BRADFORD ARTIST SCRATCH NIGHT



PROGRAMME

PRODUCER'S NOTE

Thank you for coming to BOLD!

BOLD! was created to celebrate the work of Bradford based artists. We wanted to create a platform for artists to test out new work in front of a live audience, alongside creating a space for the artistic community of Bradford to come together to see the work of peers.

Bradford is full of bold people doing bold things! We wanted this night to show the diversity of practice, experience and art forms that Bradford has to offer.

The night is interdisciplinary; each artist coming from a different artistic background. They are each at a different stage in their career; with some just starting out and others who have been doing their thing in Bradford for many years!

We hope that BOLD! can continue post this first night and that it can feed the artistic community of Bradford.

We hope that you enjoy the night!

Ella & Andrew BOLD! Producers

LEAH FRANCIS



IMAGE CREDIT: MAHSHID ALAVI

ABOUT LEAH

Bradford is Bold! Growing up there in the early part of my life hearing stories about my mum's experience holding protests for anti-apartheid movements and Bradford being declared the city of peace to being the stage of the 2001 race riots between the anti- league and the national front. My piece seeks to keep up this fight against racism in the U.K and highlight injustices.



LEAH FRANCIS



SEEDLINGS

Seedlings is a homage to those people from the black community in the UK, who have been killed after coming into contact with the police. The work asks how we can claim restorative justice for those killed. Seedlings draws upon global cultural references and makes use of ritual, text and movement to foreground these concerns.







ABOUT LLOYD

I am a Bradford born artist and for me it is important to represent God, my city and hip hop culture to the best of my ability. I must remain truthful and lead the way for the current and next generation of Bradford artists. I am constantly pushing my own artistic disciplines, mainly breakin. It is also important for me to pass on the skills and knowledge I have gained from my experiences around the world to Bradford communities and artists (bboys/bgirls) who are searching, passionate and hard working. My work always tries to reflect, my gratitude and thanks to God.







WHAT IS BREAKIN?

The work I am sharing will draw the audience into the world of breakin and hip hop culture. Breakin is unlike any other dance and yet at the same time connected to dance styles from across the ages. It is freedom, it is bold and a God given blessing, which brings passion and creativity to life within people, all over the world. Through my performance I hope to display my love for the dance and bring the audience close into our world and form a greater understanding for our culture.



CHEMAINE COOKE



ABOUT CHEMAINE

Chemaine Cooke is a producer, facilitator and improviser who moves – derived from her background in dance and performance. With a passion for the intersection of artforms – from performance to the visual arts – she has extensive experience of community facilitation and now specializes in participatory and socially engaged practice.



LOU SUMRAY



IMAGE CREDIT: LOU SUMRAY

ABOUT LOU

Lou Sumray is a figurative painter, lives in Bradford and is actively involved in the community and educational projects. Her main body of work has involved drawing animations, charcoal drawn and digital.





When programming BOLD! we had a vision to encourage collaboration, improvisation, risk & experimentation.

We invited KG, Lloyd & Leah to perform specific solo works as part of the night. All of whom are trying and testing out something new within their work.

As a final part of the night we have invited Lou & Chemaine to perform together.

Lou draws - Chemaine talks.
Old friends with a new collaboration - Improvising in the moment whilst responding to moments past.

This piece is improvised – a score set by BOLD! curators – a task for Chemaine and Lou to respond to the performance and the night.







KG was originally performing in BOLD! Unfortunately KG tested positive for Covid and cannot perform this evening.

ABOUT KG

I'm KG. I'm an artist born and bred in Bradford and in the past few years I've become a youth music leader. My love for music has been passed down from my family as we all come from a musical background.

DREAMS

The pieces that I'm going to be sharing are called 'Dreams' and 'By any means necessary' and they're basically my message to the world. I've got a dream and I'm gonna do my best to fulfill it, by any means necessary. I've been through a lot, but music has always been there and never left my side, therefore it's my escapee and my safety all in one. Both of these tracks will be released on my upcoming ep 'by any means necessary'



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Andrew Wilson - Co producer of BOLD!

Everyone who has bought a ticket to support this night





Are you an artist with work to share?

Would you like to see BOLD! happen on a regular basis?

Have thoughts about how BOLD! could serve the artistic community?

Send us a DM on instagram or email ellatighe@hotmail.com to chat!



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT BOLD!

If you enjoyed tonight - please shout about us!

Tag us on instagram & share in your stories!

8 even better - tell your friends/family in person!!!



