



# NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

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## Queer Up Duck

is a new festival celebrating the LGBTQ+ community of Nottingham. taking place from the 21st of October to the 2nd of November 2024.

Queer Up Duck! is a city-wide festival featuring theatre, exhibitions, film, music, comedy, drag and more.

Taking place at venues across Nottingham including Nottingham Playhouse, Broadway, City Arts, Nottingham Central Library and more, the festival is bursting with brilliantly queer work for adults and families alike.

Some of the events are described overleaf. To see the full details of the festival, and to book, go to the website at

<http://queerupduck.co.uk/>

Queer Up Duck! was created out of a desire to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community of Nottingham outside of Pride and LGBTQ+ History Month. At Pride we see thousands of the LGBTQ+ community out on our streets celebrating with allies and the community alike, but what about the rest of the year?

The festival is supported by:

Broadway, City Arts, FABRIC, Gasleak Mountain, Global Wordsmiths, Gladrags, Non-such Studios, Nottingham Central Library, Nottingham Comedy Festival, Nottingham Queer Arts Collective, Nottingham Playhouse, Squires Performing Arts

Queer Up Duck! is here to celebrate the joys of LGBTQ+ art, artists and audiences. So why not come along and celebrate with us?



October 21, Central Library 4.30-6pm. Join us at Nottingham Central Library for an session of creativity and community at Write Queer Nottingham!

Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting, this event is the perfect place to work on your stories, poems, or thoughts in a supportive and inclusive environment.



October 26th 10.30-2pm. LGBT+ Storytime & Arts and Crafts. Award-winning children's author Oilly Pike invites children and families to a special LGBT+ Storytime & Arts and Crafts session. The session will offer a variety of other fun, rainbow-themed crafts to keep creativity flowing. All materials will be provided – just bring imagination and enthusiasm!



Friday November 1st 3-4.30pm at Central Library. Join a vibrant community of LGBTQ writers for an unforgettable afternoon of wordplay, creativity, and connection. Whether you're weaving new narratives or sharing a story that's been burning inside you, this workshop is your playground. Here, your imagination takes the lead, and your inhibitions take a back seat.



Wednesday October 23rd at FABRIC 6-7pm. As a rebel city, Nottingham has always had a strong history of activism. This includes incredible queer activism throughout the decades. Nottingham's activists have often been at the forefront of change. This talk by CJ DeBarra will cover major queer movements, protests to be proud of, our first gay pride and how this has impacted the queer Nottingham of today.



November 1st, Squire Performing Arts Centre, Arboretum St NG1 4JB. 7.30pm. Queer Up Duck Brings together some of the funniest LGBTQ+ comedians from across the region, featuring headliner Alex Mitchell who recently appeared in the final of Britain's Got Talent!



29th October at Broadway. Weekend. After a drunken house party with his straight mates, Russell heads out to a gay club. Just before closing time he picks up Glen but what's expected to be just a one-night stand becomes something else, something special. It is a brief encounter that will resonate throughout their lives.



Wednesday October 23rd at 8.20pm at Nottingham Playhouse. *Body or Soul* shines a light on the complexity of the choices we make about our lives. No choice is perfect, ever, but when it comes to the contempt, judgement and snobbery that's still directed towards anything that comes close to "selling yourself", we want to ask this: would you rather sell your body, or your soul?



Thursday October 31st at Rough Trade 8pm. Dare ye enter Rough Trade Nottingham for a night of ghoulish games, petrifying performances, devilish DJ sets, and more? Welcome to the Drag Bingo HAUNTED FULL HOUSE! Wicked Witch of the East Midlands Marilyn Sane and the monster from your closet Nana invite you to a night of fiendish delight!



Friday October 25th at Central Library 7pm. Sound at Central. We're taking over the library and we ain't talking about a night of books. *Queer Up Duck!* is collaborating for the October Sound at Central – a night of music, poetry and drag! Join our host **Liv** as she sets the scene for an evening of local and far flung night of artists who represent the LGBTQ+ spectrum.



October 24th to November 2nd at City Arts. An exhibition celebrating the inspiring individuals who have made a lasting impact on Nottingham's LGBTQ+ community. Voted for by the public, these remarkable heroes have dedicated themselves to championing equality, inclusion, and visibility, helping to make our city a more vibrant and accepting place for everyone.



Wednesday October 23rd 5.45pm at Nottingham Playhouse. Now in their 30's, Matt would like to learn how to fix a car engine. Matt can't do this alone, which is tricky for a solo show. That's where Matt's drag alter-ego Natalie Spanner comes in. She knows all about things that girls like Natalie know about. Like how to build an engine.



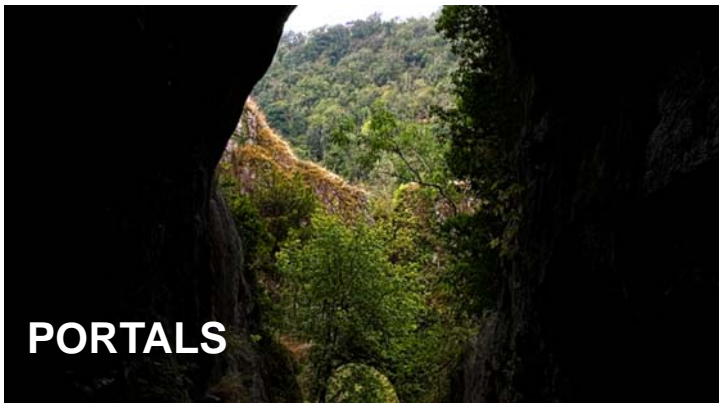
Saturday November 2nd. 1.30-3pm at Central Library. Dreaming of becoming a published author? Wondering what it really takes to see your name in print? Curious about the journey from manuscript to bookstore shelf? We've got you covered! This workshop is packed with both valuable insights and practical exercises to take your writing to the next level!



Monday October 21st 4.30-6pm at City Arts. Are you a young person aged 16-21 who identifies as LGBTQ+? Join us for a creative and empowering art workshop at City Arts. Guided by a talented artist, you'll get to experiment with different creative techniques to express your feelings, thoughts, and experiences around identity and sexuality.



Monday October 21st 2-3.30pm at City Arts. A fun, family-oriented and creative art workshop at City Arts, during half term. With the guidance of a talented artist facilitator, in this playful drop-in session families can create colourful fingerprint art to leave imprints of their personalities. This workshop is all about having fun and being yourself!



October 25th to 27th at Gasleak Mountain, 7 Carlton Rd, Nottingham NG3 2DG Portals is an exhibition that gathers a group of LGBTQ+ artists to explore the importance of queer utopias. As a community, how can we take agency over our futures and create new worlds and ways to exist? No matter how ridiculous, outlandish or farcical they may be.



Until November 15th at the National Justice Museum. This free installation features a glossary produced by members of LGBTQ+ youth groups in England through a project at the University of Nottingham. The guide explains the language used by many young LGBTQ+ people to describe their lives and their identities.



Thursday October 31st at Broadway 6-7pm We're bringing together a diverse group of LGBTQ+ writers to explore the vibrant spectrum of queer storytelling. The panel aims to celebrate the diversity within the LGBTQ+ community while addressing the complexities of writing with pride. The authors are: Simon Smalley, Jo Fletcher, JP Preston, Victoria Villaseñor and Nicci Robinson.



Saturday October 26th 8pm-2am at the Saltbox

The LGBTQ+ Gladrags Halloween special! 2 horror shows featuring King Crimson, Terri Box, Misty Fye & Petty Nonsense all performing twice plus performances from Bella Bestia, Animosity & your hosts Marilyn Sane & Nana Arthole.