

## LGBTQI+ Artists to Shine Spotlight on Social Equality

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The annual November LGBTQI+ entertainment and cross-art event GFEST – Gaywise FESTival® will be launched on Monday the 12 November at Alexandra Palace, Palm Court. GFEST 2018 events this year will run from 12 to 24 November will be listed on the website: <https://gaywisefestival.org.uk/>

GFEST aims to promote “All Arts” by LGBTQI+ artists and “All Welcome” to attend the events to witness the artistic excellence that addresses LGBTQI+ equal rights to reduce possible discrimination.

This year’s festival theme is #SociallyEQUAL and the organisers are proud to present a free entry entertainment evening full of live acts presenting music, dance, acapella, performance poetry at the launch.

### Show off your ART PRIDE, if you got talent, flaunt it!

GFEST programme and theme this year queries about ‘whether LGBTQI+ people have achieved full social equality now?’ The festival presents artists, filmmakers, performers and practitioners who explore the topic and showcase the work that demands full and wholehearted acceptance by all, presenting equal rights and social justice.

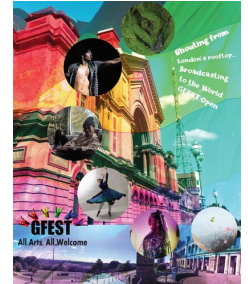
GFEST artistic director Niranjan Kamatkar is excited about presenting the festival in a new format. “After 10 successful years of GFEST, we are opening up the programme. The new GFEST format enables other artists, groups organise their own LGBTQI+ arts events and promote them via the GFEST website. This is just start for the new GFEST and we have some more plans for the future. We plan to make it more interactive and far reaching by using the online tools.”

The organisers have invited audiences to join by booking **GFEST 2018 Launch** event, featuring a spirited star studded soiree by performers of ‘The Cocoa Butter Club’, artists Alice Boland-Rhodes, Charan Singh, dancer Sanjay Shetty, digital artist Katy Jalili, and acapella act TStarNay , and many more... It is billed as an absolutely “unmissable and MUST” evening full of LGBTQI+ arts, videos, music, performers, spoken word and live acts.

GFEST - Gaywise FESTival® is co-ordinated by arts charity Wise Thoughts.

GFEST launch booking link: <https://www.seetickets.com/tour/gfest-launch-event>

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