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BOYS WILL BE GIRLS.
IT'S A MIXED UP
MUDDLED UP SHOOK
UP WORLD." LOLA THE KINKS

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is a three-day micro-festival organized for **ABRONS ARTS CENTER** by the **LIVE ART DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (UK)** in conjunction with **CHELSEA THEATRE** (London).

Packed with **US PREMIERES** of performances, installations, cabaret, screenings, panels, discussions, and book launches, the weekend explores the performance of identity: **THE WAYS FEMININITY CAN BE 'PERFORMED' AND REPRESENTATIONS OF GENDER CAN BE QUEERED THROUGH PERFORMANCE.**

The weekend features a dazzling array of **WOMEN PERFORMING WOMEN, WOMEN PERFORMING MEN, MEN PERFORMING WOMEN, AND ARTISTS WHO GO BEYOND THE LIMITS OF GENDER ALTOGETHER.**

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FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

THE ONLY WAY HOME IS THROUGH THE SHOW: PERFORMANCE WORK OF LOIS WEAVER

In the Gallery | 6 pm
Cocktails and conversations with **Lois Weaver** and **Jen Harvie** launching LADA's new book *The Only Way Home is Through the Show*.

GIRLS ON FILM

In the Gallery | 8 pm
A selection of films curated and introduced by LADA's Aaron Wright featuring **Oreet Ashery, Cassils, johnsmith (aka Eleanor Fogg), Qasim Riza Shaheen, David Hoyle, Ursula Martinez**, and many more.

THE FAMOUS LAUREN BARRI HOLSTEIN: HOW 2 BECOME 1

Underground Theatre | 9 pm
Imagine your favorite female performance artists channelled through some twisted version of *American Idol*. Throw in some eggs, feathers, and urine and you're almost there with this ultimate break up show.

GENDER SPECTACLE

Experimental Theatre | 10 pm
A mixed bill of gender queer turns by UK and US artists. Emceed by **Split Britches' Lois Weaver** and **Peggy Shaw**. Featuring short performances by **Lucy Hutson, Krishna Isthia, Dickie Beau, and Nando Messias**.

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

THE GIRLS: DIAMONDS AND TOADS

2-9 pm
A durational tableau vivant that sits somewhere between self-portraiture and performance and invokes the ill-fated heroines of the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen, while alluding to contemporary concerns of voyeurism and female objectification.

LAURA BRIDGEMAN AND THE DRAKES: THE BUTCH MONOLOGUES

Underground Theatre | 2 pm
Secret stories of female masculinity exploring sex,

vulnerability and desire by **The Drakes**, a private members' group of masculine-presenting butches, transmen and gender rebels who celebrate female masculinity and gentlemanly solidarity.

HYPER BUTCH/HYPER FEMME

Gallery | 2:45 pm
A panel discussion with **Lois Weaver, Nando Messias, Narcissister, Peggy Shaw, and Laura Bridgeman**.

PAUL SOILEAU/CHRISTEENE/REBECCA HAVEMEYER

Experimental Theatre | 4 pm
Soileau presents the shaping and shifting of gender and persona in this active performance/dialogue between his creations, while addressing the calm and chaos of being in the middle of these two very distinct forces of nature.

HAROLD OFFEH: COVERS

Underground Theatre | 5 pm
Harold Offeh works in a range of media employing humor as a means to confront the viewer with an assessment of contemporary popular culture. Here he embodies images from a series of classic music album covers from the 1970s and 80s by black divas.

PERFORMING REALNESS

Gallery | 5:45 pm
A panel discussion with **The Famous Lauren Barri Holstein, Harold Offeh, Dickie Beau, and more**.

GEORGE CHAKRAVARTHI: NEGROPHILIA!

Underground Theatre | 7 pm
Most of Chakravarthi's work explores ideas of 'selfhood' and deconstructs socially accepted definitions of gender, sexual and racial identity. Here he presents a live performance alongside video works and a dialogue with LADA's Lois Keidan.

LUCY HUTSON: BOUND & KRIS GREY: UNTITLED

Gallery | 8 pm
Lucy Hutson's Bound is a show about the slippery nature of identities, the ones you give yourself, the ones forced onto you and the ones that were once strong and now you are just clinging on to. *Untitled*

is a performance concerned with destabilizing the notion of bodies as static, unchanging, and immobile in which **Kris Grey** interacts with a cast of their body from 2009.

NARCISSISTER: CONDITIONS OF THE WHITE MASK

Experimental Theatre | 9 pm
Narcissister is a Brooklyn-based artist and performer. Wearing mask and merkin, she works at the intersection of performance, dance, visual art, and activism.

DICKIE BEAU: UNPLUGGED

Experimental Theatre | 9:30 pm
Drag fabulist and lip-synch maestro **Dickie Beau** has made his name channelling the voices of others, from Judy Garland and Marilyn Monroe to Francis Bacon and Kenneth Williams. Emerging from London's drag scene, and shapeshifting his way across multiple disciplines, Dickie has taken the art of lip-synching out of nightclubs and into hitherto uncharted territory.

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

BRUNCH & LADA BOOK LAUNCH

Gallery | Noon
re.act.feminism is a major publication exploring feminist, gender-critical, and queer performance art, which played a key role in the development of performance. *Are We There Yet?* is a Study Guide on Live Art and Feminism. And there's brunch.

THE LONG TABLE

Underground Theatre | 1 pm
Lois Weaver will host one of her celebrated Long Table events in an open invitation to all to discuss a range of issues about the performance of gender.

THIS IS NOT A DREAM

Experimental Theatre | 2 pm
Gavin Butt & Ben Walters' film charts the underground story of artists' DIY use of moving image technology, featuring **Dickie Beau, David Hoyle, Nao Bustamante, Kalup Linzy, Vaginal Davis**, and many more.

Visit abronsartscenter.org for more information and to RSVP for all events.