

# PROGRAM

## SYMPOSIUM ACADEMIA GOES BURLESQUE: ON THE QUEER IMPACT OF THE POPULAR AND SEXUAL CULTURE

BERLIN, MAY 15 AND 16, 2024  
"ZUM STARKEN AUGUST"  
SCHÖNHAUSER ALLEE 56,  
10437 BERLIN



### WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY BURLESQUE PRESENTATIONS

1:00 PM OPENING

**Joanna Staśkiewicz (University Potsdam):** *Erotic of Scholarship* /// **Jacki Willson (University Leeds):** *Academic Keynote: A Holey Maternity Bra, Threadbare Slippers and Three Fabulous Wigs: Burlesque Costume as Transformative Threshold* /// **Betty Q (Warsaw):** *Burlesque Keynote: Undress about it*

2:30PM - 4:30PM

**Agata Łuksza (University Warsaw):** *Burlesque, or an Alternative History of Emancipation* /// **Geraldine Spiekermann (University Potsdam):** *The Beauty, the Beast and the Burlesque* /// **Sabina Drąg (independent scholar and circus performer):** *Personae turpis - tribute to female\* fools* /// **Katharina Rein (University Potsdam):** *Floating, Vanishing, and Being Dismembered. Women's Bodies in Stage Magic*

4.30PM - 4.45PM BREAK

4:45PM - 5:45PM

**Bridge Markland:** *king-ing the drag/lecture Fun and unacademic artist talk about life and work with performance excerpts*

5.45PM - 6.00PM BREAK

6:00PM - 7:00PM

*Burlesque-Show and panel discussion with performers:*  
**Betty Q (Warsaw), Evilyn Frantic (Berlin), Harpy Queen (Lublin), Lola Noir (Warsaw), Lolita Va Voom (Berlin), Madame Méduse (Warsaw), Qween Quan (New Orleans), Tsarina Hellfire (New Orleans)**

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## THURSDAY, 16 MAY **BURLESQUE RE-PRESENTATIONS**

11:00AM - 01:00PM

**Katharina Wiedlack (University Vienna):** *Royal Pink – Royal Punk: Burlesque Body Politics in Riot Grrrl and Queercore* /// **Konrad Sierzputowski (Leibniz-Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin):** *Boop-Oop-a-Doop: Anticipation, Burlesque and Cartoons* /// **Aneta Panek (scholar and artist, Berlin):** *Travesty: buffoonery, play, and joke. Masculin Féminin, alchemical androgynies and the crucial meaning of travesty and changing identities in punk. Travesty as a strategy of exposure and rebellion. Identities of resistance. Jackie Curtis, Candy Darling, Holly Woodlawn, Jayne County, Divine, Zazie de Paris, and Romy Haag* /// **Julia Gaes (photographer, Hamburg):** *Photo Project Wigs&Gloves*

1:00PM - 2:00PM LUNCH BREAK

2:00PM - 5:45PM FILM PANEL

### **Documentary I**

#### **Fabulous Femininities**

50 minutes

**Directed: Jonothon Lees, produced: Jacki Willson (University Leeds), UK, 2023**

3:00PM - 3:15PM BREAK

### **Documentary II**

#### **Exotic World and the Burlesque Revival**

115 minutes

**Directed: Red Vaughan Tremmel (University of Chicago), USA, 2012**

5:15PM - 5:45PM

**Discussion with Jacki Willson and Red Vaughan Tremmel, moderation Konrad Sierzputowski**

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