They, Them, We, Us—Devised by the Arcola Queer Collective Company, Directed by Dani Singer—Performing in Studio 2 at the Arcola Theatre from 1st to 6th April

# They, Them, We, Us

### - A Queerstory

"The first duty of the revolutionary is to survive."

They, Them, We, Us: A Queerstory is a gutsy celebration of 50 years of Queer Liberation since the Stonewall Uprising. An expansive look backwards and forwards, flowing through 50 years of Queerstory in fifty minutes. Devised with white hot joy and rage, our performance is based on individual and collective stories powerfully shared with us by our Queer siblings who were part of the Queerstory we are representing.

They, Them, We, Us is the culmination of over three months of exploration of the past 50 years of LGBTQIA+ history. The show is created in collaboration with activists and performers whose careers have spanned the period, and whose testimony has inspired the content of the production. These include <a href="Andrew Lumsden">Andrew Lumsden</a> from the Gay Liberation Front (GLF), <a href="Jason Jones">Jason Jones</a>, whose recent legal accomplishments saw the legalisation of homosexuality in Trinidad and Tobago, trade union activist <a href="Taranjit Chana">Taranjit Chana</a>, founder of Queer Tours of London, <a href="Dan Glass">Dan Glass</a>, Bengali LGBTQIA+ rights activist <a href="Maz Islam">Maz Islam</a>, and <a href="Sue Frumin">Sue Frumin</a>, established lesbian playwright and performer, and founder of queer performance troupe Red Bucket Theatre.

They, Them, We, Us pays tribute to the GLF, and their role in the creation of modern LGBTQIA+ activism. Set in a Queer activist commune, a space where many of the GLF's early ideas were born, the company uses flights of imagination, physical theatre, music and open conversation to offer the audience our interpretation of events close to home and around the world. With a live, multimedia score by **Rob DesRoches** incorporating archive recordings from **Rainbow Pilgrims**, and a politically charged set design by **Eden TopalI-Rabanes**, They, Them, We, Us roots our experiences of contemporary Queerness in the global LGBTAIQ+ community to which we all belong.

Fifty years on from <u>Stonewall</u>, the fight for global LGBTQIA+ liberation is far from over. Director **Dani Singer** has brought together the sum of their experiences as a theatre maker, activist and facilitator to create a devising environment inspired by the GLF <u>'Think Ins'</u>, with the focus on making sense of the history we were presenting—from our individual standpoints, and from the perspective of our community, with the presence of those not in the room in mind.

They, Them, We, Us was devised and performed by Afro Parise, Alexandra Hincapie, Andrea Francis, Andrew Lumsden, Beckah Tubett, Borja Fontlava, Damien Arness Dalton, Dan de la Motte, Eden Topall-Rabanes, Fifi Benham, Joshua Bassey, Lily Cheetah Nicol, Camilla Harding, Nick Slater, Rob DesRoches, Sue Frumin, Tamsin Ormond, Tom Koukoulis



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The production is co-facilitated by **Camilla Harding**, with dramaturgy by **Alistair Wilkinson**, **Oli Smith** and **Jessica Rahman-Gonzalez**. The Artistic Designer is **Eden Topall-Rabanes**, the Musical Director is **Rob DesRoches** and lighting design is by **Liam Mercer**. Comms and admin support is provided by **Jazz Adamson**.

With special thanks to **Dalston Superstore** for kindly hosting us and reminding us that we're "some of the luckiest Queers in the world".



## For ticket sales and information about the Arcola Theatre, <u>click here</u> For more information about the production, please contact <u>Dani Singer</u>

### Company Roles

Directed by

Dani Singer

Co-facilitated by

Camilla Harding

Dramaturgy

Jessica Rahman-Gonzalez, Oli Smith, Alistair Wilkinson

Visual Direction

Eden Topall-Rabanes

Sound Direction

Rob DesRoches

Lighting Design
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Comms and Admin

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Fifi Benham





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