



PRESS RELEASE

# An Eclectic 2020 programme of Friday Nights Live at West London's leading arts centre

*Cabaret – Drag – Digital Performance – Dance - Talks*

Watermans is thrilled to announce its second year of Friday Nights Live with a brand new season for Spring 2020 that presents leading artists from an eclectic range of genres. On Fridays from 17 January 2020, audiences can choose from a range not to be found elsewhere in West London, including comedy, cabaret, digital performance, dance and talks.

The Friday Nights Live concept has been hugely popular with Watermans audiences who appreciate the quality that comes of events which are hand-picked by Watermans' team of programmers, and the affordable prices. The diversity of the programme means there's something for everyone, and every mood: it presents drag alongside contemporary dance, talks about black history alongside international digital performance, and circus alongside world music. And it works: audiences find events they know they'll love, but also get the chance to explore new experiences, something we know London audiences have a real appetite for.

Highlights for Spring 2020 are:

- **Richard Chappell Dance's Still Touch**, a deeply moving exploration of the relationship between three dancers and three life-size human sculpture
- Drag sensation **La Voix** returning with her new show for a Valentine's Night Special
- **Marcel Lucont** returning with new show No. Dix
- UK premiere of digital performance #SoftLove from French company **Le Clair Obscur**
- **Nikki & JD's critically acclaimed Knot**, an emotive and energetic dance circus show

Watermans is an independent arts centre on the banks of the Thames near Kew Bridge in West London. It has a licensed bar and fantastic Tandoori Kitchen for pre-show drinks and meals, meaning you can make a night of it.

For press tickets please contact Marketing Director Erica Weston: [erica@watermans.org.uk](mailto:erica@watermans.org.uk)

## Information for Listings

Watermans, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS

[Watermans.org.uk](http://Watermans.org.uk)

Box Office: 020 8232 1010

Nearest rail: Kew Bridge, Brentford

Nearest tube: Gunnersbury then bus 237 or 267. Or 65 from Northfields.

On-site car parking.

On-site café and Indian restaurant with riverside views.



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## Events Jan-March

### ***Cabaret***

#### **Myra Dubois: Dead Funny**

Fri 17 Jan, 8.30pm. £15 (£14). 16+.

\*\*\*\*\* Edinburgh Culture Review

A big favourite with our audiences, Myra a.k.a. the Siren of South Yorkshire is back with a brand new show. An irreverently sardonic and 'incredibly quick-witted' \*\*\*\*\* (Scotsman) side-eye at death, dying and the theatrics of grief.

### ***Digital Performance***

#### **CliMax and Chronostasis**

Fri 24 Jan, 8.30pm. £10 (£9). 16+.

A double bill from leading French multimedia artists, this is a UK first. CliMax is an interactive dance performance with projections exploring desire in the digital age, while Chronostasis is a stunning audiovisual show with live sound that creates a sense of the elasticity of time.

### ***Comedy***

#### **Marcel Lucont: Numero Dix**

Fri 31 Jan, 8.30pm. £15 (£14). 16+

A sell-out sensation last time he was at Watermans, Marcel Lucont, flâneur, raconteur and bon-viveur, returns with brand new deadpan stand-up, bawdy chansons and a live band to abuse. Catch the Gallic Symbol at the height of his Imperial phase.

### ***Music***

#### **Miss Kiddy and the Cads**

Fri 7 Feb, 8.30pm. £15 (£14).

Show stopping vocals, a sensational 5-piece band, stunning costumes, spectacular tap dancing, and the glamour of old time Hollywood all wrapped up in a raucous vintage stomp! Popular songs - from Bowie to Beyonce - given a 1940s makeover. As seen on ITV's This Morning, the main stage at Camp Bestival and the Underbelly Festival, where the Metro named them in the top 5 musical highlights of 2018.

### ***Cabaret***

#### **La Voix: The UK's Funniest Red Head**

Fri 14 Feb, 8.30pm. £17.50 (£16)

"WEAR THICK PANTS BECAUSE YOU'LL WET YOURSELF LAUGHING" Jennifer Saunders

Back by popular demand! The phenomenal La Voix is here with her brand-new show for a Valentines special. She's joined by her incredible musicians for an unforgettable evening of side-splitting comedy, huge vocals, mesmerising impressions of the world's biggest divas and buckets full of energy.

### **Talks**

#### **Watermans with Words: Scientific Pioneers with Lindsey Fitzharris & Tony Warner**

Fri 21 Feb. 7pm Lindsey Fitzharris with *The Butchering Art* / 8.30pm Tony Warner with *Black Scientists and Inventors*. £10 (£9). 25% off when both talks booked together.

In a double bill of two fascinating talks, we discover the true stories of Scientific Pioneers who have changed our world in very different ways from two excellent speakers. Best-selling historian Dr Lindsey Fitzharris explores the birth of modern surgery, while Tony Warner returns with another fascinating talk about hidden black history, this time exploring black pioneers of invention.

### **Digital Performance**

#### **Le Clair Obscur: #SoftLove**

Fri 28 & Sat 29 Feb, 8.30pm. £15 (£14).

Inspired by Spike Jonze's 2013 movie *Her*, starring Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson, and based on the novel *Soft Love* by Eric Sadin, this a live performance with stunning live 3D motion capture film. It follows a day in the life of a woman whose personal assistant falls in love with her. Funny and touching by turns, it asks who's really in control of this relationship and how close to experiencing human love can machines get.

### **Cabaret**

#### **Charlie Bicknell & Louise Innes: The Latest Show**

Fri 6 Mar, 8.30pm. £15 (£14). 16+

Back at Watermans with her new show, Charlie Bicknell is once again joined by Louise Innes for what promises to be a 'witty, wanton, wonderful' (The Observer) evening of exceptional cabaret with a hint of circus and an operatic rendition of Star Trek. Expect the unexpected from this sassy and fabulous duo.

### **Dance**

#### **Richard Chappell Dance: Still Touch**

Fri 13 Mar, 8.30pm with interactive drop-in performance in the gallery between 7.30-8pm. £15 (£14).

A moving exploration of the relationship between three dancers and three life-size human sculptures, a collaboration between the critically acclaimed Richard Chappell Dance and internationally renowned sculptor Anna Gillespie. Created initially for Royal Opera House's Month of Sundays Festival, it's a beautiful and original show which moves the audience to consider how we might experience connection when a loved one is not there.

### **Cabaret**

## **Lili La Scala: Not Another F\*\*king Variety Night**

Fri 22 Mar, 8.30pm. 18+

The hottest ticket in town is back with a bang! Treat yourself to a Friday night date with award-winning cabaret star Lili la Scala and her glittering cavalcade of cabarati in this all new, old school variety show. Lili promises a diverse and glorious line up in this return to traditional variety – and the show promises big names, bigger songs and even more sparkle.

## **Dance/Circus**

### **Nikki & JD: Knot**

Fri 29 Mar, 8.30pm.

Physically exhilarating and touchingly poignant, Knot is the internationally acclaimed circus and dance work by Nikki Rummer and JD Broussé. These talented performers use hand-to-hand circus skills to tell the tale of an impossible choice: How can we be honest with ourselves without hurting those we love? Knot is a finely crafted theatrical journey through the struggles of commitment.

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## **About Watermans**

**Watermans** is West London's leading arts centre with a thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family theatre, live performance, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several outreach projects, primary concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities where there is little arts provision:

**Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow. Watermans leads a consortium of arts organisations with the vision of creating a confident, colourful and creative borough.

**Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, programmed and delivered by Watermans

**Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network, led by Watermans [www.watermans.org.uk/about-us/press](http://www.watermans.org.uk/about-us/press)