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GLOW



SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY
24TH NOV

REDHILL SCHOOL
JUNCTION ROAD
STOURBRIDGE
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Welcome to

THE GLOW SHOWCASE

BY SPECIAL REQUEST OF MAYOR



GLOW is an Arts Council England-funded creative project celebrating the pride, diversity and creativity of young people across Dudley.

The project has been developed with Luke Perry alongside the young people involved, with the showcase bringing together performances, artwork and creative pieces they have helped to shape and create. The event is being held as a special request from the Mayor of Dudley, and we're really excited to bring everyone's work together for one evening.





ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcomes

Banners Parade

Izzy Hastings: **Pink Pony Club**

Introduction to GLOW

Megan Pitt: **Behind the Rainbow**

Ava Stone: **This Is Me**

Eva Echo

Fizzogs Performance

First Live Performance of **Romeo and Julian**

Closing words and Thank You's

Cakes and Chats

Meet
THE CAST



TILLY PERRY
ROMEO AND CO-WRITER

Tilly plays Romeo, a bashful, slightly naive but wonderfully dramatic teenager head over heels in first love with Julian. Expect grand declarations and over-the-top gestures!

Co-writing GLOW and making her stage debut with the Redhill cast, Tilly also enjoys classics, period rom-coms, writing and art. Special thanks to her little sibling for critiquing drafts and running lines!



LUKE PERRY
FUFU OFFICER
CO WRITER AND PRODUCTION

Luke plays the FuFu Officer, an interesting choice for someone not particularly known for pedantic safety practices! He's incredibly proud of the GLOW crew's bravery, dedication and joy of sticking it to the man. Special thanks to his family and former art teacher, Mrs Chamberlain Page.



ALICE BOOTH
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Alice plays William Shakespeare, the campest playwright around and rather self-absorbed! She loves bringing historical characters to life with a modern twist. Outside performing, Alice enjoys sleeping, eating and watching Taskmaster. Special thanks to her parents, teachers and everyone who has encouraged her.



MARTHA CREEDY
BENVOLIO

Martha plays Benvolio, a member of the Montague family. Outside performing, she enjoys dance, football, making music, playing guitar and drums, Guides and scrapbooking. Martha would like to thank Luke and the Powered by CAN team for the opportunity to be involved.



BOBBI-ANN LAWSON

MERCUTIO / MERCUCU / MERCUSHIPIE

Bobbi-Ann plays a dramatic Montague with an unlikely friendship with Tybalt in Hell! They love the show's comedic queer drama. Outside performing, Bobbi-Ann enjoys choir, football and K-pop. Special thanks to bestie Tilly, Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Hastings.



MIKEY WILLIAMS

JULIAN

Mikey plays Julian Capulet, a wonderfully laddish and camp character who is head over heels in love with Romeo! Mikey loves the show's queer representation and comedy. Outside performing, he enjoys films, guitar and art. Huge thanks to Luke, friends and family.



ROSALIE ORME

TYBALT

Rosalie plays Tybalt, a sword-loving Capulet with a fiery temper and complicated friendship with Mercutio! Rosalie hopes to make the audience and community proud. Outside performing, they enjoy dance, music, choir, Guides and volunteering at a greyhound shelter. Thanks to Luke, the Powered by CAN team and fellow performers.



ANNABELL FINDON

SAMPSON

Annabell plays Sampson, a supportive, clumsy and slightly passive-aggressive Capulet. She's most looking forward to seeing everything come together on stage. Outside performing, Annabell enjoys ballroom and Latin dancing, horse riding, choir and piano. Special thanks to Luke, Powered by CAN and Mrs Wagstaff.

THE CREW



KAITLYN ESSON

THE FAIRY, CO PRODUCTION AND SET PRODUCTION

Kaitlyn plays The Fairy, while also creating costumes and painting the set. She's looking forward to tap dancing and watching the talented young performers. Outside GLOW, she enjoys knitting gifts and listening to K-pop. Special thanks to her family and Luke Perry.



ELEANOR HORTON

COSTUMES

Eleanor is part of the costume team and loves the opportunity to share messages through art. Outside GLOW, she enjoys drawing, designing, reading, art and fashion, bringing plenty of creativity and inspiration to the production.



EVIE BENNETT

BACKSTAGE AND SET DESIGN

Evie has been busy backstage and helping with set design. She's looking forward to watching everything come together and seeing the audience's reactions. Outside GLOW, Evie enjoys art, dancing, walks and music. Special thanks to Luke, Tilly Perry and Livia.



BELLA MORRISON

PROPS AND SET DESIGN

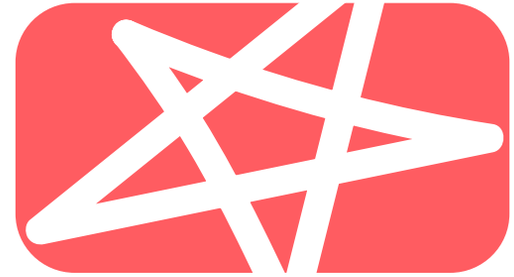
Bella has helped create the props, set and backdrop. Her favourite moment is when Romeo meets Julian and they're completely awestruck and in love! Outside GLOW, Bella plays bass guitar, enjoys drawing and has watched over 280 films this year. Thanks to friends for getting her involved.



MEGAN PITT

BACKSTAGE

Megan has been involved in supporting the production behind the scenes, as well as writing an original piece to be performed at the showcase. Megan is particularly excited to share this work with the audience. Outside GLOW, Megan enjoys reading and writing. A special thank you goes to mum, dad and siblings for their support.



KAMAMVEER BEGHAL

BANNER CREATION

Karamveer has been involved in creating the banners for GLOW and is particularly looking forward to seeing the finished banners take centre stage in the parade! Outside the project, Karamveer enjoys reading. A special thank you goes to mum for the support.



THE FIZZOGS

THEATRE AND FILM COMPANY

We are Fizzog Productions mostly refereed to as The Fizzogs. A theatre and film company based in The Black Country, famously known for the internet viral sensations The Dancing Grannies. Over the years we have worked in every type of venue from the streets to huge theatres and festivals. Best known for our comedic parodies and sketch shows.

Our moto is ‘never give up’

Whatever gets thrown your way, how difficult things may be, never give up on your dreams. Keep going and you will succeed. Don’t let anyone tell you, you can’t because you most certainly can.

GUEST SPEAKERS



EVA ECCO

MULTI-AWARD WINNING ACTIVIST

A multi-award-winning activist, writer and TEDx speaker with a focus on trans+ rights, eating disorders and neurodiversity.

She is a Director at Birmingham Pride, Business Manager at Trans in the City, and ambassador for two charities:

Rainbow Mind and It Gets Better UK. Eva was named by LGBT+ History Month as one of the individuals whose activism has helped shape social change and advance society for everyone.

“Never forget that there’s only one of you in this world. That makes you special and a limited edition, so shine brightly and always be your own kind of beautiful.”



GLOW BANNERS









GLOW REHEARSALS



GLOW

SUMMARY BY LUKE PERRY

THE MEANING OF GLOW

(Growth Love Ownership Wellbeing)

Bringing together LGBTQIA+ young people from multiple schools to co-create a Pride showcase, strengthen school-based LGBTQIA+ groups and build sustainable creative leadership.

Using a Community Centre as the central hub, young people design and deliver creative work that culminates in a shared Pride event and public pop-up at Stourbridge Pride (Dudley).

GLOW for me is the opportunity for young people to have something that we never had. Growing up in the 80's and 90's under Section 28, (a law enforced under Thatcher's government that made it illegal to even discuss same sex relationships in any state institution such as schools or libraries) we had no frame of reference for being an LGBTQIA+ person and it was practically encouraged by the state to alienate, other or bully us.

GLOW is a creative space where queer joy is standard, people can voice among their peers thoughts and feelings that harm no-one and bring genuine happiness to themselves and others. It's hard to put into words, but the GLOW project is there to create freedom and lightness in a world

that, outside those art room doors often encourages division, judgement and shade.

I'm so proud of the young people that have been brave and giggly enough to be a part of it, and of the amazing establishments that have encouraged us in making this happen. It's my hope and belief that the pride that has grown within our group will act as a powerful set of tools and armour when they need it.













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A huge thank you to every young person involved in GLOW. Your creativity, individuality and confidence have made this project truly special. Keep being unapologetically yourselves and never stop taking up space!

Massive thanks to Luke and Tilly Perry for your passion and dedication, all the schools who supported us, especially Redhill School for hosting, and every family and friend who came to celebrate.

I'm incredibly honoured to have been part of GLOW and grateful to the Powered by Can team who helped bring it to life.



LUKE PERRY & CREW

A huge thank you to the incredible team at Redhill for the support, hard work and organisation that made GLOW possible, especially the estates team, senior leaders and Carrie Mather. Your continued help brought the project to life exactly as we imagined.

Justine Chamberlain Page, your time, energy and dedication to GLOW and your students, past and present, have been truly amazing. Without you, there would be no GLOW, and perhaps no Luke pursuing art. You're an inspiration, bringing decades of passion, fabulousness and pink summer festival energy!

THE WHAT? CENTRE

At GLOW, we've decided we'd like to shine a special spotlight on one of the Mayor's chosen charities that is particularly close to the hearts of many of us involved in the project.

If you're able to, please support our fundraising tonight and help us celebrate and support the incredible work of The What? Centre.

Every contribution makes a difference!

The What? Centre is a young people's advice and counselling service, providing support, guidance and a safe space for young people to navigate life's challenges. Their work covers a wide range of areas, including mental health and wellbeing, relationships, identity and self-esteem, alongside specialist support and groups for LGBTQIA+ young people and their parents and carers.

The What? Centre has supported some of the young people involved in GLOW, making this charity particularly meaningful to us. We're incredibly grateful for the work they do and the difference they make in young people's lives.

At a time when acceptance, understanding and having somewhere you feel safe to be yourself are so important, organisations like The What? Centre are invaluable.



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10am - 5pm

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