

Award-winning  
LGBTQ+ theatre



# *Call Out for LGBTQ+ playwrights and playmakers in Greater Manchester*



## **DIBBY THEATRE ANNOUNCES EXCITING NEW PROGRAMME OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT FOR LGBTQ+ ARTISTS IN GREATER MANCHESTER AND BEYOND!**

Award-winning LGBTQ-led theatre company Dibby Theatre is pleased to announce a brand-new programme of professional development, education and outreach for LGBTQ+ people comprising of three strands:

- First Dibs – a 14-week course for early-stage career LGBTQ+ playwrights and playmakers in Greater Manchester
- Dibby's Pick and Mix – a series of online workshops with celebrated LGBTQ+ artists
- Dibby's Play-Ground – taster workshops for curious playmakers delivered in partnership with arts venues across Greater Manchester (not LGBTQ+ specific but always radically LGBTQ+ inclusive)

Find out more about each strand below.

## MARKETING MATERIAL

You can access logos and graphics here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Dibby-first-dibs>

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## MARKETING COPY FOR FIRST DIBS

Dibby Theatre presents...

### First Dibs

*A play-making school by LGBTQ+ artists, for LGBTQ+ artists*

First Dibs is a brand new 14-week course exploring play writing and making for 5 early-stage career LGBTQ+ artists who live in Greater Manchester.

Led by Dibby Theatre Co-Artistic Director and playwright Chris Hoyle, First Dibs is delivered by a diverse range of celebrated LGBTQ+ artists and writers and runs from March to June 2021.

Includes a £1K bursary to attend the course, plus access costs (where required).

Easy to apply expression of interest opens **1 Feb** and closes **15 Feb 2021**.

Delivered alongside *Dibby's Pick and Mix* – a series of online workshops with celebrated LGBTQ+ artists. More at: [dibbytheatre.org/first-dibs](http://dibbytheatre.org/first-dibs)

*Supported by Comic Relief's LGBTQ+ COVID-19 Recovery Fund, in partnership with METRO Charity, Yorkshire MESMAC and Birmingham LGBT. Delivered in partnership with Creative Industries Trafford and Pride in Trafford.*

# MARKETING COPY FOR DIBBY'S PICK AND MIX

Dibby Theatre and friends present...

**Dibby's Pick and Mix**

*LGBTQ+ play-making workshops with celebrated LGBTQ+ artists*

Dibby Theatre hosts a series of online workshops led by some a diverse range of LGBTQ+ playwrights sharing their approaches to making and writing.

## Confirmed friends include:

Louise Wallwein – Award-winning poet, playwright and performer

Leo Skilbeck – Co-Artistic Director of Milk Presents, writer and director

Cheryl Martin – Singer, Poet, Director, Writer, Performer and Co-Artistic Director of Black Gold Arts and Commonword

Scottee and Friends – Scottee is an artist and writer and is Artistic Director of Scottee and Friends, a collective of artists, producers, makers and participants creating theatre, activism and community projects

Spring 2021 – dates and times TBC.

## Accessibility

Dibby Theatre's online events are live captioned with transcripts available afterwards.

Each workshop will have a number of free places for those on low incomes.

## ABOUT DIBBY THEATRE

We're an award-winning touring theatre company from Manchester. We tell urgent and untold stories full of northern wit, grit and soul, but this ain't no kitchen sink drama, we make theatre that will make your heart go boom.

We are activists with a shared desire for social change - we entertain, educate and inspire. We tackle challenging questions, but we admit hands down, we don't have all the answers.

We are working class and LGBTQ-led, but our stories are universal - everyone is welcome at our party, and we believe partying is a political act. But the party doesn't end when the curtain comes down...

Workshops, exhibitions, debates, short films, post-show parties - our work reaches far beyond the stage to celebrate the diverse communities we serve.



### Recent Shows and Projects

*The Newspaper Boy* by Chris Hoyle (2018) – presented as part of Queer Contact

*First Time* by Nathaniel Hall (2018-present) – supported by Waterside Arts and Creative Industries Trafford

*In Equal Parts* (2020-present) – a community-led creative outreach project tackling HIV stigma and shame

### Awards

Venues North Edinburgh Fringe Award (2019) – First Time

VAULT Festival pick of Summerhall (2019) – First Time

[www.dibbytheatre.org](http://www.dibbytheatre.org)

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