needs a lot of empathy to create an atmosphere that's free of any restraints. Dylan Rosser is perfectly capable of this as he has already proven with his photo books.

Naked is all about intimacy and encounters with men at their most vulnerable but also at their most beautiful. These pictures are striking and they go under the skin. Rosser dresses his models in beautiful lighting—often he presents them in an almost sterile environment, yet bathing them in richly saturated colors. The images in Naked are stark, erotic and effortless.

Mob Men On The Make

Edited by Eric Summers

Big black cars, gun-toting bodyguards, secret deals, dangerous liaisons and of course, loyalty to the 'family' all conspire together to deliver this latest anthology of mobsters on the make. In this erotic Godfather-style collection, bad boys meet in dark rooms, backs of limos or midnight outings on yachts, proving that playing with the bad boys requires being bad with the boys.



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Bone

By Sable Stone

When Nick survives a homophobic beating that leads to broken bones at the hands of a college jock, he discovers the body's curious truth; a broken bone will mend stronger than it was before. Now armed with this knowledge he feels intrepid and invincible as he sets about a regime of breaking the rest of his bones to heal fully into the man he always desired – and wanted to be.



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»I am always amazed at his attention to detail as well as his ability to find such nice subject matter.«
(Rick Day)

Fings ain't wot they used t'be: The Lionel Bart Story.



By David & Caroline Stafford

This is an honest, page-turning account of Bart's life, unearthing exclusive, previously unpublished material which illuminates his story in a new way. Bart was a wonderfully charming man, a gay, Jewish immigrant who hit the big time writing the lyrics for Oliver! and numerous top 10 songs, before experiencing a slow decline into alcoholism and bankruptcy, drinking his way through several million before spells in re-hab and, with a lot of help from his friends, a modest Bart bounce-back before his untimely death in 1999. He conquered America a year before the Beatles, was a millionaire before he was thirty, sported an achingly hip wardrobe and had the pick of the best-looking boys. He counted Judy Garland, Noel Coward, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Princess Margaret and every London cabbie as his close friends. He gave Cliff Richard and Anthony Newley their first number ones in the British charts and wrote the first James Bond theme. Together with Fings Ain't Wot They Used T' Be, Lock Up Your Daughters, Oliver!, Blitz! and Maggie May, he became the major voice of his era in British musical theatre.



£19.95 – Omnibus Press

Jack Holmes and his Friends

by Edmund White

Jack is in love, but the man he loves never shares his bed. The other men Jack sleeps with never last long and he dallies with several women. He sees a shrink and practices extreme discretion about his gay adventures since the book begins pre gay liberation and ends after the advent of AIDS. Jack and Will, a fellow worker on the magazine they both write for, will soon be locked in a relationship that will destroy a marriage but open up other possibilities.

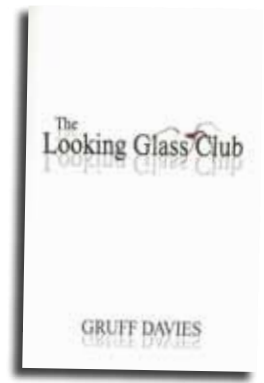


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The Looking Glass Club

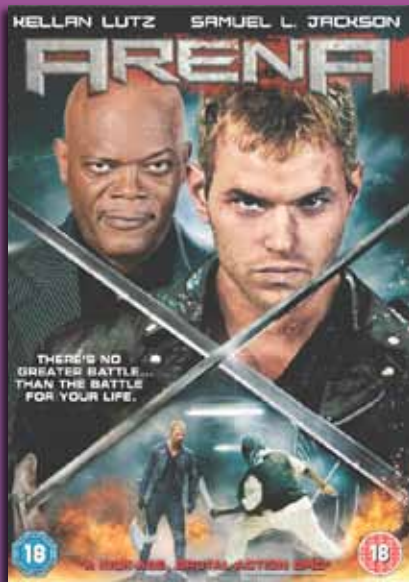
By Gruff Davies

Now in paperback, this clever and incredibly tantalising sci/fi thriller should become a staple for those readers who like to have to think as they follow the twists and turns of this brilliant novel. When a pregnant stranger, Skyler, is dumped on his doorstep with a sinister note, Steel finds himself in a race to restore her memory before they are both killed by an assassin with a frightening gift. It's a book that offers more with each re-reading and challenges you to solve some of the brain-teasing puzzles between the chapters designed to underpin a philosophical theme to the book.



£9.99 – Sencillo Press

DVD RELEASES



Out: 2nd January - DVD & BluRay
Sony Home Entertainment

Arena

How do you make a fortune from the bloodlust of millions? One sadistically savvy businessman (Samuel L. Jackson) has created an empire with his brutal, fight-to-the-death gladiator website. His newest warrior is David Lord a kidnapped

fireman, now imprisoned and forced to fight for his life. To buy his freedom, Lord agrees to do a series of lethal bouts. But as the body count escalates, and with his most challenging battle remaining, Lord unleashes a torrent of bloody

Win
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Deserter

Starring Tom Hardy, *Deserter* is a tension-packed war thriller set during Algeria's bloody fight for independence. Based on a true story, a young Englishman, Simon Murray, joins the French Foreign Legion. His idealistic illusions are soon shattered when he encounters his fellow recruits, including Dupont, who have all volunteered to escape a past far less innocent than his own. After a sadistic training regime, the fully-fledged Legionnaires set out to do battle and face deadly fire fights, ambushes and danger at every turn. But soon, a change of allegiance threatens to tear loyalties apart and turn comrade against comrade.

Out: 23rd January
Kaleidoscope Home Entertainment



The Love Patient

Out: 23rd January
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How far would you go to win back the love of your life? Perhaps send flowers, write poetry or even serenade that man of your dreams until he can take it no more? Paul, our hot but self-centred hero has other, more extreme ideas when sensitive hunk Brad drops him and begins dating another man. Not used to losing and determined to regain his love, Paul decides to pretend to have a life-threatening illness in what he sees as a foolproof method in ensuring Brad's return. However, will it work or will the tangled web he weaves get him in hot water rather than in to the arms of his hot man? Populated by outrageous characters, this fun romantic comedy is a truly bizarre take on what one man would really do for love.



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In which year was the French Foreign Legion created. A, 1831. B, 1971. C, 2001.

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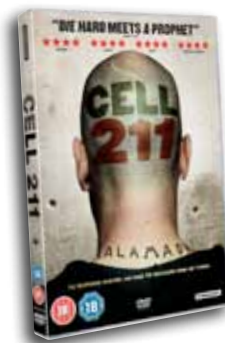
In Greek mythology how many Muses were there?
A, 4. B, 7. C, 9.



Cell 211

Out 9th January
Optimum Releasing

Juan Oliver is about to become a prison officer. On the first day of his new job, two colleagues show him around the old prison, telling him about the rough work and about Apache, a Russian informer. All of a sudden, and due to some building work, some plaster falls from the ceiling and hits Juan Olivier, who passes out. The guards take him into cell 211, which is empty, to try and revive him. But, as luck would have it, that's when a riot breaks out at the high security FIES cell block, the one that houses the most dangerous inmates. Juan's colleagues run away, leaving him stranded. When he wakes up in the cell he takes stock of the situation: if he wants to save his skin, he must pretend to be a prisoner.



Name the American TV series which featured a prisoner who had an escape tattoo all over his body?

Killer Elite

Out 16th January
Entertainment in Video

Based on a true story, "Killer Elite" races across the globe from Australia to Paris, London and the Middle East in the action-packed account of an ex special ops agent (Jason Statham) who is lured out of retirement to rescue his mentor (Robert De Niro). To make the rescue, he must complete a near-impossible mission of killing three tough-as-nails assassins with a cunning leader (Clive Owen).



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Complete the title of this Jason Statham movie
Lock, Stock and Two Smoking _____

The Guard

Out 16th January
Studiocanal

An unorthodox Irish policeman named Boyle joins forces with a strait-laced FBI agent named Everett to take on an international drug smuggling gang in Ireland's Connemara Gaeltacht. A murder which appears to be the work of an occult serial killer is the first incident the relevance of which is then revealed by Boyle in a briefing by an FBI agent sent to liaise with the Gardai. A web of bribery, blackmail and killings ensues. Boyle and Everett form an unlikely alliance and with the unwitting help of the IRA bring about a bloody denouement.



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What is Ireland's capital city?

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To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD, just answer this question:

Complete the title of this famous Samuel L Jackson movie - Snakes on a _____?

See page 62 for competition details

Drive

Out 23rd January
Kaleidoscope Home Entertainment

This is the much acclaimed film of a Hollywood wheel-man for hire, stunt driving for movie productions by day, and steering getaway vehicles for armed heists by night. Though a loner by nature, Driver (Ryan Gosling) can't help falling in love with his beautiful neighbour Irene, a vulnerable young mother dragged into a dangerous underworld by the return of her ex-convict husband. After a job spins unpredictably out of control and Driver finds himself as a target for some of LA's most dangerous men, the only way he can keep himself, Irene, and her son alive is to do what he does best - Drive!



To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD, just answer this question:

Complete the title of this recent Ryan Gosling movie - _____ Valentine.

FILM

REVIEW



War Horse

Out 13th Jan

From director Steven Spielberg comes War Horse. Set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War, War Horse begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains

him. When they are forcefully parted, the film follows the extraordinary journey of the horse as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring the lives of all those he meets - British cavalry, German soldiers, and a French farmer and his granddaughter - before the

story reaches its emotional climax in the heart of No Man's Land. Already a successful book, it was turned into a hugely successful international theatrical hit and now many are predicting Oscar glory. The trailer alone brings tears to the eyes.



The Iron Lady Out 6th Jan

Although she has been nominated 2000 times before Meryl Streep hasn't actually won an Oscar since 1983 (Sophie's Choice). Hopefully 2012 will end the drought for her exceptional turn in The Iron Lady an intimate portrait of Margaret Thatcher, the first and only female Prime Minister of The United Kingdom. One of the 20th century's most famous and influential women, Thatcher came from nowhere to smash through barriers of gender and class to be heard in a male dominated world.



The Darkest Hour Out 13th Jan

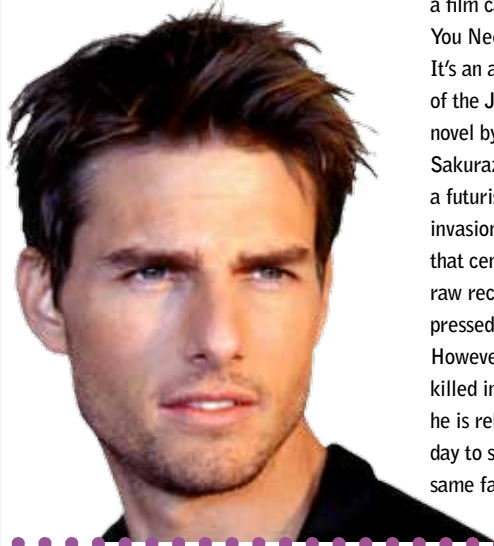
The Darkest Hour follows five young people who find themselves stranded in Moscow, fighting to survive in the wake of a devastating alien attack. The 3D action-thriller highlights the classic beauty of Moscow alongside mind-blowing special effects from the minds of visionary filmmaker Timur Bekmambetov (Wanted, Night Watch) and director Chris Gorak. Emile Hirsch leads the good looking young cast.



J. Edgar Out 20th Jan

Milk scribe Dustin Lance Black turns his Oscar winning scriptwriting talent to bring another true gay story to the big screen - this time for director Clint Eastwood. The film explores the public and private life of one of the most powerful, controversial and enigmatic figures of the 20th century. As the face of law enforcement in America for almost fifty years, J. Edgar Hoover (Leonardo DiCaprio) was feared and admired, reviled and revered. But behind closed doors, he held secrets (including being gay) that would have destroyed his image, his career and his life. Leonardo gives an incredible performance.

MOVIE BUZZ



Tom Cruise is pencilled - in for a film called All You Need is Kill. It's an adaptation of the Japanese novel by Hiroshi Sakurazaka with a futuristic alien invasion storyline that centres on a raw recruit (Cruise), pressed into battle. However, he gets killed in action but he is reborn each day to suffer the same fate.

Originally scheduled to hit theatres next summer, J.J. Abrams' Star Trek 2 is now scheduled for May 2013 and will be made in 3D.

Helen Mirren will be playing Alma Rainville, the wife of world-renowned filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock, in the upcoming biography film that we really hope ends up getting a better title, Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho.

When the late filmmaker Ken Russell passed away last month at the age of 84, he'd been planning to remake the infamous 1976 X-rated Alice in Wonderland musical in which Alice is taken on a tour of Wonderland by a randy White Rabbit. And who had Russell hoped to bring along on his naughty trip down the rabbit hole? Lady Gaga, of course!



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W.E. Out: 20th Jan

Madonna directs her first dramatic feature film about fragile but determined women - Wally Winthrop and Wallis Simpson - separated by more than six decades. In 1998, lonely New Yorker Wally Winthrop (Abbie Cornish) is obsessed with what she perceives as the ultimate love story: King Edward VIII's abdication of the British throne for the woman he loved, American divorcée Wallis Simpson. But Wally's research, including several visits to the Sotheby's auction

of the Windsor Estate, reveals that the couple's life together was not as perfect as she thought. Weaving back and forth in time, W.E. intertwines Wally's journey of discovery in New York with the story of Wallis (Andrea Riseborough) and Edward (James D'Arcy), from the glamorous early days of their romance to the slow unravelling of their lives in the decades that followed. Unfortunately, this is not very good, sorry Madge.



The Descendants Out: 27th Jan

Take your tissues to this one. From the creator of the Oscar-winning Sideways, set in Hawaii, The Descendants is a sometimes humorous, sometimes poignant journey for Matt King (George Clooney) an indifferent husband and father of two girls, who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace

his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off of Waikiki. The event leads to a rapprochement with his young daughters while Matt wrestles with a decision to sell the family's land handed down from Hawaiian royalty and missionaries. A very good film and one of the big Oscar contenders this year.

GETTING SEXY IN SALT LAKE CITY

Photo: Adam Barker



Ushered onto the global stage by the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Salt Lake City might still be best known as the base of the Latter-day... But JD van Zyl found underneath its perfectly pristine Mormon veneer hides a surprisingly rewarding and gay-friendly destination.

"Try the AMF," the lad next to me says while pushing to get a little closer to the bar. "The what?" "AMF," he repeats, "it's what everybody here drinks." "Right then," I shout to the bartender behind the counter, "one AMF please. Whatever that is." Clearly I must have looked even more helpless than I felt to illicit such eager help from a stranger. Then again it isn't the first time on this trip that a local's interest levels suddenly perk up after noticing my English tones. For many Americans a foreign accent appears to be as irresistible as catnip.

Right now I am crammed against the counter of Pure, a Friday gay club night hosted at the otherwise straight Club Sound, and the place is filled to the gunwales. Unlike the tight-knit layout of European gay villages where different clubs and bars are usually within easy walking distance of each other, in Salt Lake, Utah (or as I affectionately call it SL, UT), places are decidedly more spaced out. There are only three other gay bars and clubs that can easily be reached by foot from Pure. For anywhere else you have to get in your car and drive, or take a taxi. And considering Utah's zero tolerance approach to drinking and driving it usually comes down to the latter. Forget about legal limits, driving in Utah after you've drunk anything with more kick than a Coke can land yourself in seriously hot water. Back at Pure it didn't take long for me to regret my own choice of drink. The pint glass that is being pushed in my direction now is filled to the brim with a concoction of toxic-coloured blue booze of seriously dubious origin.

"It's called Adios Motherf**cker because after you drink it it's bye-bye," explains Shane. The two of us randomly met the previous night and Shane has kindly offered to act as my unofficial guide for the evening. "You're gonna love it!" Had I known exactly what the club's signature drink

entailed, I might have been slightly more reluctant to follow the recommendation of a complete stranger earlier at the bar. Clearly there wasn't going to be any more driving for yours truly tonight.

Salt Lake City, or simply Salt Lake as locals call it, is best known to many for its ties to the Mormon faith. After all, the city is the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with its 14 million members worldwide and is also home to the world's largest Mormon temple. But as my visit to the Utah capital has been progressing I've found it a refreshingly liberal and open minded city. Probably because unlike small-town Utah, Salt Lake itself boasts a non-Mormon majority among its 1.12 million residents. According to Shane, who can't believe how little progress I have made with my AMF (I've barely dented it), the inescapable presence of the LDS Church does have its advantages.

"Those repressed Mormon boys are so easy to bang it's like shooting fish in a barrel," he grins when I ask him what it is like to live a city with such strong religious links. "Mix that with the gorgeous mountains and perfect sunsets every night and little Salt Lake is a slice of heaven."

And he does have a point. Salt Lake certainly has its appeal: A decent gay scene, impressive shopping and striking sights, including as many Mormon-related attractions as you could wish for in one lifetime. But it is the spectacular natural attractions right on its doorstep that appeal even more to many of its visitors.

Take Park City for instance. Located just 30 minutes from downtown Salt Lake it hosts the prestigious and star-studded Sundance film festival every year and is home to three world-class ski resorts and some of the finest slopes in North America. Blessed with nearly 150 inches of light powdery snow every year it isn't hard to

understand why this picturesque ski village with its historically preserved Main Street played a key part during the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. In 2012 the village will host a decidedly more rainbow-coloured event when Elevation Utah rolls into town for its second annual gay ski week, starting on February 23rd. Fancy something a little more rugged? Then best head south towards Moab and the heart of the American West. Billed as

the adventure capital of Utah, Moab is located between two spectacular National Parks and a stunning State Park. The rugged terrain and expansive landscapes of the Desert Southwest stands in strong contrast to the Rocky Mountains, and begs to be biked, hiked and explored in a myriad other ways. Arches National Park is an unmissable destination here, with its wealth of over 2,000 natural red sandstone arches, including the iconic Delicate Arch which has graced the cover of many a travel guide.





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Activities:

Whether it is rock climbing and hot air ballooning you're after or if you lean more towards speed boating and off-roading, there is no shortage of adrenalin-filled activities for outdoor enthusiasts in Moab and its surrounds. Be sure to time your visit carefully though. Summer temperatures in these arid parts can hit scorching highs of 40°C and more while the mercury can plummet as low as -15°C during the winter months. Even in spring and autumn Utah mornings and evenings often have a bite to them because of the generally high elevation of the state, though midday temperatures are normally in the region of a very pleasant (and usually sunny) 25°C. Two days after exploring the fruits of Salt Lake's nightlife with Shane, it is time to jet home again. All too soon. Despite the relative brevity of my homebound Lufthansa flight (it takes less than eight hours to travel from JFK to Frankfurt), the quiet of the cabin gives me the perfect opportunity to reflect on my trip. Like any major city Salt Lake isn't without its own set of problems, many of it linked directly or indirectly to the Latter-day Saints Church. Despite Shane's notion that the Mormon Church provides a fertile hunting ground, its "love the sinner not the sin" rhetoric has been linked to some cases of homophobia in the Utah capital. But beyond these isolated instances and underneath that perfectly pristine Mormon image is a city that rewards you handsomely with a virtually unrivalled outdoors playground, buckets of charm and surprisingly open-minded locals.

Where to stay:

Centrally located within walking distance from downtown Salt Lake and major sites like historic Temple Square (for further afield there is always the free shuttle service), the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake is an excellent option. It boasts 393 well-appointed rooms, a fitness studio and a pool for the hot summer months. www.saltlakecityredlion.com. A worthy alternative is the Salt Lake Hilton, also located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake. www.hilton.com.

How to get there:

While there are more direct options to get to Salt Lake, JD opted to fly with Lufthansa (www.lufthansa.com) from Manchester to New York for a spot of Manhattan shopping before continuing his journey to Salt Lake. In 2011 New York became Lufthansa's first A380 destination in North America, and the airline also debuted its brand new First Class cabin on this route. Once in the US few airlines can rival the offering of JetBlue (www.jetblue.com) and their expansive route network. Despite being positioned as a low-cost airline, there is nothing cheap about JetBlue other than their fares. Expect plush chairs, oodles of leg room and the friendliest cabin crew around for miles.



General:

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BARCA BOYS



You know... that place near Sitges! Adrian Gillan visits the Catalan capital of camp and cool and finds Barcelona still one of the hottest, hippest gay places in Europe!

Open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner, Arola restaurant at Hotel Arts Barcelona (Marina 19-21; T: +34 93 483 80 90; www.arola-arts.com) boasts two Michelin stars and showcases master chef Sergi Arola's most authentic cuisine, "recovering the essence of Catalan cooking" - via minimalist, highly-balanced, gastro-symphonies of taste, texture and ingredients, inspired by land and sea. Enjoy the Arola Terrace too, offering fine beachfront views and hot DJ spins.

Check out all-things-Gaudi (the Modernista architect and designer

Though truly steeped in grand, opulent Spanish history, and fiercely protective of its distinctive Catalan culture and tongue, Barcelona really began to newly sing-and-hum ever since its 1992 Olympics chic-makeover – not least its queer quarter, behind the chaotic Old Town that borders the Med.

Located along the famed boardwalk, La Barceloneta, enjoys unparalleled views out over sea and city at W Barcelona (Plaça de la Rosa dels Vents 1, Final Passeig de Joan de Borbó; T: +34 93 295 28 00)

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supreme), notably his spectacular-yet-unfinished Sagrada Família church, plus residences like La Pedrera apartments and Casa Batlló; the busker-, boutique- and eatery-brimming pedestrian thoroughfare that is La Rambla; the Picasso Museum, showcasing much of the great artist's earlier work; the Liceu opera house; and the Old Port, transformed post-1992 Olympics into the trendy Barceloneta district with its beaches and fish restaurants – and from where you can take a cable-car ride up to the Montjuïc hill for the main 1992 Olympic sites, the Foundation Miro and fab views back over city and harbour. Top Tip: see all, with ease, on a 'Barcelona Bus Turistic' (www.barcelonabusturistic.cat), including the Barcelona FC stadium and museum. And then there's the city's massive scene!

In the Eixample district - a.k.a. 'Gayxample' - the queer bars cluster around the blocks. Huge, noisy and welcoming Punto (C/Muntaner 63) is one of the few venues to open doors as early as 6pm in a late Latin culture where you eat at 10pm, hit bars at midnight and rarely reach a club pre 3am. Take that "club kip" 5pm-9pm to last the course!

To sip away small hours with lover or friend, settle into the intimate and modish Dacksy (C/Consell de Cent 247) for the night. Other such "style bars", where Barcelona really comes into its own, include sexy Lust (C/Casanova 75) and preen-and-be-seen Bim Bam Bum (C/Casanova 48). Also check out earthy Atame (C/Consell de Cent 257) for Spanish

music and drag; and très glam Café Dietrich (C/Consell de Cent 255) - all glitter ball and chandelier. Meet old chaps at New Chaps (Avinguda Diagonal 365).

Club-wise, Arena (C/Balmes 32) is the mainstay handbag and house joint. Metro (C/Sepúlveda 185) has an underground feel, with backroom and porn chamber - hot and sweaty in its sprawling labyrinth. The largest gay club in town, DBOY (Ronda Sant Pere 19-21), sports two main rooms, full of young'ns.

Beyond the bars and clubs, central Sauna Casanova (C/Casanova 57) is one of the most popular "men's health" complexes – along with huge Thermas (Diputació 46) and newish Buenos Aires (Urgell 114). To take airs 24/7, climb Montjuïc, to its gardens and Olympic area - notably around The Palau. And the midday sun can't hide the gays and strays all along the miles and miles of Barceloneta, that unique and amazing inner-city beach - especially at Playa Sant Sebastia.

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I've never been to a Gay Sauna before. What happens?

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Do you accept credit/debit cards or cheques?

Some accept them but most only accept cash.

Is there a safe place where I can store my valuables?

All valuables should be handed into Reception for your safekeeping though lockers are usually provided.

What do I wear inside the sauna?

You will be issued with a towel on arrival. You can either wear this or walk around naked.

Is there anything to eat or drink?

Most saunas have a selection of vending machines which dispense hot & cold drinks along with light snacks.

Do I have to bring my own condoms and lube?

You will find complimentary condoms and lube at most Saunas.

Is there somewhere that I can smoke?

Smoking is not allowed within the Saunas. Although most have a designated area.

What type of customers do they attract?

All shapes, sizes, ages and colours. Customers are either gay, bi-sexual or curious straight men.

Any queries or worries about the sauna do not be afraid to speak to the staff at reception - they are there to help.



Things to
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Conversations in the orgy room should be kept to a minimum. Grunts, groans, calling upon the Lord and screaming; "I'm coming," are acceptable; discussions on the value of Royalty, ex-lovers, and whether Yakult really works... are not.

The only label acceptable in a sauna is a Ferrari key-ring.

Make sure you know what the arrangement of implements surrounding a body 'on offer' are for... it isn't a bring and buy sale.

If you are in the steam-room and you see your priest there, tell him you're resting but you'll see him at confession.

If you see your real father there, tell him the same...he can catch up with you later.

A strategically placed towel can often provoke more interest than leaving everything on display

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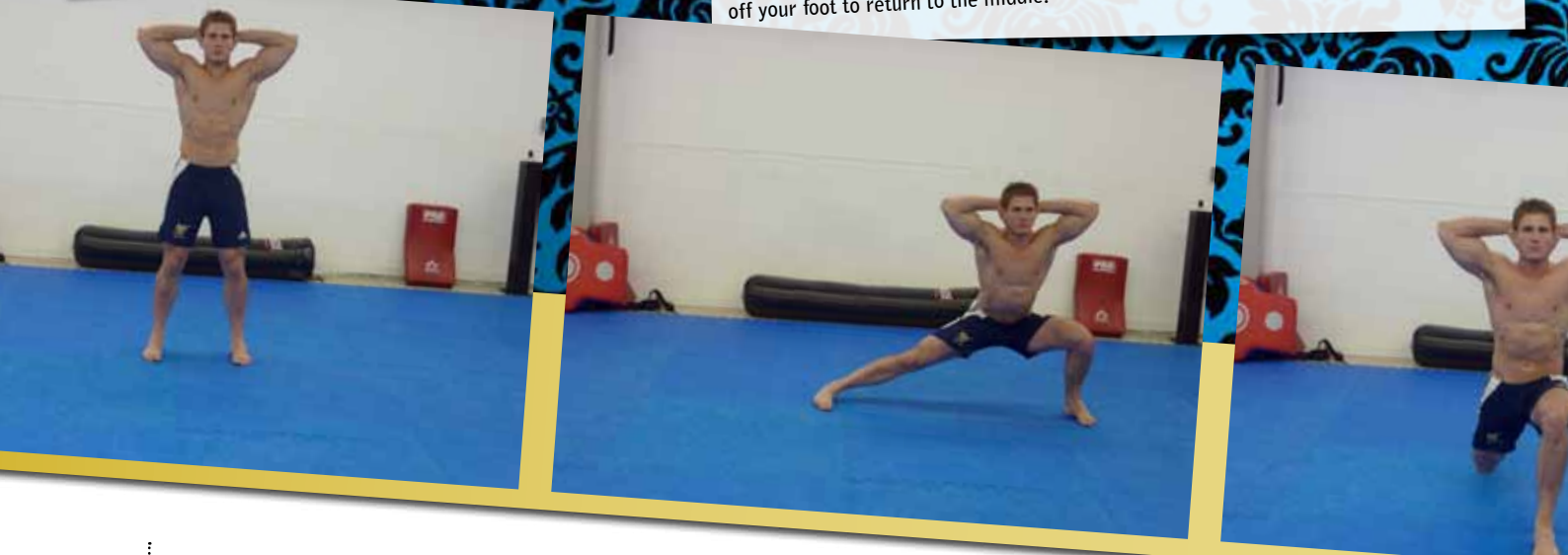
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For this exercise you will need enough room to be able to lunge to the left and right as far as you can. Begin by placing your hands fingerlocked together behind your head and keep your core as tight as possible. Your feet should be about shoulder-width apart and facing forward. Once in place, lunge to the right as far as you can with your right leg. Both feet should still be facing forward along with your core tight and hands behind your head. Return to the middle and then lunge forward with your right leg, again keeping core tight and hands behind your head. Return to the middle and now lunge forward with your left leg and then once again return to the middle and lunge to the left with your left leg to complete your first rep. Be sure to breathe out each time you push off your foot to return to the middle.





GLUTE SALUTE

Begin by placing your hands, knees, and feet on the ground. While keeping your toes and hands in the same spot, elevate your hips until your feet are flat on the ground. Next, while keeping your core tight, raise your right leg as high as you can and flex your glutes as hard as you can at the same time. Lower your right leg and then lift your left leg in the air keeping your core and glutes as tight as possible. Once you lower your left leg back to the ground, return back to the starting position and repeat. Breathe out as you raise each leg.



LATERAL JUMP SQUAT

Start off by first finding a place where you have enough room to jump up as high as you can and side-to-side as far as you can. Next start off by standing straight-up with your feet a bit wider than shoulder-width apart. Go down into the squatting position and as you stand back up, explode and jump as high as you can and leap to the left. Land as soft as you can with your feet about shoulder-width apart and your body in the squat position. Once landed, stand straight-up and relax to complete the first rep. Repeat the same steps for rep two except that now you will be leaping to the right. Breathe out as you explode and leap!

ALL EYES ARE ON YOU!

For this month's Grooming Special we thought we would focus on giving you some 'come to bed' eyes. Eye's are one of the first things people notice about another person, really sexy eyes can draw people in and definitely help make someone more attractive. After all, no one wants to be looking at a Monobrow or two fat hairy slugs. Women use allsorts to improve theirs, from fake lashes to eyeliner to eye shadow, but for us guys we have some cheats we can use too, some that are a little more subtle but still give an amazing effect.

At the time of writing this article, the run up to the Mr Gay UK Final was on, so we found a perfect candidate for this treatment in our very own Bent Offices, in the form of Mr Adam Gerard. Adam was due to attend the Mr Gay UK Final and asked us at Maschio Grooming, Leeds, to give him some definition to his eye area and we were more than happy to oblige.

Adam is quite fair and this means that the hair on his eyebrows and lashes is hard to see. By adding some tint and shaping the brow this will add some much needed definition to this area and will frame his face better.

Before we can apply any tint to Adam's skin we have to take a patch test first to ensure that he is not allergic to the tint. This should be done approx. 24hrs before the treatment. Adam has no reaction to the tint so we were all good to go.

THE PREP

We start by cleansing and sterilizing the eye area to remove any dirt, bacteria and debris. We pour some blue/black lash tint and some 2% peroxide into a shallow dish ready for the lash tint.

THE TINT

We apply the tint to the lash area with his eyes firmly shut throughout the process. Then we cover with a damp cotton pad to prevent the client from opening his eyes. Whilst this is developing our therapist then moves to the eyebrow area blending the appropriate colour of tint for the client. In this case Adam has a mix of brown with a slight hint of black. This is then applied to the eyebrows, to pick out fine hairs. This is left on for approximately one minute and then wiped off with a damp cotton pad, next it's reapplied if a darker colour is desired. After ten minutes development time on the eyelashes the tint is then removed and the eye area is thoroughly cleansed.



BEFORE

THE EYEBROW SHAPE

Our Maschio therapist discussed with Adam what shape he would like to go for and once this is agreed she applies a warm wax to several different areas of the eyebrows. She removes the unwanted hair using clean wax strips placed over the warm wax areas. She also removes any fine hairs after waxing with tweezers and trims any longer hairs down to get a competed look.



THE FINISH

The therapist uses cotton pads with cooling after-wax solution to calm and soothe the area from waxing. Some redness may be present for a couple of hours after waxing but this will disappear after this period.

This whole set of treatment takes under half an hour and would cost between £28 - £32 at Maschio Grooming in Leeds City Centre. Each treatment can also be done individually depending on your requirements.

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ADAM'S VERDICT

The whole experience was fabulous, from the warming feeling when you walk in the salon, to the minute you leave. I was greeted by Michaela when I arrived; this was the girl who was going to do my treatment.

I have never been one to have anything cosmetic done in the past, so this was a whole new experience for me, and I wasn't quite sure what to expect

Once upstairs Michaela had an area ready for me, the room was settled by calming music.

I had always expected waxing to be painful, especially my eyebrows but it wasn't, and I felt at ease, as I had a sense that Michaela had been doing it for a long time.

I have very fair hair, and I was quite worried how the tinting of the eyebrows and eyelashes would turn out. My eyebrows are a slightly darker colour than they were, so they wouldn't stand out too much and look natural! My eyelashes are now a lovely blue/black colour, with a look of extended length.

I would recommend my experience at Maschio to anybody who asked me, I was pleased all round, and I will be visiting again soon!

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FRONT RUNNERS

There is a newly established LGBT running club called 'Northern Frontrunners' that is operating in Newcastle and Sunderland. The Chairman Steven Duffy is an established running athlete in the northeast, when he recently went to Manchester he came across the 'Manchester Frontrunners' a very successful LGBT running group registered as any other group would be and affiliated with UK Athletics. www.frontrunners.org So inspired by the friendliness of their club he decided to initiate a similar organisation in Newcastle and Sunderland. Manchester is not the only LGBT running club in the UK, there are also two other very successful ones in London & Glasgow. The aim of the group is to provide facilities and equipment for the coaching of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender athletes, also to provide and host access to athletic competitions without imposing restrictions on recruitment.

In the meantime there are already two events planned:

NEWCASTLE

Wednesday 11th January
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Regent Farm Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3HD
Every WEDNESDAY evening at 6.45pm

SUNDERLAND

Monday 16th January
at the We'ar Out Entrance,
12&14 Bridge House,
Bridge Street
Sunderland
SR1 1TE
Every MONDAY evening at 6.45pm

The website www.northernfrontrunners.org is due to launch soon where more details on the club and the Gay 5K event can be more readily available.

For further info:

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NORTHERNFRONTRUNNERS

A HEALTHY PRIDE GETS GOING



sunderlandpride

Having been hailed a huge success by Sunderland City Council, plans for Sunderland Pride 2012 are now well underway, with the organisation adapting new aims in order to work closer with the community.

These aims showcase how the city is at the heart of the work they do and new programmes include chlamydia screening and sexual health advice, a much needed programme since the close of Sunderland's only full-time LGBT charity Gay Advice Sunderland closed in November.

Elected treasurer of Sunderland Pride and leader of the chlamydia screening programme for the group Ryan Houston said: "The fact that Sunderland Pride is reaching out to the community is a fantastic thing. It is really important for us to show Sunderland and surrounding areas that we are here all year round and not just for one day in September." For more information you can visit the groups new website; www.sunderlandpride.co.uk or search 'Sunderland Pride 2012'. You can also find out more about the chlamydia screening programme by speaking to Ryan.houston@sunderlandpride.co.uk.



TESTING TIMES

Yorkshire MESMAC's free and confidential same day HIV testing service: Testing Times, offers rapid testing for HIV through a simple finger pin prick test with results in twenty minutes.

Over the festive period, the last Testing Times drop in will resume on 5th January.

At the drop in Yorkshire MESMAC offer free and confidential HIV testing, Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea screening which is as simple as 'peeing in a pot' every Thursday from 6 – 8pm from our city centre office in Leeds. The service is free, fast and flexible. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. The HIV results come back in 20 minutes and you will have the opportunity to chat with one of our workers.

We also offer Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea screening from the Steam Complex Sauna in Armley, check time and availability on their site <http://steamcomplexsauna.com/>

In the New Year our testing times drop ins and 'as and when' appointment services are expanding and will be available in more locations across North and West Yorkshire. See the advert in this issue for more details and look out for details of our monthly all day drop ins too.

For more information call Pete Boyle or Tom Hunt in the Leeds office on 0113 2444 209.



LGBT Age wins

The ground-breaking Age Project, which works with LGBT people over 50, has won City of Edinburgh Council's Get Up and Go 'Innovative Openings' award for an initiative opening new opportunities for older people in Edinburgh. The award is linked to the annual Get Up and Go programme, which will soon be available in venues all over Edinburgh.

Thanks to the work of LGBT Age this programme now has an LGBT section and carries listings for many of the Centre's services, groups and activities. LGBT Age does great work not just to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people over 50, but also to raise awareness of the presence and needs of this often more invisible section of the community.

www.lgbthealth.org.uk

PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE THEY HAVE THE INFECTION

The number of people living with HIV in the UK reached an estimated 91,500 in 2010, with a quarter of those unaware of their infection, according recent figures published to Health Protection Agency (HPA). The report also showed how in 2010, one in five people visiting an STI clinic did not accept an HIV test. This comes as the HPA calls for universal testing for HIV, so that no one leaves an STI clinic without knowing their HIV status.

The HPA is concerned that over half of people diagnosed in 2010 came forward for testing after the point at which treatment for their infection should ideally have begun. Late diagnosis is associated with an increased risk of AIDS and death. Among the 680 people with HIV who died in 2010, two thirds were people who had been diagnosed late. The HPA report recommends that in areas where prevalence of HIV is high, there should be universal testing for the infection in all new GP registrants and patients admitted to hospital so as to reduce late diagnosis.

The HPA's annual 'HIV in the UK' report found 6,660 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in the UK. The report confirmed that infections probably acquired within the UK almost doubled in the last decade from 1,950 in 2001 to 3,640 in 2010 and exceed those acquired abroad – 3,020. This rise is mostly due to infections acquired among men who have sex with men, who remain the group most at risk of HIV infection in the UK.

In 2010, over 3,000 gay men were diagnosed with HIV – the highest ever annual number. One in 20 gay men are now infected with HIV nationally with one in 11 in London.

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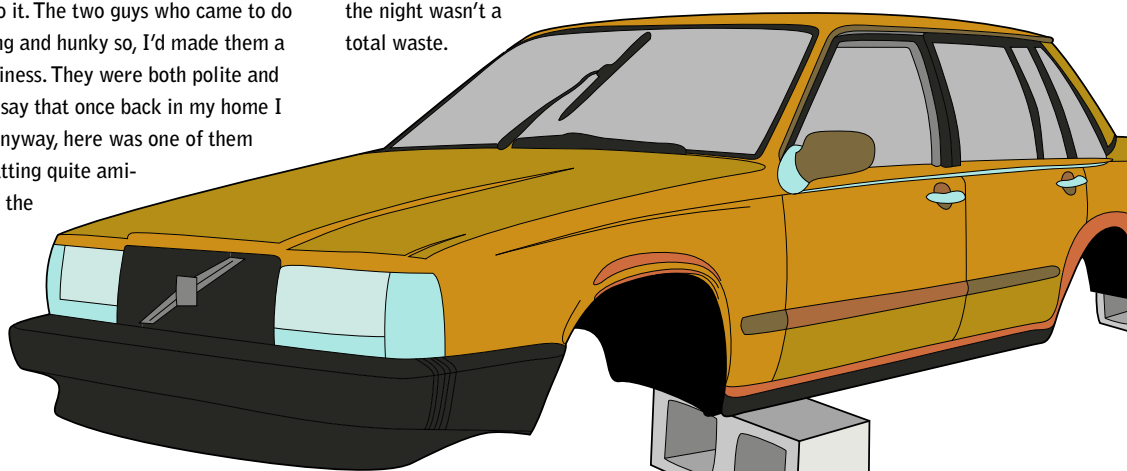
By Les Lea

Bent Fiction...

New Year's Eve in the town where I live is not very exciting. A trip to the pub or a taxi ride to the next town to visit the only club in the area is often the only options. Last year I could have stayed in but the telly was crap – who the hell wants to watch another Jools Holland Hootenanny or watch that final countdown into another year? It's all far too depressing so my option was to go for a drink at the local pub. A couple of my mates said they would probably be there and one said that he knew of a party we could go to afterwards. Therefore, it was settled, a few pints then on to this party and the New Year could take care of itself. The Crown was packed and it was like an obstacle course getting to and from the bar, still it was lively, noisy and folk seemed to be enjoying themselves. I was on nodding terms with a couple of the bar staff but they were so busy I only had a chance to grab a drink and then they were on to the next customer. I found my way to the back of the pub but the only space was near the toilet and the door that led to the outside smoking area. Unfortunately, from where I was I couldn't see the main door but assumed my mates would find me once they arrived. However, I did find a pleasant distraction watching some of the guys going to and from the loo. It was more fun than I thought it was going to be and as there was a constant stream (sorry) I got to see a few nice arses disappear into the bog. There were certainly some spunky young hunks in the bar and seeing them come out still zipping up, or forgetting to close the 'barn door', made for the occasional mouth-watering view. It was getting late, my mates still hadn't arrived, and to make matters worse I was drinking more quickly than I normally do. Now I'm not a big drinker and six pints, in such a short space of time, is quite a lot for me but I felt OK. However, the result was I desperately needed a piss myself. A guy who I thought I recognised joined me at the urinal and before I knew it, I'd said "Hi" and we were chatting. In fact it turned out he was one of the builders who recently repaired a wall outside my home that had been knocked down when a car had crashed into it. The two guys who came to do the rebuilding were both quite good-looking and hunky so, I'd made them a cup of tea while they went about their business. They were both polite and thanked me for my kindness and I have to say that once back in my home I had a stiffy from just that brief meeting. Anyway, here was one of them standing next to me, taking a leak and chatting quite amiably about how busy the bar was and what the night had to offer.

To this day, I have no idea how I managed to pluck up the courage but with a look, a nod and a suggestive smile I ended up on my knees in front of that builder.

The drink most certainly had some influence but also the man was just a heap of sexual, lethal potency. He was a total man who I was pleading, yes, actually pleading with to stuff me senseless there and then. We had moved from the toilet, out the back, past the smokers and found a darkened corner in the pub's ramshackle backyard. I must have noticed his cock as we chatted in the bog, it was quite big and as we talked, I noticed he hadn't put it away and it was getting bigger. To me, in my alcoholic state, I must have taken this as an invitation and one he was happy to accept, or exploit my drunkenness. Anyway, once in the yard he seemed to enjoy the problem I had getting his cock down my throat, calling me names and slapping my face a bit... sad to say it was all turning me on. After I had gagged a few times, he manoeuvred me over to this rather clapped out old car and pushed me sprawled across the bonnet. I felt my jeans being pulled down to my ankles then he ripped my little nylon briefs apart to leave me bare-assed. I heard him rubbering up and felt him spit a couple of times against my tight hole. He laughed as he said that maybe my throat couldn't take it but he would make fucking sure my arse would. So there I was with midnight fast approaching being stuffed in the night air, over a wrecked Volvo, which had no tyres and was held up by bricks. Back in the pub, I could hear them counting down to the New Year – 3, 2, 1... Happy Neeeee Yeeeeeaaar. Suddenly the heavens became a host of noise and colour as fireworks accompanied the din of Auld Lang Syne coming from the bar. We were now visible to anyone who cared to look but that didn't stop me grunting through a very uncomfortable shag. Although, that painful fact didn't stop me cumming twice as he kept up a hefty rhythm for about fifteen minutes. My full, milky, explosive orgasms dripped off the rusting car bonnet, only to pool in my ripped underpants bunched around my ankles. I never met up with my mates either but (confession time), I had always wanted to have sex from one year into the next so, thanks to my builder; the night wasn't a total waste.



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Aquarius

(Jan21/Feb19)

You've got some great ideas for the weeks ahead; all the same, don't carry an independent streak too far! Encourage friends and loved ones to give the future some serious consideration and work with each other on which ideas to share and which you prefer to pursue alone. If a complete change of direction is on the cards, give others the chance to get used to the thought. New experiences will bring an added zest to your personal life providing everyone is in one accord and those who are more sensitive to atmosphere get the chance to adapt to changing circumstances.

Pisces

(Feb20/Mar20)

If you're growing bored with any area of your life whether it is your home affairs, career or love life; don't think you can't do anything about it. A really good start to the year seems likely providing you are willing to experiment with different ideas. Make a point of mixing with as many friends and colleagues as possible and this will keep your social life busy. In fact new social commitments will bring a little fresh air into your life over the weeks ahead with the added chance of romance if you are single.

Aries

(Mar21/Apr20)

You start the year full of energy and anticipation. There are a lot of good things happening in your life. Just don't, whatever you do, become too complacent as competition will be high. Your main ambitions could take a gigantic step forward now. There's a strong chance of a change of direction careerwise over the months ahead; besides the obvious possibility of a new job, do not discount marriage. Private and personal plans as well as hopes and dreams are under beneficial stars.

Taurus

(Apr21/May21)

It will be up to you to take the initiative in your closest relationships over the weeks ahead. Someone is waiting for you to make the next move and they're watching you very closely. You're feeling positive about the future and this will encourage others to seek a happier and more fulfilling life too. There is a distinct atmosphere of foreign parts enwrapping you when you will either be dealing with people from overseas on business, receiving news from abroad or if you are heart free, romance could be found with a foreigner.

Gemini

(May22/June21)

If you aren't expecting anything special to happen these next few weeks, you are in for a surprise. New opportunities will be coming your way and the world will be a wonderful place for you now. Your flexibility and willingness to experiment with new ideas will come out in your favour. Even routine jobs like shopping and housework will seem to change for the better due to some small changes in these areas while your partner's romantic overtures will be cheerfully met! Investigate financial schemes that aren't the norm; these could have their benefits.

Cancer

(June22/July23)

This is an ideal time to get almost any project off the ground. Family and friends will be ready and willing to offer a helping hand. This can be anything from decorating your home to getting a community exercise underway. Press on with your plans and don't hesitate to accept all

assistance offered. Supportive partnerships are precious which is why they need constant care and maintenance. These next few weeks, go out of your way to let your loved ones know how much you appreciate them.

Leo

(July24/Aug23)

You want to try out new ideas and you're impatient to see results. Your life will start to open up now and the changes that are occurring will give you the first inkling of what you can expect over the weeks to come. There may be nothing restful about this period when you will have a lot to do but you will enjoy every busy moment. An air of optimism and expansiveness will make you more eager than ever to chase ambitions and hopes with a new sense of determination.

Virgo

(Aug24/Sept23)

Romantically, provided you don't set your sights too high, or expect too much from other people, the weeks ahead should pass pleasantly enough. If you are single, give a new relationship a chance before deciding whether or not it is a compatible one! If you are in a committed union, you might anticipate a deeper understanding to develop. You're starting to intuitively recognise your lover's needs and they will be showing more consideration for you. Play it very much by ear when it comes to work and be ready to handle each situation as it arises.

Libra

(Sept24/Oct23)

Whatever you're planning for the future, don't spend too long thinking about it. The sooner you go into action the better. You prefer to take your time to consider new opportunities but while you're dithering someone else will snatch up the best ones. In all areas these next few weeks: romance, work and family life, be ready to make some quick decisions and to act on them immediately. Everything connected with your family is under positive influences; you can look forward to some fun activities in your home.

Scorpio

(Oct24/Nov22)

Communication is the main theme, these next few weeks. There are emails to read and reply to, telephone calls to make and people to visit. If you are working, don't be surprised if your boss ask a favour or two from you which will mean giving up some of your off duty time to carry out new responsibilities. Cupid's arrows are well aimed these days and may bring new or closer romantic ties. It could even be time for that long awaited proposal which gives you and your partner an excuse to arrange an ostentatious celebration!

Sagittarius

(Nov23/Dec21)

You could be spending too freely without realising the problems this may cause in the near future so keep a close eye on finances. Someone wants your support in a venture that also excites you but whereas they're expecting you to remain in the background, you want more involvement. You've never been content to simply look on you need to be active and involved in anything that does take up your interest. If others want more control they shouldn't ask for your help!

Capricorn

(Dec22/Jan20)

Before going ahead with some travel or other long term plans look at all the options and find a way to cut costs. Keep a close eye on finances over the weeks ahead. Your partner or another loved one is not being as careful as you are with their cash. You might want to further your knowledge in certain areas or gain new skills and this could lead you to a study course starting later in January. Single? Turning a friendship into a romance won't be the best idea. You might share many interests but you could get on each other's nerves if you spend too much time together!



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