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# SCENE

## MANCHESTER'S LGBTQ+ FILM & TV FESTIVAL

THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION  
OF QUEER SCREEN CULTURE

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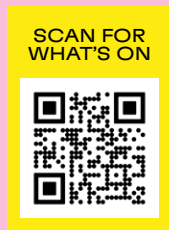
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# CELEBRATING QUEER STORIES ON SCREEN



SCENE returns for its second outing with a bold programme of top new film and TV, cult screen classics, musical tributes and a very special reunion marking 10 years of Russell T Davies' Cucumber.

From Friday 15th to Thursday 21st August, enjoy a vibrant, city-wide celebration of queer storytelling.

This year we're offering another week of powerful screenings, industry conversations and unforgettable events as part of Manchester Pride 2025.

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



### 10 Years of Cucumber: In Conversation with Russell T Davies & Cast

Celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Channel 4's Cucumber with its creator Russell T Davies (Queer as Folk, It's A Sin), alongside cast members Vincent Franklin and Cyril Nri. Together they reflect on the show's legacy.

### Jonathan Harvey in Conversation + Beautiful Thing

Explore the work of Jonathan Harvey, writer of Gimme Gimme Gimme, Beautiful People, and Beautiful Thing featuring favourite episodes from across his career and a screening of the much-loved queer film classic Beautiful Thing.

### Party Monster Screening + WOW Presents Plus Retrospective with Fenton Bailey & Randy Barbato

The ground-breaking producers behind RuPaul's Drag Race Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato join us for a virtual conversation on queer storytelling, how their fiercely independent spirit took them on the journey to creating their own platform, WOW Presents Plus, and the importance of honouring queer cultural history. Followed by a screening of one of their seminal films, Party Monster (2003), starring Macaulay Culkin as notorious club kid Michael Alig.

### Best of Sheffield DocFest

SCENE is proud to partner with Sheffield DocFest to spotlight some of the standout queer documentaries from their 2025 programme.

### Manchester Camerata present LGBTQ+ Composers in Concert + Monk in Pieces

Join Manchester Camerata and Aaron Akugbo for a moving concert celebrating LGBTQ+ composers, featuring works by Meredith Monk and Aaron Copland. Followed by Monk in Pieces – a Teddy Award-nominated documentary about Monk's trailblazing life and legacy.

### Showgirls 30th Anniversary Screening + Drag Takeover

Join us for the 4K re-release of this camp classic with in-screen drag queen performances inspired by Nomi Malone herself.

### First Street Outdoor Screen

Six days of free screenings, from an Oz-themed celebration (including a Wicked sing-along) to cult camp comedies like To Wong Foo.

### Bulletproof: A Lesbian's Guide to Surviving the Plot + SCENE's Lesbian TV Quiz

Filmmaker Regan Latimer presents a deep-dive into lesbian TV tropes and why queer representation matters. Followed by a sapphic pub quiz.

### Shorts

See the best in new Mancunian short films from upcoming filmmakers as well as curated selections from Iris Prize and an Irish shorts showcase from GAZE.

### Waterloo Road: Everyone Welcome

A powerful panel on the show's enduring legacy and how storytelling can drive inclusion.

### Channel 4 Presents: An Altogether Different Comedy Night

Channel 4 will bring together some of the most exciting up-and-coming comedy talent. The event will showcase bold, original performances as part of the wider festival celebrating creativity.

### SCENE New Narrative

Highlighting brand new international LGBTQ+ fiction features including: Drive Back Home (starring Alan Cumming), Plainclothes (with Russell Tovey & Tom Blythe), animated comedy Lesbian Space Princess (our opening film) and Mancunian comedy drama Departures with Q&A with filmmakers.

### The Victoria Wood-A-Thon

A celebration of legendary comedian Victoria Wood, beloved by the LGBTQ+ community. Expect episodes of her shows, drag queens and sing-a-longs. Dress-up! With thanks to BFI TV Archive.

### What It Feels Like for a Girl: Screening + In Conversation

Join the cast for an exclusive panel chat, as well as a screening of the first episode of the new 8-part BBC drama. Based on Paris Lees's acclaimed eponymous memoir, the series is at once riotous and tender-hearted in its portrayal of searching for identity and belonging.





THE PROGRAMME

7 days of new and classic LGBTQ+ cinema and TV screenings, panels and special events.

Celebrate queer clubbing scenes on screen and LGBT+ comedy creators in our ‘NightLives’ and ‘Queer As Jokes’ strands, as well as the best in new narrative film, top documentaries, television and shorts.

Many events are free to attend. Others will require a ticket (£2.50-£20 + booking fee) profits from tickets and Skiddle booking fees are donated to Manchester Pride Charity.

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Enjoy the show!

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

6.30pm **Opening Film: Lesbian Space Princess** HOME New Narrative Film Screening

7.30pm **Barb & Star Go to Vista Del Mar** CULTPLEX Film Screening

8.30pm **Channel 4 Presents: An Altogether Different Comedy Night** Aviva Studios Event

10pm **SCENE Opening Party** Aviva Studios Free Party

10pm **Mondo Queero’s Midnight Movie** CULTPLEX Film Screening

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

12pm - 12 midnight **GASP! x SCENE Queer Horror All Dayer** CULTPLEX Film and Shorts Screenings

2pm **The Wizard of Oz** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Classic Film Screening

3pm **I’m Your Venus** Treehouse Hotel New Documentary Screening

5pm **Wicked (Sing-a-long)** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Film Screening

6pm **54 (Director’s Cut)** HOME Classic Film Screening

6pm **Jonathan Harvey in Conversation + Beautiful Thing** New Century Hall Film & TV Screening, Q&A

8.30pm **Vegas in Space** HOME Classic Film Screening

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

12pm **Out of MCR: SCENE Queer Shorts Showcase** New Century Hall Free Shorts Screening

2pm **Waterloo Road: Everyone Welcome** New Century Hall TV Screening, Panel

2pm **Carry On Screaming** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Classic Film Screening

2.30 - 8.30pm **Best of Sheffield Doc Fest** Vue, Printworks New Documentary Film Screenings

3.30pm **The Watermelon Woman & Cheryl Dunye Early Career Shorts** HOME Classic Film + Shorts Screening

4pm **GAZE Irish Shorts** New Century Hall Shorts Screening

5pm **Some Like it Hot** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Classic Film Screening

7.30pm **Party Monster + WOW Presents Plus Retrospective** with Fenton Bailey + Randy Barbato AVIVA Studios Classic Film Screening, Virtual Panel

7.30pm **Bulletproof: A Lesbian’s Guide to Surviving the Plot + Lesbian TV Quiz** New Century Hall Documentary Screening, Q&A, Event

MONDAY 18TH AUGUST

12pm **Out of MCR: SCENE Queer Shorts Showcase** New Century Hall Free Shorts Screening

2.30pm **Drive Back Home** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

4.45pm **Some Nights I Feel Like Walking** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

5pm **Iris Prize: Night Life Shorts** New Century Hall Shorts Screening

6pm **The First Wives Club** First Street Free Classic Film Screening

7pm **Plainclothes** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

7.30pm **The Victoria Wood-A-Thon** New Century Hall Classic TV Screening, Event

TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST

12pm **Out of MCR: SCENE Queer Shorts Showcase** New Century Hall Free Shorts Screening

2.30pm **Queens of Drama** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

5pm **Iris Prize: Comedy Shorts** New Century Hall Shorts Screening

6pm **Mean Girls** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Classic Film Screening

6pm **Departures** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening, Panel

8pm **What It Feels Like for a Girl: Screening + In Conversation** New Century Hall TV Screening, Panel

8.30pm **You Don’t Nomi** HOME Documentary Screening

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

2.30pm **Streets of Gloria** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

5.30pm **Best of Iris Prize & Out of MCR: SCENE Queer Shorts Showcase Awards** New Century Hall Shorts Screening, Event

6pm **To Wong Foo (Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar)** First Street Outdoor Screening Free Screening

6.30pm **Dreams in Nightmares** Vue, Printworks New Narrative Film Screening

7.30pm **Protest! Documenting Dissent – ON THE SCENE** Fairfield Social Club Event

8pm **10 Years of Cucumber** with Russell T Davies + Cast New Century Hall TV Screening, Panel

THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST

6pm **The Devil Wears Prada** First Street Outdoor Screen Free Classic Film Screening

6pm **Queerchester** Treehouse Hotel New Documentary Screening, Q&A

7pm **Manchester Camerata Present: A Celebration of LGBTQ+ Composers + Monk in Pieces** AVIVA Studios Event, Documentary Screening

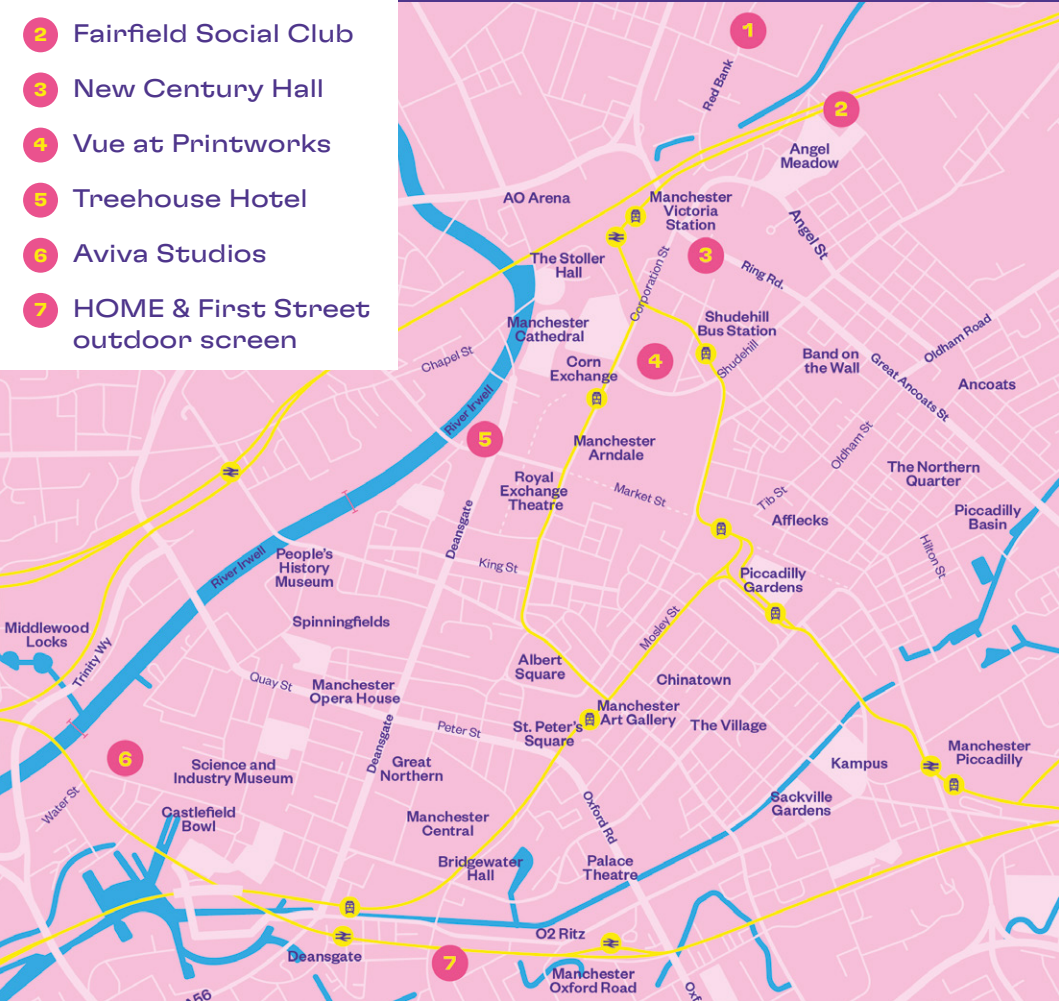
7.30pm **Bottoms** (Party Screening) CULTPLEX Film Screening, Event

7.30pm **Closing Film: Showgirls 4K 30th Anniversary** HOME Classic Film Screening, Event

WHERE TO WATCH

FESTIVAL VENUES

- 1 CULTPLEX
- 2 Fairfield Social Club
- 3 New Century Hall
- 4 Vue at Printworks
- 5 Treehouse Hotel
- 6 Aviva Studios
- 7 HOME & First Street outdoor screen



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## MANCHESTER IS THE PLACE TO BE FOR PRIDE CELEBRATIONS.

From vibrant parades and dazzling drag shows, to inspiring exhibitions, fabulous film festivals (That's us!) and epic parties, the city is celebrating in full force.

### **Fancy staying on post a SCENE screening, event, or party?**

Choose from an array of hotels and serviced apartments and enjoy exclusive offers and celebrations.

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- Drag breakfasts & brunches - because glitter goes great with pancakes
- Limited-edition Pride cocktails - sip something special in celebration
- Freebies and surprises - because who doesn't love a little extra?



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