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**June 15 - 21**  
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# BRIGHTON ROCKS

BRIGHTON'S HOME FOR INDEPENDENT &  
UNDERGROUND CINEMA

VENUES

**DALTONS** | Madeira Dr, Lower Promenade, Brighton  
BN2 1TB

**DUKES AT KOMEDIA** | 44-47 Gardner Street, Brighton  
BN1 1UN

**THE ACTORS** | 4 Prince's Street, Kemptown, Brighton  
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TICKETS

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**Festival Pass: £40 - £60**

**Sessions: £12.99**

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SESSION # 1  
DALTONS

Monday | 15th June

6:00 – 8:30 pm



## Made in the Republic of Brighton I

*An exciting array of comedy,  
drama and documentary bound by  
one thing ... they were all made in  
and around the Republic of  
Brighton*

**Flying Lessons**

**ASKING4IT**

**One Last Run**

**All the Colours**

**The Weight of It**

**Pushing Up Plastic**

**Touch Grass**

**Don't You Want Me  
Baby?**

**Rabbit Ears**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

Monday | 15th June

8:30 – 10:30 pm

SESSION # 2  
DALTONS

## Opening Night Feature Films

**The Glass  
Magazine**

**Modern Women**

*Two fresh indie mini-feature films that  
explore life on the edge of modern  
urban reality through offbeat stories,  
unlikely connections and darkly comic  
survival*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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Monday | 15th June

9:00 - 11:30pm



## **The Glass Magazine**

**Directed by Josu Vaquerizo**

Experimental musician and shoplifter, Trudy, arrives at a guardianship building full of eccentrics to take care of a dog in exchange for free accommodation.



## **Modern Women**

**Directed by Hugo Santa Cruz**

Lily is a former child actress who returns to her flatshare after spending a few weeks in a mental health hospital. Ruth is a homeless street poet. Monica is a single mum who lives in a hotel. The lives of these 6 modern women suffering the consequences of the London housing crisis become inextricably linked during the course of one day.

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SESSION # 3

DALTONS

Tuesday | 16th June

4:00 – 6.00 pm

## SPARKS FILM School Showcase

*A dedicated screening session  
featuring work by local young  
filmmakers aged 5–18*



Tuesday | 16th June

6:00 – 8:30 pm

## Made in the Republic of Brighton II

*An eclectic mix of animation, comedy, drama  
and sci-fi, all created by the inimitable citizens  
of the Republic of Brighton*

SESSION # 4

DALTONS

*One of Many  
Suppers*

*The Dodgy Bottle*

*FutureGaze*

*Seven Dials*

*Star Crossed*

*Hey Sexy*

*Nanny Pet*

*Wavelength*

*Clutter*

*Unisex*

*It's No Thing*

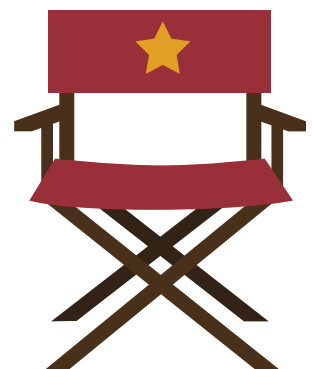
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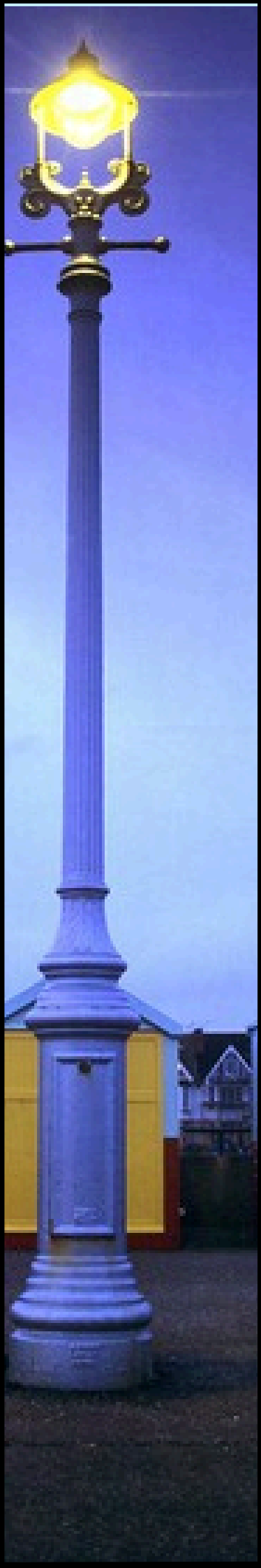
*Life Class*

*The Swamp*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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Tuesday | 16th June

8:30 – 10:15 pm

## Made in the Republic of Brighton III

*Our Made in Brighton trilogy ends with  
a trip down the rabbit hole into the  
depths of night*

**Overdue**

**The Scam**

**The Second Fisherman**

**A Tail**

**Erased**

**Breakdown**

**A Step Forwards**

**Granny DJ**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

SESSION # 5  
DALTONS

SPECIAL  
SCREENING  
DALTONS

Tuesday | 16th June

## The Consequences of Monsters

10:15 – 11:30 pm



*Across decades, the echoes of past horrors shape the nightmares of the present in this anthology feature of queer bedtime stories—where every choice leaves a shadow, and every monster comes with a consequence...*

*A scrappy, queer horror anthology feature, **The Consequences of Monsters** is a love letter to 1970s cult midnight cinema.*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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Wednesday | 17th June

3:30 - 6:00 pm

Voice Shift

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## Tomorrow's Too Late



*We are invited into singer-songwriter and X Factor finalist Dylan Holloway's deeply personal transition journey. From the highs of gender euphoria to the challenging lows of self-doubt and vulnerability, we follow Dylan as he strives to live authentically while facing a painful possibility: could embracing his true self mean losing the one thing that has always brought him solace — his voice?*

**Q&A and Performance by DYLAN HOLLOWAY**  
follow screening

Wednesday | 17th June

6:00 – 8:00 pm

## Student Films Rock I

*Before You Leave*

*Matrescence*

*Tiny*

*The Shore of Promises*

*Boy*

*The Adventures of Bo Tanker*

*Honk*

*Red*

*Squash Memories*

*In the End*

Q&A with Filmmakers



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AXIOM24 @ BRIFF26

Wednesday | 17th June

8:00 – 8:45 pm

**Who Do You Make Films With After  
Film School?**

*Building Lasting Creative Collaborations*

SESSION # 7

DALTONS

## Panellists:

- **Katiana Weems-Ado** - BRIFF Programmer, Writer & Director
- **Hannah Renton** - Director & Writer
- **Timi Akindele-Ajani** - Director & Photographer
- **Rufai Ajala (Roo)** - Cinematographer & Intimacy Coordinator



SESSION #8

DALTONS

Wednesday | 17th June

8:45 – 11:00 pm

## Student Films Rock II

*Funk*

*Favouritism*

*Pigeonman*

*Birthday Boy*

*Miss Canton*

*Ari & Iris*

*Limbo*

*Into the Silence*

*Drained*

*All That Still Exists*

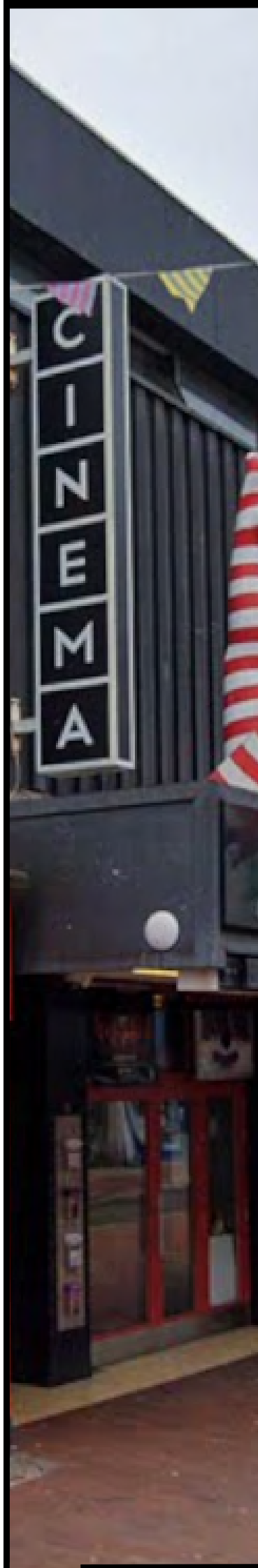
*Divine Hunger*

*Magazine Dreams*

*Worm God*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**





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**PARTNER  
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**Dukes at  
Komedija**

**Wednesday | 17th June**

4:00 – 6:00 pm

**JQS Rocks**

*Screening and awards ceremony  
showcasing the talents of  
JQS Learning students*

### Special Guests:

- **Stephanie De Palma** - BRIFF Director of Development, Writer & Producer
- **Leona Clarke** - Actress & Producer
- **Dagmar Scheibenreif** - Director & Cinematographer
- **Vanessa Hehir** - Actress, Writer & Director
- **Richard Anthony Dunford** - Director, Writer & Producer
- **Barbara Joan Smith** - Actress, Writer, Director



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7:00 – 9:00 pm

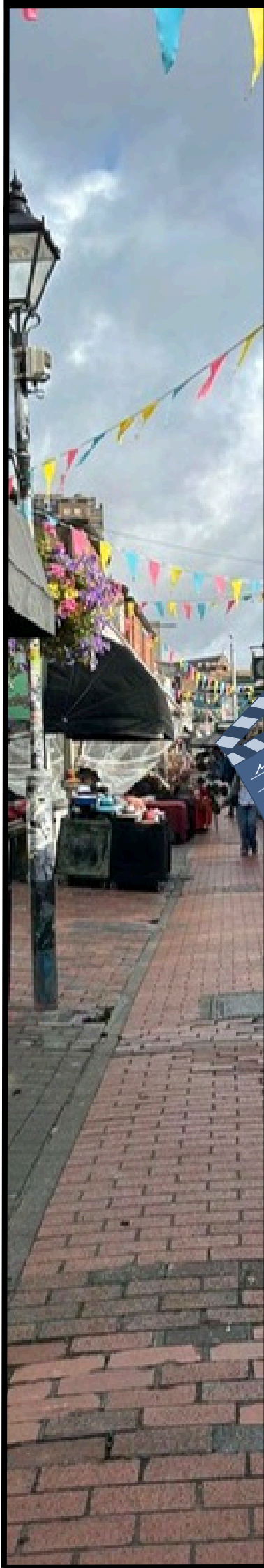
## The R.I.P Man

### **Q&A with Filmmakers**

*A serial killer with a rare oral condition begins to target young adults, removing a single tooth from each victim. Can a family's kept secret unfold the truth and help prevent the murders from continuing?*

*Genre: Slasher/Horror  
Director: Jamie Langlands*





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SESSION # 9  
DALTONS

Thursday | 18th June

5:30 – 7:45 pm

## DOCS ROCK I

A collection of documentaries exploring humanity's relationship with nature, climate and survival, anchored by **Lightning Flowers**, which follows teenage lightning-strike survivors in Florida as they rebuild their lives after surviving a one-in-a-million event

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

**A Climate Diary:  
Around the Middle  
East**

**Songs of Salt**

**Runner's High**

**Freedom of the Sea**

**Lightning Flowers**  
(feature film)



Thursday | 18th June

7:45 – 11:30 pm

SESSION # 10  
DALTONS

## DOCS ROCK II

**Part I: Dispatches from Albion**  
7:45 – 9:30 pm

*This documentary series celebrates distinctive lives, unlikely passions, and the people who make Britain a quintessentially strange, warm and sometimes wonderful place*

**Gilbert & George**  
**Daytripping Forever!**

**Dave Muir – All or Nothing**

**Designing from Home**    **The Littlest Stunt**

**James Pearson-Howes: Sitting Still**    **Children of Albion**

**One in Two**

**Straight Outta Kemptown**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

**The War Within**

**A Film – My Body**

**Please Do Not Resuscitate**

**Eleutheria**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

**Part II: Difficult Lives, Fragile Spaces**  
9:30 – 11:30 pm

*This series brings together bold documentaries exploring the limits of body, identity, and belief exploring lives shaped by trauma, transformation and the search for personal freedom*

**Content warning:** Mature themes, including mental health, self-harm, drugs, suicide and nudity.

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SESSION # 11  
The Actors

Friday | 19th June

5:00 – 7:00 pm

## Docs & Drama: Life Beyond the Binary

*Bold and intimate stories of queer belonging, identity, love and life beyond labels*

Safe

All Change

Can Accom

Why We Pride

Galatea

Mala Mente

Rap Baby

Krizalit

Cheers Camden

Charades

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



Friday | 19th June

7:00 – 9:00pm

## LGBTQIA+ Films Rock I

SESSION # 12  
The Actors

Game Over

Magid/Zafar معجد / ظفير

Behind The Reflection

Start Again

Wake Up

Saturday Night Butch

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Ubiquitous

Mercury & Jupiter

*A curated selection of tender, intimate and quietly radical LGBTQIA+ drama*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

SESSION # 13  
The Actors

Friday | 19th June

9:00 - 11:30 pm

## Drama Rocks I: Malaise in the Ménage

*Love, loyalty, betrayal, and quiet destruction collide in these stories of fractured families and toxic bonds*

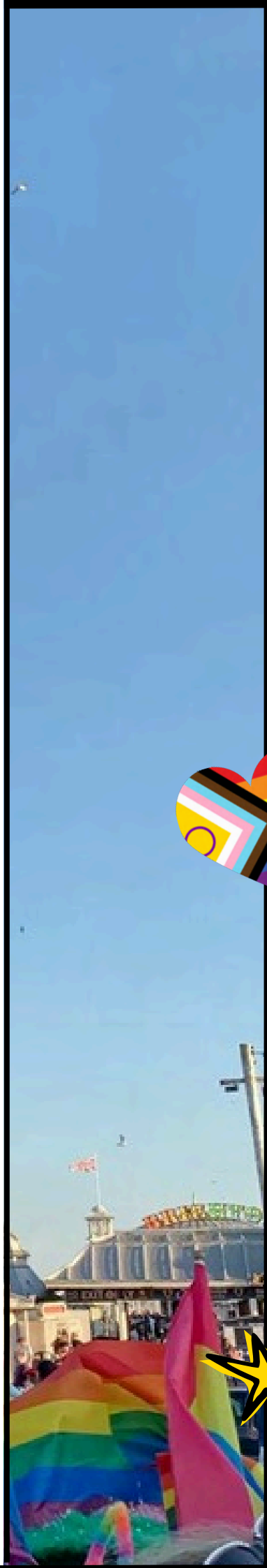
Menagerie

Forces Mineures

Birthmark

Wine Without Roses  
(feature film)

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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Friday | 19th June

The Actors  
9:00 - 11:30 pm



## **Wine Without Roses**

**Directed by Oliver Ward**

A married couple reunite with their old friends to announce their divorce. Shot in a vérité style with a skeleton crew, Wine Without Roses is an entirely improvised feature. Stripped back and intimate, the film lingers long after the credits roll...

Sunday | 21st June

Dukes at Komedia  
2:00 - 4:00 pm



## **Luna**

**Directed by Andrew Mckenzie**

With the moon hurtling towards Earth and the world unravelling, one woman's quiet descent into solitude mirrors the chaos above.

Shot entirely in Brighton and made with home-grown talent, Luna is a reflective tale of loss, connection, and finding serenity in the face of inevitable endings.



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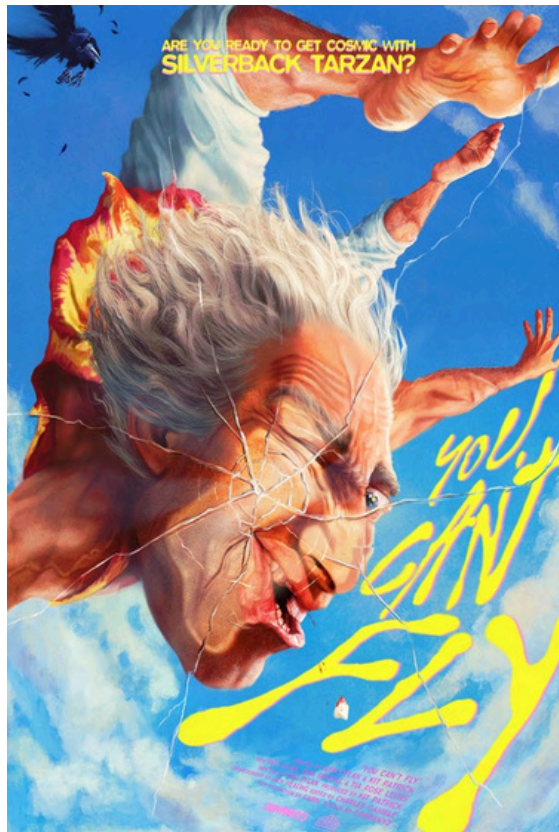
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Saturday | 20th June

Dukes at Komedia  
3:30 - 6:30 pm

## **You Can't Fly**

**Directed by Josh Dylan**



A documentary film exploring the complex mind and vivid world of Silverback Tarzan, a 54 year old hang-gliding philosopher with a cult following.

Silverback is grounded after a life-threatening hang gliding crash. His journey back to the skies reveals a rough diamond's quest for sensitivity in today's busy world, with some twists along the way.

Brighton-based Silverback has an enormous following - nearly half a million followers on Instagram alone - and there's growing intrigue in his story. Actor and debut Director Josh Dylan and co-Creator Kit Patrick were given unprecedented access to Silverback's life. The result is a deeply intimate and uplifting portrait documentary, telling Silverback's real story for the first time.

***This is a documentary that soars ... few stories are as 'Brighton' as Silverback Tarzan's***



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SESSION # 14

Daltons

Saturday | 20th June

11:00 - 1:00 pm

## Drama Rocks II: No Borders, No Cry



*Stories of displacement, survival and resistance unfold in this powerful collection of dramas framed by inequality, war, borders and the climate crisis.*

**Kinder Than Cuts**

**Butcher's Stain**

**The Long Spring**

**Misery and Other Choices**

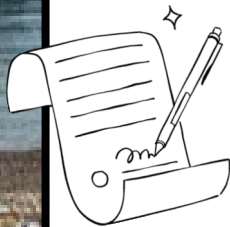
**Rule Britannia**

**Post**

**Hind**

**(Mum)**

**Q&A with  
Filmmakers**



Saturday | 20th June

1:00 - 3:15 pm

## Drama Rocks III: What the Children Saw

*Drama series exploring family from every angle — growing up, growing older and being okay when things aren't okay ...*

**Kit**

**Dog**

**Chokehold**

**Mother Wound**

**Daddy Daze**

**Findmy**

**Ivanko's Childhood**

**Goodnight, Papa**

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Daltons



**Q&A with  
Filmmakers**



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SESSION # 16

Daltons

Saturday | 20th June

3:15 - 5:00pm

## Drama Rocks IV: Winding Paths & Rocky Roads

*A series of probing dramas about people searching  
for meaning, connection and a second chance*

**Electricity Pylon**

**Every Time I See a Yellow Car**

**Rot**

**We're All Black Down Here**

**Finding Calm**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

SESSION # 17

The Actors

Saturday | 20th June

12:00 - 2:00pm

## Drama Rocks V: Man Trouble

*A sharp-edged series of dramas exploring masculinity,  
bruised ego, violence and the fallout of men behaving  
badly*

**The Secret Assistants**

**Manosphere**

**Hero**

**Dinner for Loners**

**I Am the Prize**

**Paranoyya**

**Deli Meat**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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SESSION # 18

The Actors

Saturday | 20th June

2:00 - 3:00pm



## SCRIPT CLUB (Live Event)

A panel discussion with acclaimed playwright and screenwriter Sir David Hare, featuring a discussion of *The Hours* (2002), with an audience Q&A.

Hosted by Luke Foster  
& Lucy Nordberg

Saturday | 20th June

3:30 - 5:30pm

SESSION # 19

The Actors

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## For Women Rocking 45 & Over

Launching at BRIFF: a new track celebrating stories by, for and about women over 45 — brave, funny and riotous; for women of a certain rage ...

**Body Clock**

**A Fresh Start**

**Grain**

**Bard Ass**

**Purser**

**The Fuck It List**

**Old Girl in a Tutu:  
Susan Rennie Disrupts  
Art History**

**Simultané**

**Bluff**

**Poppy**

**The Way I Am**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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SESSION # 20

The Actors

Saturday | 20th June

5:30 - 7:30pm

## Comedy Rocks



*L'Abricot*

*Hopes and Beans*

*Paper Round*

*Self+Tape*

*Gibberish*

*The Postman*

*Pass the Salt*

*M'unгры*

*El Lloron*

*Cringe, chaos and catastrophically bad decisions collide in this perfectly unhinged comedy showcase*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

SESSION # 21

The Actors

Saturday | 20th June

7:30 - 9:30pm

*Step through the looking glass into the strange, surreal, sublime and subversive world of weird cinema*

## Experimental Films: Down the Rabbit Hole I

*The Motion*

*The Boy's Gaze*

*No Man's Land*

*Out of Order*

*Sirena*

*Perfect Girl*

*A Summer Astray*

*Small Hours*

*Do You Have Kids?*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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SESSION # 22  
The Actors

Saturday | 20th June

9:30 pm - 12:30 am

## Down the Rabbit Hole II

Take a walk on the wild side as dark comedy, dystopia, horror and spiral into MADNESS



*Tapeworm*

*Bleumoi*

*Mercy*

*Now's Your Time*

*Plaster*

*Burnt Toast*

*The Humbug*

*The Belladonna*

*Night Whispers*

*What Goes Round (Or Things That Go Bump in the Night)*

*Better Anything*

*The Trick*

*Dys is Me*

*Strong Batch*

*Burnt Orange*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



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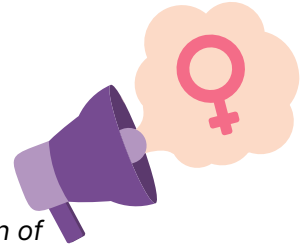
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Dukes at  
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Sunday | 21st June

12:00 - 2:00pm

## Women Rock



*Women take centre stage in this vibrant collection of bold and boundary-pushing films*

**Fragment of Earth Offered Up to the Light**

**An Excess Baggage**

**Sirena**

**Loneliness Doesn't Come Alone**

**The Wolf**

**Reload**

**Fractured Frame**

**Make a Wish**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**



Sunday | 21st June

2:00 - 4:00pm

## 'LUNA' & Best of Fest

*A showcase of festival favourites where the surreal, intimate, and unexpected collide, featuring Luna, — Brighton on the last day on Earth.*

**Under the Orange Moon from Love Lives Here (愛住在這裡)**

**Pushed Together**

**On the Border of the Word**

**Moth & I**

**Bubbles**

**Luna (feature film)**

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

SESSION # 24

Dukes at  
Komedia

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SESSION # 25

Daltons

Sunday | 21st June

12:00 - 2:00pm



Rocket Fuel

Uncle Artoo

Wesley the Vampire

The Cowgirl

God of Mischief

How Not to Try Again

Round Corners – Such a Fool

Accession (Efterträde)

Father Oh Father

## Drama Rocks VI: Relaxed Screening (Autism-Friendly)

*Join us for a relaxed, autism-friendly session of comedy and music - weird, funny and heartfelt films about love, loss and life's unpredictable turns*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

Sunday | 21st June

2:00 - 4:00pm

SESSION # 26

Daltons

## Drama Rocks VII: Films Made For & By the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Cleaned Out

Eresmos Trilogy

Reconnection

Deaf Jams: Dance With Me

Detachable

*A celebration of Deaf storytelling and filmmaking, exploring the many ways people navigate connection, solitude and modern life*

**Q&A with Filmmakers**

**(with BSL interpretation)**



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Sunday | 21st June

## BRIGHTON ROCKS AWARDS CEREMONY!

5:00 - 7:00 pm

SESSION # 28

Dalton's



Screening of **Weightless**

Presentation by  
**TOYAH WILLCOX**

*From punk princess to cult stage icon, Toyah Willcox is one of Britain's most distinctive performers. The acclaimed actor and award-winning rock legend has appeared in more than twenty feature films, including Quadrophenia and Jubilee, starred in over forty stage plays, and released twenty-five albums. A regular fixture on television, she is also one half of the wildly popular "Toyah and Robert's Sunday Lunch" podcast.*



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