

SEXQUISITE IMPURITY!



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IMPURITY!

Produced by Sexquisite
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Carmen Ali
Black Venus
Chao-Ying Rao
Bella Violet Quinn
Samantha Sun

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Stacey Clare

Evelyn Carnate

ACT 1

1. **Voiceover** written by everyone & recorded by Maedb
2. **Intro dance** - everyone
3. **Opening poem** - written by Bella, performed by Carmen
4. **Loopholes** - written by Betty & Bella, voiceover by Maedb & Carmen, performed by Black Venus & Sam
5. **Impurity!** - written & performed by Carmen & Maedb
6. **Black Harriot** - written & performed by Black Venus
7. **Wickedest Woman Dance** - created & performed by Carmen

ACT 2

1. **Pillow Talk** - created & performed by Maedb & Black Venus
2. **Madonna Whore Dance** - created by Betty & Carmen, performed by Betty & Sam
3. **Prosecution of minors** - written & performed by Maedb
4. **Allen Green Act**- written & performed by Betty
5. **Red Umbrella** - created & performed by Carmen
6. **Fan dancing & SEV Licencing** - created by Sam & Carmen, performed by Sam
7. **Poems & Projector**- written & performed by Maedb
8. **The Paper Dress of Forgotten History** - created by Betty & performed by everyone

THE ARCHIVES

We have been particularly inspired by the following pieces contained in the Bishopsgate Archives

- War on the Underworld
- Women of the Streets: a sociological study of the common prostitute
- Helen Buckingham Case study from ECP 1979
- Streetwalker
- Calling cards
- Men in my life
- The Front Line
- Impurity Pamphlet
- Sir Allen Green Press
- ECP press releases for Sir Allen Green (titled Those Who Make The Laws Break Them)
- ECP press releases about fines and press
- ECP demands to police (featuring stop arresting underage sex workers)

ABOUT SEXQUISITE

Sexquisite was founded by Guildhall School alumni Maedb Joy. She set it up in her second year on the Performance and Creative Enterprise degree, as part of the Pop Up Performance module.

With intention to incite meaningful change through art, Maedb programmed a night of sex worker artists in protest of the FOSTA SESTA bill implemented in America, which prevented sex workers from advertising online, and therefore pushed workers into precarious working conditions.

Since then, Sexquisite has grown into a fully fledged arts company, with the support of co-artistic director Carmen Ali. Committed to offering sex workers paid creative work, they make political work across cabaret, theatre, and nightlife.

ABOUT IMPURITY

Inspired by real sex worker history from the Bishopsgate Institute archives, Sexquisite presents a cabaret show of multidisciplinary performances, with poetry, burlesque, dance, comedy, and more.

The show explores sex work through the ages - specifically how sex workers have been treated by the police, the media, and society over the years, exploring how sex workers have always existed at the mercy of legislation and public opinion, and still do.



Maedb Joy

Maedb Joy is a poet, theatre maker, actor and writer. She trained at Guildhall School of Music & Drama where she graduated with First Class Honours and a nomination for the Evening Standard Future Theatre Fund in the Devising category. Maedb is also the founder and co-artistic director of Sexquisite Events.

Maedb makes political and community centred work, and believes in art as a force for change. Her work has been featured by The BBC, The Barbican and Institute of Contemporary Arts.

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Stripped! - Our recent play which was showcased at
The Glory, March 2022.

Carmen Ali

Carmen Ali (also known as April Fiasco) is a comedian, actor, burlesque performer, and writer. She is co-artistic director of Sexquisite and a co-organiser at socialist strip club Cybertease. She has been featured by The BBC, The Guardian, TimeOut, Vice Magazine, & Novara Media. In 2021 she was selected to be part of Soho Comedy Plus Labs, and she is a regular performer on the London cabaret and comedy scene.

Her work has been published in 3 zines co-created by Sexquisite - '\$tripped!' (The Zine), 'How To Talk to Sex Workers', and 'Whore Stories' - the last of which is currently available at the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

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Black Venus

Black Venus is a sex worker, martial artist, writer and performer whose work explores themes of power, subversion, deviance and feminism.

She is founder of Sex and Rage, a sex worker and activist organisation resisting stigma and shame through sex education.

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Chao-Ying Rao

Chao-Ying Rao (also known as Betty) is an East Asian multi-disciplinary artist. A 2020 Glasgow School of Art graduate with a BA(Hons) in Painting and Printmaking, Betty also holds an MA(Hons) in Philosophy and English Literature from the University of Edinburgh. She lives and works in Glasgow, Scotland.

Betty's research interests circulate around fringe and contentious topics as she playfully analyses our habitual discomforts. Fascinated by their undertones, she finds them to speak volumes about our shared anxieties and social values. Partly influenced by her experience in the sex industry where she spent a good decade of her life, her practice combines her lived experiences alongside questions of censorship, objectification, fetishisation, and bodily autonomy.

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Bella Violet Quinn

Bella Violet Quinn is a writer and artist whose work centres her experiences of disability and queerness. She is co-founder of the Queer Whore Collective and sex worker writing account Whores Handbags (@whores_handbags), through which she was interviewed by Sara Pascoe and NovaraFM.

Bella has been published in QT Literary Magazine, Polyester Zine, Playing with Fire, as well as in three self-compiled zines - 'Stripped!', 'How To Talk to Sex Workers' and 'Whore Stories' - currently available at the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Bella has also been involved with Sexquisite as a writer and performer on various theatre/cabaret projects such as NSFW (Not Safe For Work), Hearts & Harlots and Stripped! She is currently working on a slasher movie about a group of vigilante sex worker assassins.



Samantha Sun

Samantha Sun is an artist, academic, activist, semi-retired stripper, professional cabaret and circus performer pocket rocket. She is the co-director of East London Strippers Collective, a social enterprise that aims to repackage the erotic labour of strippers to provide them with meaningful, non-precarious employment.

She's currently studying a Masters degree at London School of Economics and Political science to bolster her work and business practices within the adult industry.

She's performed internationally in Mykonos, Shanghai, Beijing and Rotterdam. Her work involves hosting pop-up events at institutions such as the Royal Academy of Arts and Institute of Contemporary Arts. She's recently given a Tedx talk on sex worker justice.

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