



Ladyfest

Brighton

19th - 23rd October 2005

The international arts festival celebrating the achievements of women in music, art, film and the performing arts is finally here in Brighton!

Ladyfest Brighton joins a global movement of women promoting arts and activism in their communities. The festival showcases the work of female filmmakers, artists, writers and activists, as well as hosting lively music and club nights featuring live bands and DJs. The festival also includes workshops and speakers to encourage education and discussion and activism over apathy.

The first Ladyfest held in Olympia, Washington in 2000, was a sell-out success and Ladyfest has since spread to over 50 cities worldwide. Ladyfest Brighton takes inspiration from women all over the world, presenting the works of local as well as international female talent.

As well as staging a colourful and diverse event, Ladyfest Brighton also aims to create a sense of community among female artists, while reclaiming culture from corporate and commercial interests. The festival also encourages women to participate in organising a large-scale project. The festival is organised and run by a voluntary team with all profits donated to local and national charities. The emphasis is on friendly, diverse and non-cliquey events where people can come together, have a great time, and celebrate the diversity and strength of female talent across the arts.

Ladyfest will take place at hot spots around the city with Sussex Arts Club, Candy Bar and Sallis Benney Theatre and other Brighton venues playing host to club nights and exciting live music. The music programme will feature, among others, performances from artists such as Mz Fontaine, Partyline (ex-Bratmobile), Afrirampo, Spider and the Webs (Tobi Vail ex-Bikini Kill) and Brighton's own wonder women Electrelane. On Sunday, The Engine Room features an all-day music extravaganza with live music and market stalls. The Ladyfest film festival at The Marlborough Theatre and The Prince Albert will entertain and inform with a weekend of quality cinema including *I Was A Teenage Feminist* (discussing female identity and feminism today), *Still Doing It* (women over 65 discuss relationships and sex) and *Speak Out: I Had An Abortion*. St Andrew's Church in Hove will also be transformed into a vibrant gallery and performance space for female artists with an art exhibition and DJs.

The festival is inclusive, welcoming contributions from trans-gendered and gay women. In addition, men are not left out in the cold. While the focus is on female performers, Ladyfest wants to demonstrate to everyone the call for equality and diversity in the cultural world and the festival is open to both sexes. Ladyfest Brighton invites everyone to join the party and hopes that it will encourage women from Brighton and beyond to have fun and be informed and inspired.

Date: Wednesday 19th–Saturday 23rd October 2005

Venue: Various venues and locations around the city

Tickets: Tickets will be exchanged for wrist bands

- £40 inc. entry into all LF events inc. shows, films, clubs and workshops!
- Limited individual show tickets will be available., individual presales for Sallis Benney only.

Press passes: Please apply to info@ladyfestbrighton.co.uk

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Tickets available from:

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Venue – There are limited tickets for individual shows

Ladyfest Brighton - All profits to charity!!!