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▶ BLACK GOLD ARTS ◀

*The Fierce Four*



# Welcome to Black Gold Arts

Black Gold Arts is a Manchester-based arts organisation working predominantly with working-class people of colour, the LGBTQ+ community and their allies.

We aim to get often overlooked voices, stories and hidden histories seen and heard. We do this through film, dance, song, visual art, theatre or any other artist's medium.

We want our work to excite, educate and entertain, with lots of sass and sprinkles of fun. For 2018 BGA gets personal, political and outright sexy. The theme for this year's festival is The Fierce Four.

The Fierce Four will be four fabulous events over four months from September - December. In conventional and unconventional settings, you can experience exceptional film, dance, spoken word, music, theatre – we are serving it all!

**These events would not be possible without the support from:**

Whitworth Art Gallery, Z - Arts, Sustained Theatre Up North, Contact Theatre, Rainbow Noir, Tribeca and Arts Council England, as well as our exceptionally talented performers who are bringing the fire for this year's festival.

# Hidden Pin-Up

22 September, 2018

Presented by the **Whitworth Art Gallery**,  
**Black Gold Arts** and **House of Ghetto**

BGA alumni **House of Ghetto** have teamed up with artist **Gemma Parker** to look at the fetishization of the black female body by investigating the hidden history of the black pin-up girls and the legacy of racial stereotypes still found in modern day life. Taking inspiration from the traditional burlesque fan dance - with a **House of Ghetto** twist - this site-specific dance and spoken word vignette is political with some added punk. The performance is supported by workshops run by **Gemma Parker** tying in with the gallery's **Bodies of Colour** wallpaper exhibition, offering the chance to create political yet decorative wallpaper designs.

## **Whitworth Art Gallery**

Oxford Rd, Manchester, M15 6ER

Free | All ages

### **Performance times:**

11am - 11.10am | 12pm - 12.10pm

1pm - 1.10pm | 2pm - 2.10pm

3pm - 3.10pm

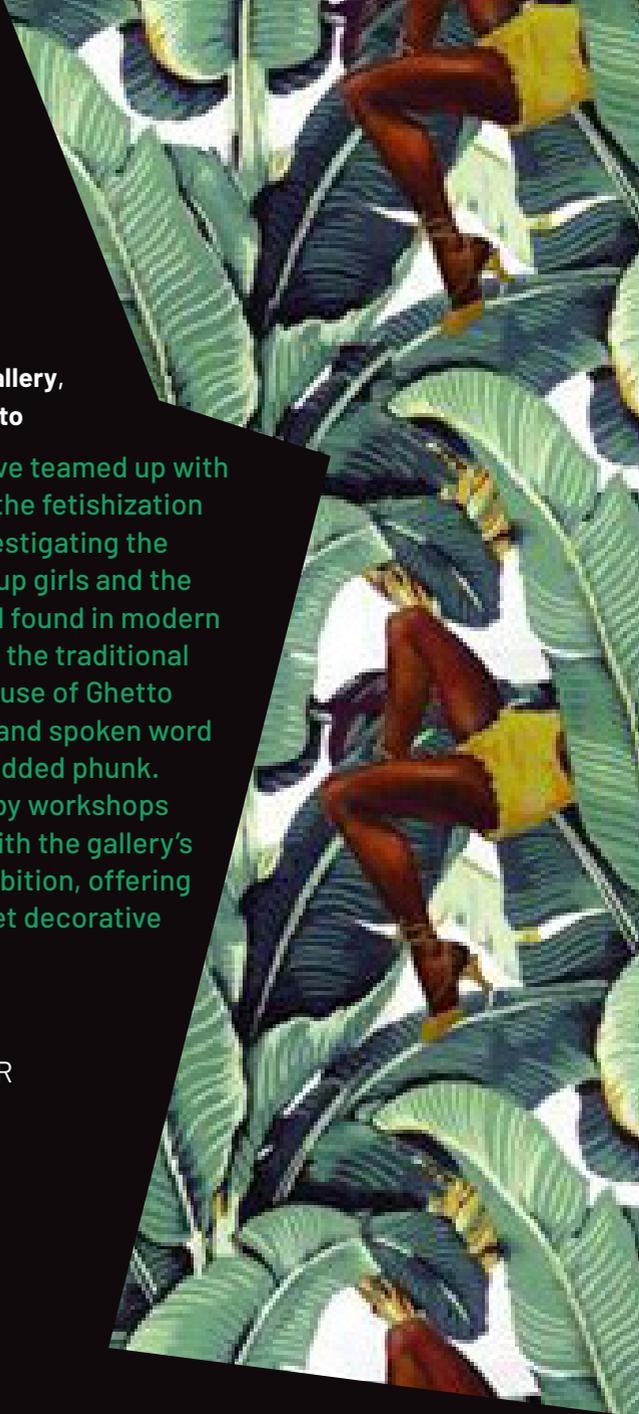
### **Workshop times:**

11.15am - 12pm | 1.15pm - 2pm

Performed by **Lenai Russell** (Dancer) & **Justina Aina** (Writer & Performer)

Choreographed by **Darren Pritchard** & **Lenai Russell**

Concept design, Research, Costume & Fan fabrication **Gemma Parker**



*Being Broke Never Looked So Fierce.*



# Rent Party

10-13 October 2018

Presented by **Darren Pritchard Dance**,  
**Contact Theatre** and **Black Gold Arts**

Winning a string of 5-star reviews, *Rent Party* has been created by an extraordinary group of artists with a long association with Contact Theatre: Darren Pritchard, Sonia Hughes and Cheryl Martin.

We're inviting you to a party in The Klondyke. We're going to entertain you with all our friends – dancers, singers and musicians. We're going to vogue, we're going to party – we're going to create a kaleidoscopic picture of what it means to be young, gifted, black...and poor, and gay.

## **Klondyke Club**

1 Burnage Range,  
Manchester, M19 2HQ

Tickets: £10 & £15

Age: 16+

Box Office: 0161 274 0600  
[contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)

## **Performance times:**

7pm **Dance Workshop**

(limited spaces,  
booking required)

8pm **Show**

9pm **Party**

# Shakedown

4 November 2018

Presented by **Black Gold Arts, Queer Media UK**  
and **Tribeca**

**The Film** - Teddy Award-Nominated *SHAKEDOWN* (2017) chronicles explicit performances in an underground lesbian club in Los Angeles. Filmed from 2002 - 2015, the story functions as a legend where money is both myth and material. As the film unfolds, questions arise about how to diagram the before and after of a utopian moment. Directed by Leilah Weinraub.

## **The Event - House Of Ghetto**

Manchester's premier Vogue House, will bring a unique and special live performance experience complementing the documentary. House of Ghetto will bring a highly sexual, gorgeous, black female vibe to the evening with exquisite performers. Get your shakedown dollars ready: this is gonna be hot.

## **Tribeca**

50 Sackville St, Manchester M1 3WF

Tickets: £5 | Age: 18+

5.30pm - 8.30pm

[ticketweb.uk](http://ticketweb.uk)

[tribecamanchester.bar](http://tribecamanchester.bar)





# Drag Queen Story Time

8 December 2018

Presented by Z-Arts, STUN, Contact  
and Black Gold Arts

Drag Queen Story Time with Black Gold Arts aims to capture the imagination and fun of the gender fluidity of childhood, while giving children a glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role model who presents themselves as they wish...

Shaz Blakefield (The Night Bus) will be reading the story of Nimesh the Adventurer, written by Ranjit Singh. Nimesh is walking home from school. Except...there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! And why would crossing the road lead to the North Pole? A fun-filled story about a little boy with a BIG imagination, Nimesh the Adventurer will surely make even the dulllest journey a dazzling adventure. Join us at Z-arts for some themed arts and crafts activities and then listen to Shaz aka The Night Bus tell the story of Nimesh.

Families that learn together, grow together. We are very excited to have Family Art Stars sessions before our Drag Queen Storytime. Come down, muck in and make some art as a family, spending quality time and learning new techniques. No skill required, just enthusiasm!



## Z - Arts Stun Studio

335 Stretford Rd,  
Manchester M15 5ZA

Age: 3+

Tickets: £6 for an adult  
and child and £3 for  
each additional ticket

Box Office: 0161 226 1912  
z-arts.org

## Performance times:

### Session 1

10.30am – 11.30am

### Family Art Stars

11.30am – 12pm

### Drag Queen Story Time

### Session 2

12.30pm – 1pm

### Family Art Stars

1pm – 1.30pm

### Drag Queen Story Time