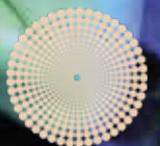
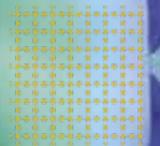
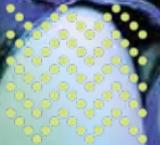
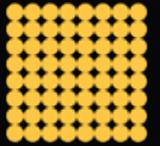


UNITY

2021 SEASON



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OPEN

Welcome back and welcome to Unity's 2021 programme of events.

We are delighted to finally be sharing with you some of the exciting productions and activities that form a special year of work from Unity.

Like everyone, our 2020 wasn't quite the year we had planned. Originally intended to be a landmark celebration of our 40th anniversary, instead we found our doors closing indefinitely. The implications of the pandemic and shutdown of venues across the UK were serious and far-reaching, but they allowed us to take stock and question our role as an arts organisation.

What has emerged is a renewed commitment for Unity to provide space and opportunity for people to be creative, enjoy high-quality entertainment and celebrate the communities of Liverpool. We want to continue to inspire creative risk and achieve a fairer, more supportive and accessible world.

Showcasing Local Talent

With over 40 events and 100 artists already involved, our specially curated reopening activities are a manifestation of this.

Supporting Artists

This new season includes 22 Merseyside-based creatives and companies who feature as part of our Open Call Programme. Created to provide income and performance opportunity to local artists after a year without both, the Open Call celebrates these artists, their stories, communities and lives.

2021 welcomes a huge-new event series as part of our talent development programme - Creative'pool. This will provide personalised training, workshops, advice, exclusive events and development opportunities to over 200 artists a year.

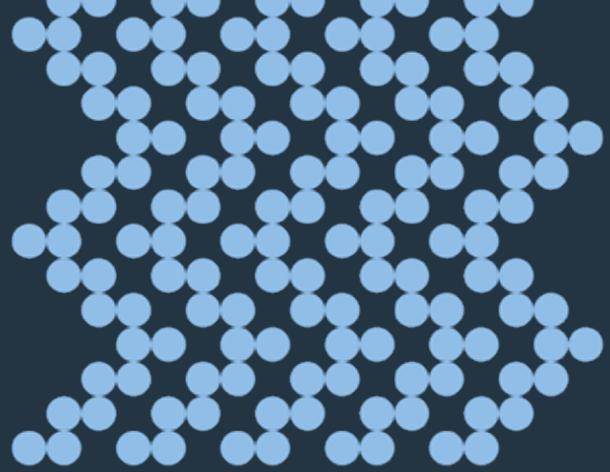
Access for All

After a year of such uncertainty some of you may understandably be nervous about venturing into buildings. Therefore, Unity are committing to making all live-work available online, as well as in-venue, at a Pay What You Can rate. Therefore, nearly all of this programme will also be online as well as in-venue.

Finally, before we leave you to explore the full programme, we'd like to dedicate this season to you. Whether you're an avid theatre-fan, an artist-in-the-making, a long-term supporter or someone who has stumbled upon this brochure by mistake – welcome, we hope you find something you enjoy, and we can't wait to see you soon.

Thank you again for your on-going support

All at Unity



Explore our programme using the key below:



Part of Unity's Open Call programme, celebrating Merseyside-based artists



Part of Creative'pool – Unity's Talent Development Programme



This event will take place live at Unity



This event can be accessed digitally/online



Relaxed

Accessibility



Captions Available



BSL Interpretation Available



Audio Description



This event is available to experience in additional languages



Unity Online

Unity Online is the home of our digital programme. Through Unity Online you will be able to access nearly all of our 2021 Programme alongside online training, Q&A events, workshops and exclusive artist content.

Online Programme

From 2021 onwards Unity Online will become home to our theatre programme. Alongside brand-new, specially commissioned digital works for you to enjoy from your own home, for our 2021 season we are also committing to making nearly all of our in-venue programme available to watch online as well.

Online performances will be available at a Pay What You Can ticket price and will premiere one-month after the physical production. You can find out more about the shows involved in our online programme by looking out for this logo:  **Online**

Online Training

Through Unity Online artists will be able to watch free-to-access recordings of training sessions, workshops and Q&As. These include Business Skills Sessions in marketing, fundraising, finance and business planning, our 2020 success No One Way – a 10-part Guest Speaker Series with creatives who have taken unusual routes into their work and some of our upcoming Creative'pool training programme.

Exclusive Content

Liverpool is full of wonderful people making wonderful work. Through Unity Online you can get to know some of the artists involved in our programme through exclusive interviews, behind-the-scenes insight into rehearsals, guest vlogs and more.

You can access Unity Online for free on the Unity website: unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 



The Storm Shepherd

Wed 21– Sun 25 Apr

Written by Stuart Crowther
with All Things Considered

Supported by Unity | Online

This is a story that will happen in your home, in your ears and in your imagination!

It's about a kid like you called Scur but they have a really special job. In fact, they are the only one. Scur is a Storm Shepherd but today something is not quite right. Would you like to know what a Storm Shepherd does? Scur can show you and maybe, hopefully you can help!

The Storm Shepherd is an interactive, audio experience for a child 7+ and a grown-up which takes place in your own home. It works best on a rainy day.

You will need two devices that can play audio, two sets of headphones, a table and your imagination.

Funded by The Arts Council and in Association with The Unity Theatre.

For booking, pricing and access information please visit unitytheatre.liverpool.co.uk 

 Online 

Coffee with Creatives

Thu 22 Apr, 1pm

Chat with the All Things Considered team about their work as Socially Engaged Theatre makers, with a focus on creating intimate and immersive theatre experiences. **CP**



20 Stories High in association with Unity present

TOUCHY

Commissioned by the Wellcome Collection

Released between May and June 2021 | Online

Five short films, Five unique stories,
Five reasons to watch.

A mash up of theatre and music video - interweaving beats, drama, poetry, animation, visuals and original music. We follow the journey of six characters as they navigate their way through the tactile highs and lows of young adulthood.

Co-created by 20 Stories High with a multi-talented collection of rappers, singers' actors, poets, beatmakers, writers, visual artists, animators. Touchy offers a unique exploration in the world of touch.

Booking Information

Touchy is a series of 5 short films that will be released between May and June 2021. To be the first to hear when the films become available, please visit unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 Online **CAP** AD

HEAR ME NOW AUDITION MONOLOGUES VOL.2 COMING SOON

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
TITILOLA DAWUDU
& TAMASHA

Tamasha Theatre Company and Titilola Dawudu present

Hear Me Now: Audition Monologues - Volume 2

From May | Online | Part of Creative'pool

Hear Me Now Volume 2 is a new publication of short monologues created in partnership with Unity and Liverpool-based writers and actors.

Volume 1's book of short monologues was a first of its kind, bringing together playwrights and actors in creative workshops to generate better audition material for ethnically diverse actors than the largely stereotypical characters generally found in published play texts.

With a focus on actors and writers who are either ethnically diverse and/or deaf and disabled, the new volume will see

the coming together of ten theatres and regions from across England, as well as 100 actors, 50 writers, five dramaturgs, 10 facilitators, signers, access workers, audio engineers and directors.

From May, Unity will begin working with actors and writers in Merseyside to develop their monologues as part of a year-long engagement project, ahead of publication in early 2022.

Supported by Arts Council England

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CP



Amina Atiq presents

Scouse Pilgrimage

Supported by Unity

Mon 17–Sat 22 May | Online | Part of Unity's Open Call

Scouse Pilgrimage is a project challenged by Brexit. What does immigration look like in Britain today?

Liverpool holds one of the largest and longest communities in Europe, but some communities are still unknown and are yet to be heard.

Scouse Pilgrimage is a self-guided experience for an audience who is curious about their own Scouse journey, created to celebrate immigration and free movement between borders. Creator Amina Atiq will be sharing part of her journey to Liverpool.

This brand-new digital and print project will be available to hear, watch and read, with Arabic translation also available. You can also follow Amina's story through pick-up postcards, available to collect during productions run from Unity or online at aminaatiq.org/scouse-pilgrimage

Booking Information

This is a free to access event that does not require a ticket. Find out more at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 Online    

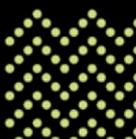
Scouse Pilgrimage Group Workshop

Mon 17 May

What is your Scouse Pilgrimage?

To celebrate immigration, language and culture across the city, join Amina for a workshop to discover your own immigration story to Liverpool. **CP**

This is a free, ticketed event. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk



The Battle of Wits

by **Gold Maria Akanbi**
Commissioned by **Unity**

Thu 20 – Sun 30 May
Online | Part of Unity's Open Call

The Battle of The Wits is a digital performance piece that explores the ways in which covid-19 has created a state of internal warfare, with different aspects of self either coming to the fore or fighting to be seen and heard.

Whilst Gold is a neurodiverse artist and this work refers to those who are neurodiverse/neurodivergent, this work also addresses how the minds of the general public have neurologically been challenged and either forced to change or submit to new ways of being for the better.

Music produced by Charles Jaiyeola.

Booking Information

Battle of Wits is a free online performance. Booking, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 Online   

The Reality Behind the Frivolity, Post Event Online Q&A

Thu 20 May

Join Gold Maria Akanbi for a free Q&A about her artistic process for 'The Battle of the Wits', creating performance work when isolating during Covid-19 and being in the art world as a disabled Black artist.

This is a free, ticketed event. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

Ugly Bucket in association
with Unity present



GOOD GRIEF

Thu 8 – Sat 10 Jul, 7:30pm

A dying man's wish; for Ugly Bucket to create a show about death. Will it be subtle? Will it be profound? Probably not. But it's his funeral. Literally.

Award-winning theatre company Ugly Bucket process the death of a friend in the only way they know how; through a high energy maelstrom of clowning, slapstick, verbatim, and thumping techno tracks.

Good Grief is a paranormal physical performance of loss and the memories left behind.

As seen on BBC Stories.

Booking Information

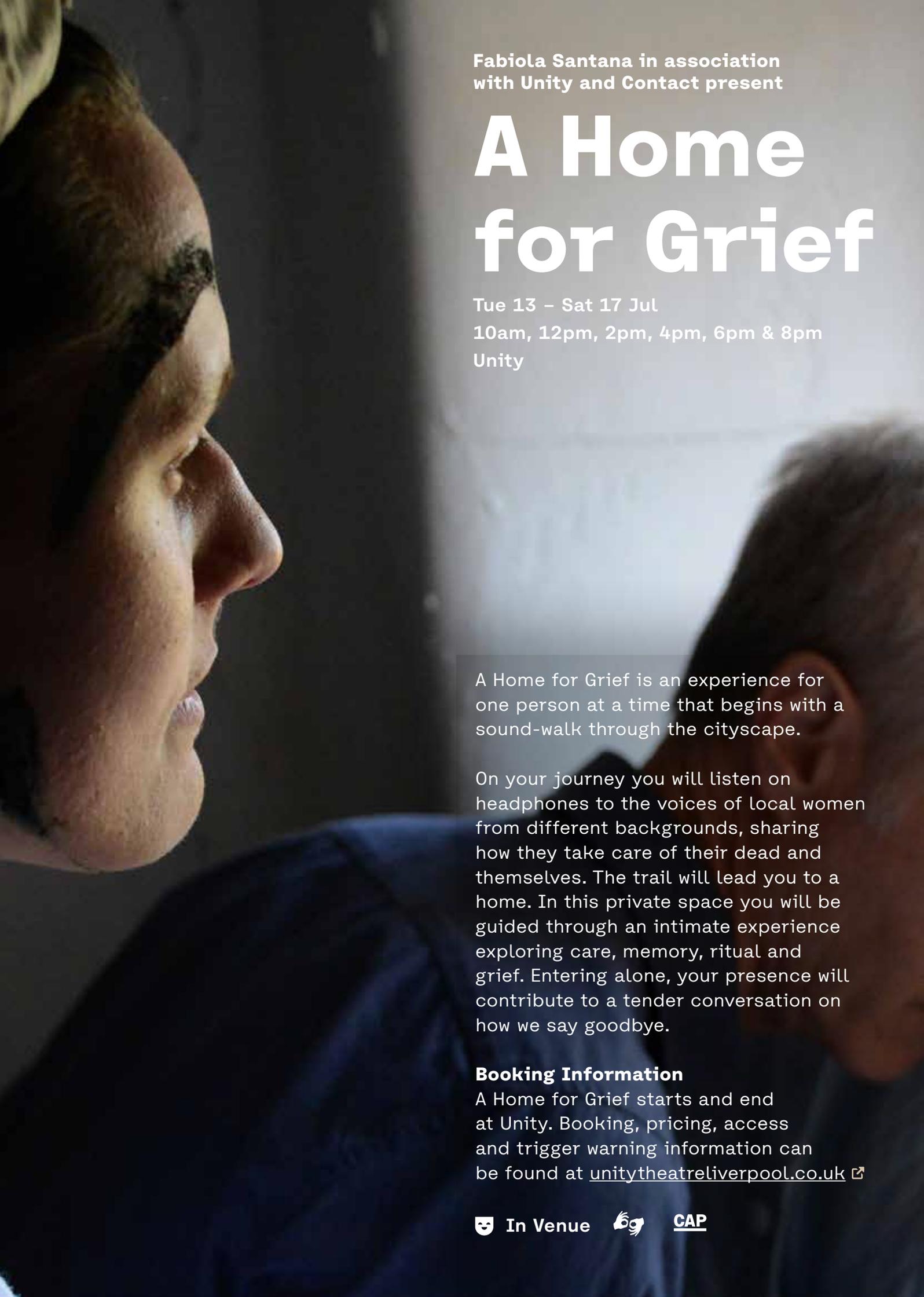
Good Grief will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 In Venue CAP

Watch Online

During the live performance dates, Good Grief will also be available to view online at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online CAP AD



Fabiola Santana in association
with Unity and Contact present

A Home for Grief

Tue 13 – Sat 17 Jul

10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm & 8pm

Unity

A Home for Grief is an experience for one person at a time that begins with a sound-walk through the cityscape.

On your journey you will listen on headphones to the voices of local women from different backgrounds, sharing how they take care of their dead and themselves. The trail will lead you to a home. In this private space you will be guided through an intimate experience exploring care, memory, ritual and grief. Entering alone, your presence will contribute to a tender conversation on how we say goodbye.

Booking Information

A Home for Grief starts and ends at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 In Venue



 CAP

Rickety Fidgets present

The Masked Femme

Fri 23 Jul,
7:30pm at Unity
Supported by Unity

The Masked Femme has been a champion in every sense throughout her wrestling career. Join us for the historical unmasking ceremony following her crushing defeat at the hands of The Butcher, and hear how she came to be a trans icon of the wrestling scene.

Rickety Fidgets will piledrive British transphobia for the three-count in this silly but heartfelt tale of one trans wrestler's rise and fall.

Booking Information

The Masked Femme will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk



Watch Online

The Masked Femme will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 20th August at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online **CAP**

 In Venue  **CAP**

Sian Davies

About Time



Sat 24 Jul, 8pm

About Time is the debut hour of stand up from comedian Sian Davies, winner of Best Debut Show at Leicester Comedy Festival 2020.

Growing up is hard, but most people manage it. Sian waited until she was 27 to grow up. Everyone agreed, it was about time. After a rough start to life, in 2010 Sian set off on a life changing year of adventure, excitement, travel and trouble. From the Taj Mahal to the local Tesco, this overgrown kid experienced it all.

In this life changing year Sian tackled some important questions. Such as how do you use a squat toilet? What is Free Food Friday? And can you really have a gap year if you're working class?

Booking Information

About Time will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

"She's what Jason Manford would be if he was a Liverpudlian lesbian, with a broad appeal and snappy jokes"
- Chortle

Watch Online

About Time will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 20th August at a Pay What You Can rate

 **Online** **CAP**

Skills Share:

Working Class Performers

Wednesday 19th July, Online
Join Sian for an informal chat and Q&A about being a working-class performer. This is a free, ticketed event. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 **In Venue**  **CAP**

Homotopia present

Young Homotopia: We're Queer For It

Sat 24 Jul, 5pm | Unity Two



Pride is a protest. Creativity speaks truth to power. Join Young Homotopia this Pride season as they serve up activism, cabaret, spoken word and theatre. We're Queer For It explores the political and social issues that are most important to young queer people growing up today.

Facilitated by Homotopia Associate Artist Ashleigh Owen.

In association with GYRO LGBTQIA youth (YPAS).

Photo Credit: Jazamin Sinclair

Booking Information

We're Queer For It will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

In Venue

Watch Online

We're Queer For It will be available to watch on Unity Online from Fri 20 Aug at a Pay What You Can rate.

Online

All Things Considered present

Sleepover

Wed 28 Jul – Sat 31 Jul,
6pm & 8:30pm | Unity Two

We have spent over a year not hanging out with our mates properly, this Sleepover is long over-due.

The year is 1990, a time of back combed fringes, Just Seventeen Magazines, New Kids on the Block and White Musk Perfume. Remember? You are 15 year and you live for your mates, belly laughs and sleepovers at Kelly's house. Come and join us as we discuss all the best things about being a teenager, leave the responsibilities of your grown-up world behind and embrace your teenage self, who might just have something to tell you about how to live your life now.

Sleepover is an interactive celebration of friendship, sisterhood and the teenagers we used be. The performance is for audiences of 12 people at time

Booking Information

Sleepover will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 In Venue 







All Things Considered present

Pram Talks

Mon 2 – Sun 15 Aug | Online Audio Experience

Parents from across the Northwest shared their stories with us about the highs and the lows of parenthood. Come and listen in to their conversations as they discuss romance after a baby, breastfeeding in public, traumatic births, what they are really thinking during the 3am feed and Post Natal Depression.

Pram Talks invites you to reflect on your own story through listening to others.

You will need two devices, two sets of headphones and data to access the performance.

Booking Information

Pram Talks is an audio experience for two people. It can be experienced anywhere but the recommended setting is to do together, with a friend or partner in a local park with babies and prams. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatre.liverpool.co.uk

 Online AD))

The Weight of Repopulating a Nation

Fri 17 Sep, 7pm | Part of Unity's Open Call

Up Next is a new event series showcasing exciting new work from Merseyside performers. In one evening, you can experience a double bill of sharing's across both our spaces, premiering new writing from across the city.

The Weight of Repopulating a Nation is an autobiographical performance that documents Leianna's journey as she uncovers her own story and her community's. You are invited to share in her growing understanding of the importance of heritage and the weight of responsibility she feels to share the story of her ancestors.

 In Venue  

Booking Information

The Weight Of Repopulating a Nation will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 Online  

Coffee with Creatives: Leianna Boodaghian

Wednesday 22nd September, 6pm
Join Leianna on Zoom to chat about using your own voice to create theatre and how Leianna came to write and perform in her own show. This is a free, ticketed event. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

A Greasy Spoon

Fri 17 Sep, 8:30pm

Part of Unity's Open Call

Up Next is a new event series showcasing exciting new work from Merseyside performers. In one evening, you can experience a double bill of sharing's across both our spaces, premiering new writing from across the city.

A Greasy Spoon is a dark comedy set in an absurd heightened reality...a café in Liverpool. Mandy and Shannon's day gets off to a rocky start and never gets back on track. All they want to do is clean up the mess they are in, but life keeps serving them up new problems.

A Greasy Spoon was first written as part of the Everyman Writers Programme in 2018.

Booking Information

A Greasy Spoon will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

 In Venue 

Watch Online

A Greasy Spoon will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 15th October at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online 



UP NEXT

Victoria Oxley

Stayin' Alive

Sat 18 Sep, 7pm

Part of Unity's Open Call

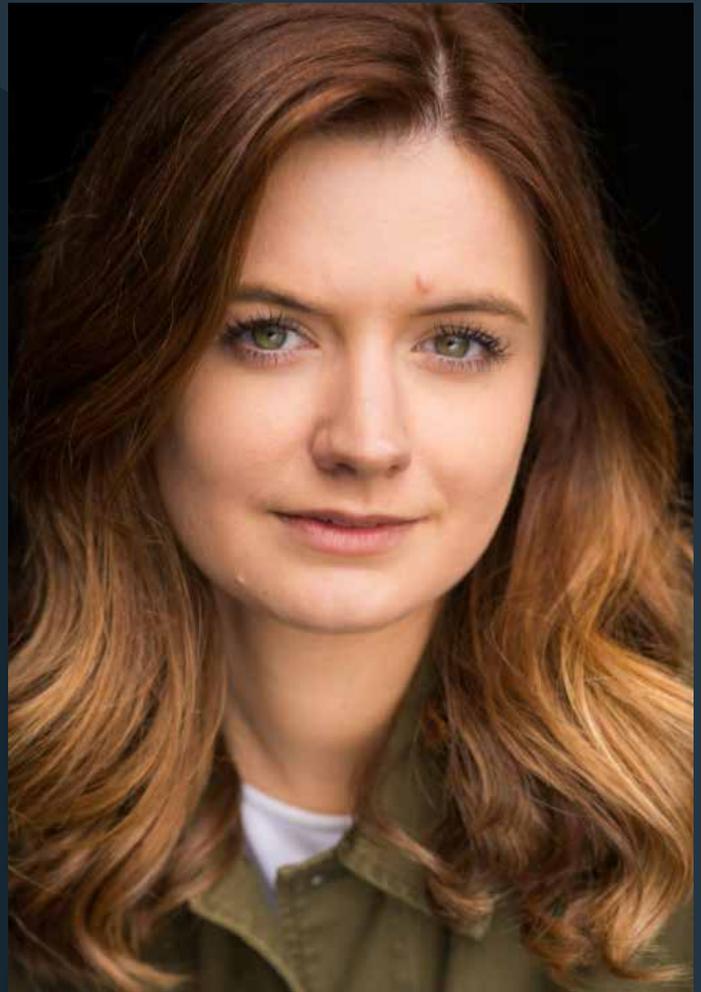
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Following the success of previous show Heaven or Pussy, Victoria presents new musical-themed comedy, Stayin' Alive. Drawing on the raw essence of scouse charm, humour and grit, Stayin' Alive follows the story of Maggie as she confronts her mental health problems and the loss of her Grandmother.

Based-off the playwright's real-life relationship with her Grandmother and work as a mentor for young people with mental health difficulties, Stayin' Alive combines darkness and laughter to give voice to characters you might not always see at the theatre.

Booking Information

Stayin' Alive will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk ↗



Watch Online

Stayin' Alive will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 15th October at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online **CAP** 

Skills Share: The Bright Side of Life

Fri 10 Sep, 7pm

Join Victoria on Zoom for a group storytelling workshop, bringing comedy and darkness together. You'll create a short story that combines the darkness of overcoming challenges with the laughter in life.

This is a free, ticketed event.

Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 In Venue  

Out the Attic present

...That's What She Said

Sat 25 Sep, 7:30pm

Unity One | Supported by Unity
Part of Unity's Open Call

Six girls. One week in Ibiza. Similar differences.

That's What She Said explores the experiences of six young women on holiday in Ibiza, how they navigate the divisions that have been forged between women of different class, race and background. More importantly, the play explores the friendships they forge and the experiences they share that are universally relatable.

Based on real-life experiences of the cast, the play opens up conversation about sisterhood, race and what it means to be a woman in 2021.

Booking Information

That's What She Said will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk ↗

 In Venue  CAP

Watch Online

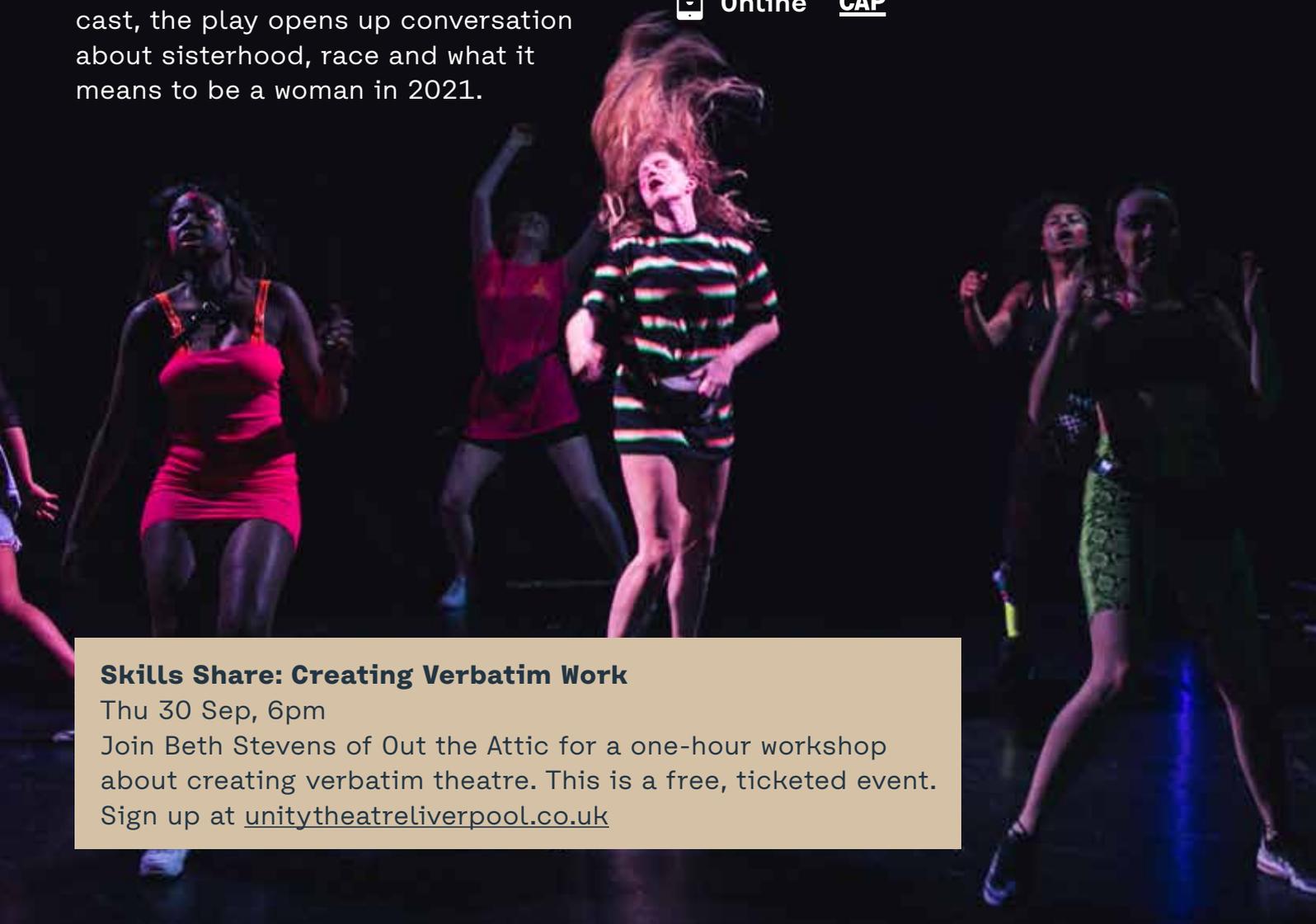
That's What She Said will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 22nd October at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online CAP

Skills Share: Creating Verbatim Work

Thu 30 Sep, 6pm

Join Beth Stevens of Out the Attic for a one-hour workshop about creating verbatim theatre. This is a free, ticketed event. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk





North West End



Teatro Pomodoro present

Sirens, Men and Crabs

Thu 7–Sat 9 Oct, 7:30pm | Unity One

Welcome to a world where the Sirens are the unsung heroines, Ulysses will never be the hero he wants to be and Giant Crabs are taking over.

Sirens, Men and Crabs is a surreal blend of clown and dark comedy that will turn Ancient Greece upside down.

This farce takes you through a bizarre and political journey that will leave you in stitches.

"Funny feminist surrealism"

- Audience review Physical Fest 2019

Booking Information

Sirens, Men and Crabs will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatre.liverpool.co.uk

 In Venue  AD

Watch Online

Sirens, Men and Crabs will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 15th October at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online CAP AD

One September /
Aleasha Chaunte present

Out of The Narrow Place: A Ritual for Black Descendants of Slaves

Thu 14 Oct, 7.30pm | Unity One
Supported by Unity
Part of Unity's Open Call

This a meal, a ritual and a performance work in progress about what it means to be descended from African slaves. Born out of a desire to live fully, despite a painful history, and a difficult present, Artist Aleasha Chaunte is on a quest to create the perfect ritual to heal this most particular kind of pain.

Aleasha is an artist who believes that art has a place in society and considers herself a social justice worker.

Booking Information

Out of The Narrow Place will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk ↗

 In Venue  

Watch Online

Out of The Narrow Place will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 12th November at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online CAP 



Transcend Theatre present

How to Kill a Rose

Sat 23 Oct, 7:30pm | Unity One
Supported by Unity
Part of Unity's Open Call

How To Kill a Rose follows the story of a transgender couple; 16 year old 'Me' and 23 year old 'Him'. Using a dynamic mix of Scouse humour and delicate spoken word poetry, the story follows the journey of their relationship and explores the often subtle and unnoticed aspects of abuse.

How to Kill a Rose, by Felix Mufti-Wright, shines a light on the issue of domestic abuse within the transgender community.

Booking Information

How to Kill a Rose will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 In Venue  CAP

Skills Share: Talk about Trans

Thu 28 Oct, 6pm | Unity Bar | Free
Join Transcend for an informal chat about Trans inclusivity and how to make spaces more trans positive and friendly.

Watch Online

How to Kill a Rose will be available to watch on Unity Online from Friday 12th November at a Pay What You Can rate.

 Online 

Sh!t Theatre present

Sh!t Theatre Drink Rum With Expats

Fri 15 & Sat 16 Oct, 7:30pm
Unity One

Celebrating their final year as Europeans, island-monkeys Becca and Louise got invited to the 2018 European Capital of Culture in Malta, having missed out on Hull last year. They went to drink rum with Brits abroad but found a lot more than they expected.

Lads on tour Sh!t Theatre want to talk about home, your home, what we are doing in your home, what you might be doing in our home and how cheap the beers are. From our small island in the sea to another small island in the sea, Sh!t Theatre found mystery and murder in the fight to be European.

Here it is: another excuse for the multi award-winning Sh!t Theatre to get drunk on stage.



The Stage



The Independent



Time Out



London Evening Standard

Booking Information

Sh!t Theatre Drink Rum With Expats will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

 In Venue **AD** 

CHRISTMAS AT UNITY

The Knotted Project and Hawk Dance Theatre present

Outside the Igloo

Tue 7 – Sun 19 Dec, 10:30am & 2pm (excl. Mondays) | Unity One

Join us this Christmas for an interactive icy adventure for children age 4+ and their families!

Pixel, Crash & Click are not your normal penguins. Safe in their igloo, they play their way through life with screens and games, whizzing and karting along until one day, the power goes off!

Led by Pixel, the three penguins step out of their igloo for the first time in weeks. They embark upon an adventure of discovery and magic, following cracks in the ice, scaling enormous mountains and swimming in freezing lakes.

Stepping outside may have been the biggest adventure yet!

Sitting amongst the set & performers, the children in the audience play an essential part in helping the 3 penguin friends on their amazing wintery journey. This show promises to take any young explorer on an incredible adventure they will never forget

Booking Information

Outside the Igloo will be performed live at Unity. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk ↗

Online packages available soon.

 In Venue   AD 

Bill Elms Productions present

ANDREW LANCEL IN

SWAN SONG

BY JONATHAN HARVEY

DIRECTED BY NOREEN KERSHAW



LAST TICKETS REMAINING

Fri 18 & Sat 19 Jun

5pm & 7:45pm | Unity One

During the pandemic Unity has been offering support to local artists in each way that we can. We are delighted that our patron Andrew Lancel, a local artist himself, is kindly helping us to continue this support through the awareness and funds generated from this production of Swan Song.



*"A piece that
is painstakingly
crafted and
superbly delivered"*
- North West End

It is Liverpool 1997, the world is changing and in the staff room, Gay, forty-something, English teacher Dave Titswell finds that not all change is welcome. He has a crush, but life, love, and work are never straight forward for Dave. Will a school trip to The Lakes change things for the better, or make things decidedly worse? Swan Song will make audiences laugh, but equally pull at the heartstrings. Everyone knows someone like Dave – or could even be a Dave themselves.

Booking Information

This event will take place in Unity One. Booking, pricing, access and trigger warning information can be found at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk ↗

 In Venue

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MEET OUR NEXT 10 OPEN CALL ARTISTS

Performing from Autumn 2021

Supported by Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse.

Made possible by our Crowdfunder Donors



Meet our next 10 Open Call Artists

We're delighted to introduce you to the next 10 artists and companies who will feature in our 2021 Open Call programme.

Designed to help artists survive and comeback stronger than ever after a year of restricted income streams and creative outlets, those featured in our Open Call Programme will receive a bursary of up to £1250 alongside creative, production and wellbeing support. These next 10 artists join the 12 already on-sale

Meet The Artists

1. RAWD present Phone Home
2. Rowena Gander presents Barely Visible
3. Blackfest present Hip Hop Dance for All
4. FLOOD present Touch
5. Katy-Anne Bellis presents Over the Garden Wall
6. The B Collective and Theatre Témoin present Routes
7. Marjorie Morgan presents More Than Blood
8. Elaine Collins presents DDDivas
9. Alexis Maxwell presents Mixed Signals
10. Tom Kinney presents A Heavenly Way to Die

These artists have been funded thanks to the generosity of all who gave to our Crowdfunder campaign in February, raising over £10,000. Two places have also been supported by Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse.

Booking

The artists in this second wave will perform at Unity from Autumn 2021. Tickets will go-on sale in the summer.

To find out more about our Open Call artists and their work, please visit unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

CREATIVE 'POOL

UNITY'S TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Creative'pool is Unity's talent development programme, providing over 200 Liverpool-based artists a year with the training, networks, skills and resource to build a sustainable career.

2021's Creative Pool programme includes:

Year Round

Creative'pool Membership:

Unity's membership for creatives, giving you access to our entire artist support & training programme free of charge. Benefits include £6 tickets across the whole programme, 10% off in the bar, Hot Desking, a dedicated newsletter & free access to the whole Creative'pool programme.

Space to Create:

Unity's free rehearsal and development programme to which Liverpool artists can apply for up to 5 days of free space.

From May 2021

Nuts & Bolts

a monthly workshop providing artists with the key skills and insights to help bring their creative projects to life.

Walk & Talk

Every Wednesday. Once a week spend your lunch hour with fellow creatives and members of the Unity team, getting some fresh air and reconnecting.

FORM

A monthly event for everyone keen to expand their creative horizons. Think a book club, but with recordings of shows rather than books.

Queer Creative Meet-Ups

Join Homotopia and Unity for a friendly and inclusive meetup with local LGBTQIA artists, makers and creators.

Coffee With Creatives/Q&As

Chat with artists featured in Unity's programme about their creative process and themes featured in their work.

Artist Skills Shares

Led by artists featured in the 2021 programme, these one-hour workshops allow you to develop your skills in areas such as verbatim theatre, creating inclusive spaces, autobiographical storytelling and more.

From September 2021

Level-up Producer Course

A 6-month intensive training programme, including two weekend residencies, for artists and companies looking to self-produce their work to a high-standard.

Creative'pool is supported by Esmée Fairbairn Foundation 

CREATIVE 'POOL MEMBERSHIP

Unity's Creative'pool Membership is a completely free membership scheme for anybody identifying as a 'creative' – giving artists free access to the entire Creative'pool programme of training, networking, individual support and events.

The membership enables creatives from all backgrounds to access all events in our programme for just £6.

Other membership perks include 10% off at the Unity Bar, hot-desking availability, and a dedicated newsletter to stay in touch with industry news, trends, jobs and opportunities across the North West.



To sign-up for your free Membership, please visit unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/creativepool 



SPACE TO CREATE

Space to Create is Unity's free rehearsal and development programme for Liverpool artists. We dedicate at least 12 weeks of free space per year for artists to create, collaborate and record their work.

Space to Create is a rolling programme that artists can apply to throughout the year. Artists may apply for free space for up to a five-day period for activities including rehearsals, workshops, auditions, script Development, company catch-ups, professional show recordings and industry sharing's.

To apply for free space please visit unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/creativepool 



Unity
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WALK & TALK

Every Wed at 1pm
(excluding August)

Meet in front of Unity

Part of the Creative'pool Programme

Walk & Talk is weekly catch-up for Liverpool creatives. Each Wednesday at 1pm we'll meet in front of Unity for an hour's wander. We can chat about ideas, creative challenges, or what's on telly tonight. We know creative careers can sometimes have moments where you don't have a team around you, so once a week spend your lunch hour with fellow creatives and members of the Unity team, getting some fresh air and reconnecting.

This is for everyone who wants some fresh air and creative community. We'll always go at the speed of the slowest person and we'll ensure we always follow accessible routes. Dress for the weather!

Booking Information

Walk & Talk is free to attend. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

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Unity present

FORM

Every first Thursday of the month,
6pm (excluding August)

Unity Bar

Part of Unity's Creative'pool

Form is a **FREE** monthly event for everyone keen to expand their theatrical horizons. Think a book club, but with recordings of shows rather than books.

Each month we'll send you a recording of a show the Unity team find inspiring or original in terms of its form, and two weeks later we'll all get together to discuss it. The idea is to share bold work you may not otherwise have seen to provoke conversation, spark ideas and inspire new approaches. We'll particularly be focussing on the form and style of the performance, rather than the plot. This is a space to connect with new people, share your thoughts & ideas and learn from each other's experiences

Booking Information

Form is free to attend and will take place at Unity. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

First Session: Thu 6 May – Lola Arias' Minefield, 6pm

Our first FORM production will be Lola Arias' Minefield. In Minefield, six Falklands/ Malvinas war veterans who once faced each other across a battlefield now face each other across a stage. Together they share memories, films, songs and photos as they recall their collective war and embody the political figures that led them into it.

**Sign up by the 22nd April
to receive the recording
of Minefield**



Unity in association with Everyman & Playhouse present

NUTS & BOLTS

Every second Thursday of the month,
6pm (excluding August)
Unity Bar

Part of Unity's Creative'pool
First Session: Thursday 13th May

Nuts & Bolts is a monthly workshop providing artists with the key skills and insights to help bring their creative projects to life.

You can attend as many or as few sessions as you like - just pick the ones that are most relevant for you.

Topics will include:

Setting up as a freelancer
Basics of Budgeting
Basics of Fundraising
Integrating Accessibility
Talking about your work

Booking Information

Nuts & Bolts is free to attend and will take place at Unity. Sign up at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 



Homotopia
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with Unity present

QUEER CREATIVES MEET UP

Every third Thursday of the month
(excluding August), 6–7pm | Unity Bar

Part of Unity's Creative'pool
First session: Thu 17 Jun, 6–7pm

Join Homotopia, Unity and friends for a friendly and inclusive meetup with local LGBTQIA artists, makers and creators. This is your chance to meet new creative collaborators, seek career advice and have a lovely time with liked-minded queer pals.

Booking Information

This is a free, informal event. To RSVP please email hello@homotopia.net

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LEVEL UP PRODUCER COURSE

As part of our Creative'pool programme, we're excited to launch our Level-Up Producer Course, offering a more intensive support and training programme for a smaller cohort of artists and companies looking to self-produce their work to a high-standard.

Through a series of skills development, shadowing and networking opportunities, the course will help you develop productions to a level ready for touring. With applications opening in June 2021 for a September start, those who successfully apply to the course will take part in two weekend residencies ran by producing experts and national partners, with bursaries and an on-site creche available.

The full line-up of national artists, companies and experts for the two-weekenders will be developed in partnership with those on the Level-Up programme, making sure the training is tailored specifically to your need.

On completion of the Level-up Producer Course participants will continue their training with access to one year of mentoring from a Unity staff member, shadowing opportunities, the chance to pitch work and regular access to space.

To register your interest and be the first to hear when the line-up and dates are announced, please apply to our free Creative'pool Membership at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/creative-pool 





Mothers Who Make

Second Tuesday of Each Month | Online / Unity Bar

Mothers Who Make is a growing national initiative aimed at supporting mothers who are artists – professional and/ or passionate. Every kind of maker is welcomed, and every kind of mother.

Through it's first three years, the Liverpool Hub has provided creative mothers with the chance to share ideas, develop projects, work together and forge bonds in both practice and motherhood. Most recently the community of mothers from the Liverpool Hub featured in their first public exhibition.

Coordinated by Tmesis Theatre, new makers and mothers are welcome to join each month.

Booking Information

To join us, please contact claire@tmesistheatre.com. Sessions are currently being held online due to COVID restrictions.

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EXEMPT FROM DOING SO



How are we keeping you safe?

As we begin to reintroduce you to our building, we have put numerous safety and social-distancing measures in place to ensure your health is prioritised when using our spaces:

- Hand sanitiser stations throughout the building
- Queue distancing measures throughout the building clearly marked by signage.
- Reduced cash and paper transactions
- Regular and enhanced cleaning before, during and after each event
- A reduction in the number of people allowed in our spaces at any one time, based on regulations.
- A contactless bar service and a new pre-ordering system
- Staff members wearing all necessary PPE.
- A change to our toilet facilities to minimise contact with other building users

Access:

- Access to the building will in no way be limited by these new measures. The main lift, wheelchair ramp and front entrance lift will all still be in use and included in the deep cleans.
- All accessible toilets are cleaned daily and throughout the visit.
- Any PPE used will be suitable for those who require lip-reading. If you are struggling to still lip-read, please ask the member of staff to turn on their phone translation which will live caption what they are saying.

All measures related to social-distancing, mask wearing, and temperature checks will be continually monitored to ensure they remain in line with official guidance. Two weeks prior to your visit you will receive your pre-show email with the most up-to-date information.

Find out more at

unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/your-visit 



Booking Tickets

You can book for all events in Unity's 2021 programme online at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk or by calling our Box Office on 0151 709 4988.

Due to COVID regulations, all ticketed events must be booked in advance. Walk-up tickets will be unavailable (excluding drop-in events and the Creative'pool Programme), For in-venue productions you can purchase your ticket online up to one hour before the event.

Booking for an event at Unity

When booking for an event at Unity, your ticket will be unreserved, and you will be allocated a seat number nearer to the performance. This allows us to adapt to changing COVID regulations and ensure maximum safety for audience members.

For our 2021 season, all tickets will be delivered as an email attachment. Upon arrival at the venue, you will then show this email attachment to our Front of House team who will direct you to your seat. You may display your ticket on either a mobile device or as a printout. Physical tickets will not be issued by

Unity in 2021 to reduce the amount of paper being both printed and exchanged.

If you do not have an email address or require a specific seat for access purposes, please call our box office line and we can certainly make arrangements for you.

How to book for an online event

When booking for an online event, if booking in advance of the performance dates, you will receive an email confirmation confirming your booking. When the performance becomes available to watch you will then receive a unique viewing link and password to access the event.

Support staff will be on hand via email for online events, should you have any difficulties accessing your link.



Support your CommUNITY

As we emerge from the pandemic,
we need your help more than ever before.

Your donation not only allows Unity to recover from the terrible implications of the pandemic and continue providing high-quality entertainment to the people of Liverpool, but it also means we can provide more of the following to our communities:

- more paid work for artists and freelancers
- more free space for artists to rehearse and develop their practice
- more free training, pastoral and mentoring support for artists
- more free tickets for schools, charities and community groups and a Pay-What You-Can option on every Unity Online event
- more accessible performances and online work for D/deaf and disabled audiences
- more dynamic support for the communities of Liverpool – whether they require transportation, creative workshops, a safe space to meet up or the opportunity to tell their story through performing arts

There are plenty of ways you can get involved and support your CommUNITY:

Donate

Online at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/support-us

Donate via Text

Text ILOVEUNITY 5 to 70085
to donate a one-off £5 gift

Text UNITYRECOVERY 10 to 70085
to donate a one-off £10 gift

Pay-It-Forward

When booking a ticket online, by adding a £5 Pay-It-Forward ticket to your basket you will be providing a free ticket to somebody who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend.



Unity Bar

Thursday – Saturday
5pm - Late

Welcome to the Unity Bar – the heart of your Unity experience and the perfect base for your night out.

Unity is a venue with its roots proudly in Liverpool, and we support the very best local talent both on and off our stages. Our bar is packed with drinks and snacks from local small businesses who share our values of community and equality.

Complimented by floor to ceiling windows with views of our beautiful city, we think it's a pretty boss place to catch-up and chill-out before a show.

We work with a select group of suppliers to design a curated menu for our bar that features the very best beers, wine and soft drinks the region has to offer.

Current partners include Love Lane Beer and Ginsmith, Neptune Brewery, R&H Fine Wine, Liverpool Brewing Company, Big Bog Gin and 92 Degrees.

Celebration Packages

With social-distancing restrictions in place we're encouraging all show-bookers to beat the queues and pre-order their drinks in advance. Our new 'Celebration Packages' are the perfect way to toast your return to Unity. Both packages can be purchased at check-out:

Celebration Package - £7.50

A Love Lane beer, a small glass of R&H wine or a Fentiman's soft drink + a sweet and salty snack.

Celebration Package Premium - £11

A guest beer, gin cocktail or large glass of wine + a sweet snack, salty snack and tub of ice cream.

Vegan options are available with both packages and will be available to collect from the Unity Bar from 5pm the day of the performance.

Hire Our Spaces

From May 2021 Unity will be available to businesses, charities and community groups for private hire.

We have developed a series of affordable packages that provide a safe, spacious and certified space to bring people back together, plan for a future and reconnect with colleagues and communities.

We have space of various sizes available for all types of working environments, be it our light and airy bar space to our adaptable black box theatre. Both can be set up for performance, lecture, seminar or meeting.

Pricing

Prices start from £120

Pay What You Can

As a charity ourselves we know how hard the implications of the coronavirus can hit an organisation. As a result, we will also be offering our two spaces at a Pay What You Can rate for charities to make sure as many as possible can reconnect and rebuild in a safe, socially distanced environment.

Why host an event at Unity?

If our iconic building, famous location, theatre-standard AV and approved safety measures can't convince you to book, we also guarantee that income from every booking goes toward providing local artists with free space to work, rehearse and create.

Find out more about pricing, booking, catering and availability at unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk 

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our supporters



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Thank you for supporting us during an incredibly difficult year. A huge thank you to everybody who chose to donate the cost of their tickets and made one-off or monthly donations to Unity's Recovery Fund. An equally huge thank you to everybody who has been in touch with Unity this past year with messages of love, support and offers of help. We are only able to announce our 2021 season because of you.

With love and gratitude – Unity

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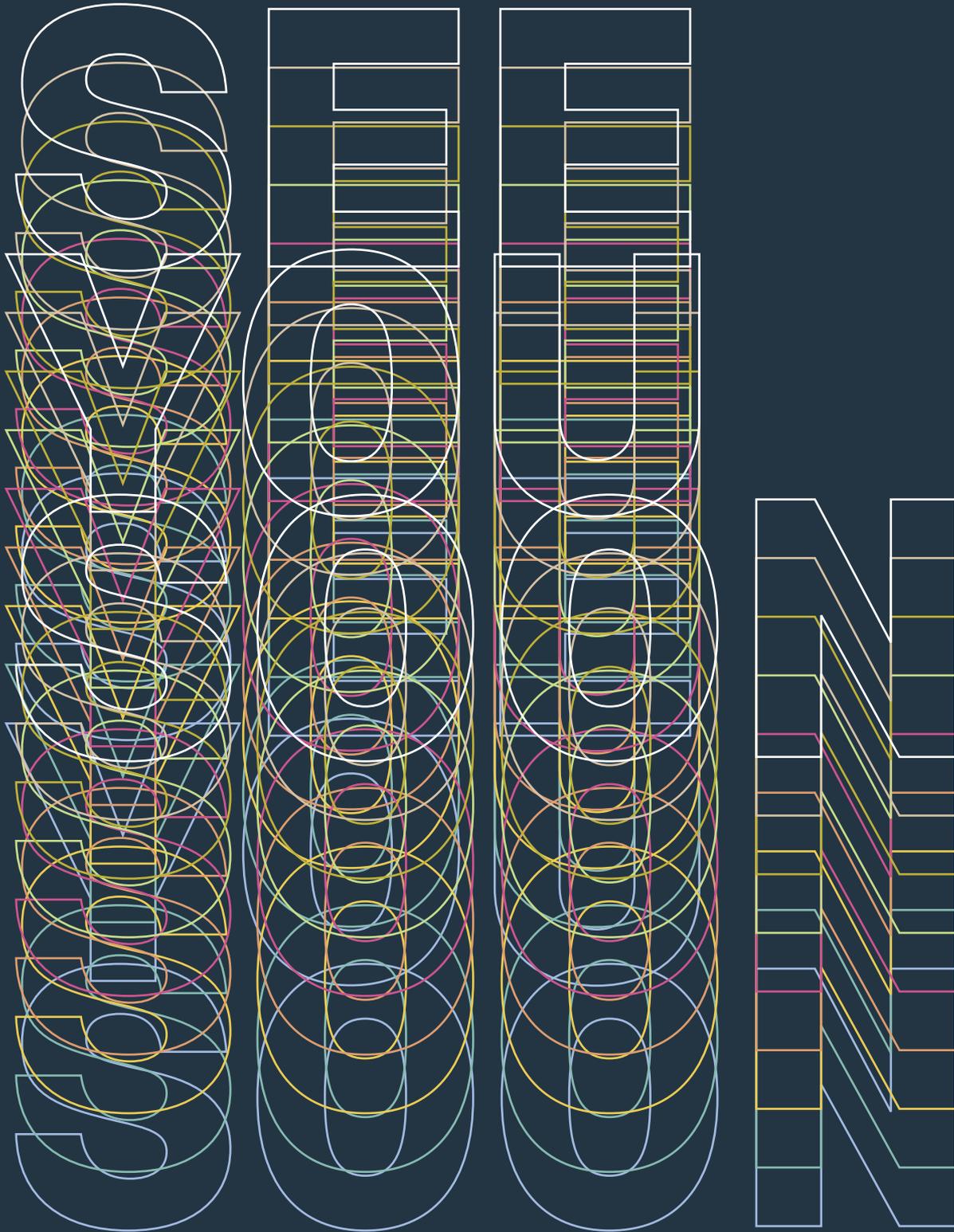
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