

PRESS RELEASE
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Lyric Hammersmith Announce 2017 *Evolution* Festival: The Next Generation is Here

Young Lyric presents *Evolution*, a four day multi-art form festival taking place from Wednesday 15 – Saturday 18 March 2017.

Evolution showcases artists aged 16 – 25, celebrating the ground-breaking and exciting work being produced by young people in the capital.

Over four days, more than 100 artists will be presenting a programme of fresh, striking and original theatre, film and music exploring the theme of identity across a variety of performances, discussions and events.

Sean Holmes, Artistic Director of Lyric Hammersmith said: ‘We are thrilled to welcome the return of *Evolution* after its debut last year. This festival will mark the beginning of many of these young people’s journey as professional artists. Championing emerging artists, improving access to the arts and supporting vulnerable young people is core to our vision at the Lyric and we look forward to hosting this festival once again.’

LISTINGS

Passin’ Thru

Wed 15 – Sat 18 March 2017
7pm, 60 mins

One rainy summer’s afternoon in 2016, homeless nineteen year old Sam arrives at *Boundaries House* Hostel with a dead phone, a heavy heart and all his belongings bundled into bags. Like many other young people before him, this will be his home for the foreseeable future. Written through a devising process by Fintan Dineen with director Richard Weinman and in collaboration with the Theatreworks group, *Passin’ Thru* is a celebration of youth and a story about belonging, attachment and parenthood.



Is There Hair Under There?

Wed 15 – Thu 16 March 2017
9pm, 60 mins

In August 2016, 8 young Muslim women spoke into one tape recorder to create a new performance exploring what it is to be a young Muslim in West London. Funny, poignant and always insightful, *Is there hair under there?* challenges our perceptions and attitudes towards young people based on their faith and outfit.

Seventeen: Talkback

Thu 16 March 2017
9:30pm, 60 mins

Join the creative team of *Seventeen*, our current main house show to discuss the performance. This panel discussion followed by a question and answer session will cover the creative process of rehearsals and performance and the challenges of bringing a play from Australia to the Lyric main stage.

Free Entry

Reel Talks: Diversity In The Arts

Fri 17 March 2017
7:30pm, 45 mins

An intimate discussion with actors, producers, directors within the film industry about the very pressing topic of diversity. A prestigious panel will be talking about their experiences and answering any questions you might have about the industry and your own career.

Development Lab: Work in Progress

Fri 17 March 2017
8pm, 90 mins

Join three exciting female artists as they explore identity and what makes us who we are. The evening will feature: *Does my Bomb Look Big In This* by Nyla Levy, *MotherLand* by Naomi Joseph and *White* by Koko Brown. The performances will be followed by a discussion.

Fresh Faced Film Festival

Fri 17 March 2017
8:30pm, 90 mins

The third Fresh Faced Film Festival curated by TEAfilms in association with the Lyric Hammersmith and the BFI will not disappoint. A selection of quality films by young directors will be showcased in front of a panel of film industry professionals.

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Access All Areas Present: The Misfit Analysis

Fri 17 March 2017

9pm, 60 mins

After sell-out runs in London and Edinburgh, Cian Binchy returns with the multi-award winning *The Misfit Analysis* as part of a national tour. Using multi-media performance, Cian takes us through a world of wheelchairs and blow-up dolls in an unconventional exploration of an autistic mind, playfully questioning the treatment of disability and autism in today's world. This is not *Rain Man*.

Being Brave

Fri 17 March 2017

9:30pm, 30 mins

How can we be braver within ourselves and in the work we create? Join us for a discussion with top industry professionals on how we can take bold steps to evolve the arts industry and inspire the next generation of artists. This panel will include Artistic Director of the Lyric, Sean Holmes.

Free Entry

Development Lab: Phroot Salad

Sat 18 March 2017

8pm, 90 mins

Phroot Salad is a performance about the peaks, troughs and peculiarities of living between cultures, and the murky, double-edged waters of sex. Written and performed by Julienne Orcullo.

TEAfilms Presents

Sat 18 March 2017

8:30pm, 60 mins

Join award winning film production company TEAfilms for an exclusive night of new work. They will be premiering their short film *Criteria* written by Naomi Joseph, as well as the latest episodes of the comedy series *No Filter* written by London Hughes.



Evolution: Live Night + After Party

Sat 18 March 2017

From 9pm

Harts Theatre and the Lyric are celebrating our

capital's fresh, young talent with a night of comedy, neo soul and performance poetry.

Comedic actor David Ajao will be hosting and leading us through the diverse line up which includes:

- Soulful songstress Shae
- Speshill with his unique blend of wavy soul trap beats
- Performance poetry from South London wordsmith James Massiah
- Poet/lyricist Toby Thompson
- Comedy from Alexander Theo

All the acts will also be sharing the stage with up and coming artists. Following the Live Night, Harts Resident DJ Larry Lineker will be on hand all night providing the vibes.

This night is a celebration of all that London's evolving generation has to offer and the perfect way to wrap up the Evolution Festival 2017.

Strictly 18+ (ID will be required)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Booking Information:

Suitable for ages 14+

All tickets are £8 unless stated otherwise
Buy 3 tickets for £20 or 5 tickets for £30*

Tickets: 020 8741 6850 | www.lyric.co.uk
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*subject to availability. Offer includes all events in the Evolution schedule. Seventeen can only be included as part of the multi-buy offer if you are a Young Lyric member.

Become a Young Lyric Member

Benefits include:

- Access to low cost or free classes and activities
- £10 tickets to Main House shows**
- Chances to take part in all the amazing opportunities we offer
- Access to hire music practice spaces

** One ticket per production. Not available in conjunction with any other offer or discount. Not available on all performances and special events. Must be booked under the Young Lyric Member's name. Subject to availability. Please check with Box Office for details.

Young Lyric

Young Lyric encompasses all of the projects and activities that the Lyric Hammersmith provides for young people. From classes and activities, the Lyric's young theatre company LYC, performance opportunities, apprenticeships and work experience, supporting emerging artists, schools activity and targeted work supporting vulnerable young people.

Also booking at the Lyric Hammersmith

Seventeen

Saturday 04 March – Saturday 08 April 2017

Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Also Sat 2.30pm (not 4 Mar) & Wed 1.30pm (22 Mar, 29 Mar & 05 Apr only).

Free First Night: Saturday 04 March. For more information: www.lyric.co.uk

Previews: Monday 06 – Monday 13 March | Press Night Tuesday 14 March at 7pm

Preview Tickets: £15, £20 | Tickets: £15, £20, £25, £30, £35. No booking fee.

Paul Auster's City of Glass

Thursday 20 April – Saturday 13 May 2017

Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Also Sat 2.30pm (not 22 Apr) & Wed 1.30pm (3 & 10 May only).

Free First Night: Thursday 20 April. For more information: www.lyric.co.uk

Previews: Friday 21 – Tue 25 April 2017 | Press Night Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 7pm

Preview Tickets: £15, £20 | Tickets: £15, £20, £25, £30, £35. No booking fee.

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