





# OUR HISTORY (1993-2014)

Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited



## Background

Outspoken Arts Scotland Ltd is the legacy of a movement that began with the foundation of the **Glasgay! Festival** in 1993, founded as a direct response to the Section 28 legislation banning the promotion of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

**Glasgay!** launched on Saturday 30th October 1993. This lesbian and gay arts festival was the innovation of Cordelia Ditton, well known in national arts scene as a performer, writer, and co-director of Gay Sweatshop. The introduction of Section 28 in 1988 galvanised a whole new era of political and public agitation and resulted also in the founding in 1989 of the influential national lobbying group Stonewall.

Ditton herself had been involved in the campaign against Section 28. Ditton recognised that important local organisations such as the Glasgow branch of Switchboard already existed. However, it was her idea that a lesbian and gay arts festival, would make the lesbian and gay communities of Glasgow more visible. In 1991 she joined forces with Glasgow-based freelance arts administrator Dominic D'Angelo. Both were determined to produce an arts festival that would show gay lifestyles and performers and work in a very, very positive light. The mission was to change public opinion about lesbian and gay people and to show the wealth of amazing work that was out there.

The 1993 Festival opened to huge acclaim garnering audiences of just over 26,000 attenders. However, there were hateful campaigns in the press, from Tory Councillors and members of the public de-crying the use of public money on such gay art. This backlash and the difficulties it faced caused two years of festival blackout – 1994 and 1996. In 1995 Cordelia and Dominic stepped down and a new board of directors was convened and the charity **Gala Scotland Ltd** established. This company then carried forward the legacy and produced the festival from 1995 to 2014.

In its history the festival worked with many of the top gay and lesbian artists in the world. Names such as **Sir Ian McKellen, Simon Fanshawe, Donna McPhail, Edwin Morgan, Jackie Kay, Rhona Cameron, Annie Sprinkle, Penny Arcade, Bette Bourne, Diamanda Galas, Neil Bartlett, Scott Capurro, Pam Ann, Four Poofs and a Piano, Lypsinka, Louise Welsh, Marc Almond, Alan Carr, Zoe Strachan, Stewart Laing, and John Waters** are amongst the many others that have graced the festival stages.

The work of the festival was always dominated by the prevailing social climate in terms of acceptance, tolerance and understanding of LGBT rights, equality and the march of progress. That social progress has resulted in the repealing of Section 28 of the Government Act 1998; the Civil Partnership Act (2004) and The Equality Act (2010).

Glasgay! artists across the generations have presented work in various artforms that continually reflect social attitudes, behaviours and experiences of the LGBT community. The Glasgay! Festival was a place where LGBT life was acknowledged, celebrated and understood.

Over the 21 years of its history the festival was funded mainly on a year to year basis by the Scottish Arts Council and, subsequently its successor, Creative Scotland and Glasgow City Council. From 2007 to 2014 it enjoyed regular 3 year funding agreements from the Scottish Arts Council/Creative Scotland. In 2015 the Company was unsuccessful in its bid to become a new RFO client and the Board was asked to consider the future of the festival without the support of Creative Scotland.

The Company was also asked to consider its national role as a promoter of equality and the broader protected characteristics. It was clear that whilst the festival clearly enjoyed strong support in Glasgow the need to spread the message of equality, particularly to outer-lying communities was the principal challenge. The Company agreed to enter a period of funding transition and the board took the bold step of retiring the festival and renaming the charity, rebranding and re-purposing the mission.

The name Outspoken Arts Scotland was chosen to reflect the campaigning roots of the festival as legacy of a movement. A new mission was adopted to work in outerlying communities and to work across all, or most, of the protected characteristics. This transition period lasted for nearly two years 2015-2017 and the Company delivered a number of projects across that period.

The Company is still funded by Creative Scotland & Glasgow City Council and since 2018 by Renfrewshire Council.

## Commissions & Productions

The organisation has over the years commissioned and produced much of its own work, almost always featuring emerging talent as well as working with nationally and internationally recognised artists.



The Company commissioned and produced the following works/artists between 2005-2014

	<i>Original Production</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Origin or Destination</i>
1	<b>KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN</b>	Hector Babenco	Grant Smeaton	Citizens	Adaptation by Derek McLuckie	2005	
2	<b>AND GOD CREATED</b>	Laurance Rudic	Laurance Rudic	Citizens	new production	2006	
3	<b>DONALD DOES DUSTY</b>	Diane Torr	Diane Torr	CCA	Commission	2006	re-staged Tron 2008
4	<b>NIGHT TWISTED TALES</b>	Derek McLuckie	Pauline Goldsmith	CCA	new production	2006	
5	<b>TALKING HEADS</b>	Alan Bennet	Grant Smeaton	Tron	new production	2006	
6	<b>THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ALFRED</b>	Louise Welsh	Liz Carruthers	Arches	re-staging	2006	adapted from Oran Mor
7	<b>COLETTE</b>	Yvonne Caddell	Yvonne Caddell	Q! Gallery	new production	2007	
8	<b>LITTLE JOHNNY'S BIG GAY MUSICAL</b>	Johnny McKnight	Julie Brown	Arches	new production in assoc with Arches	2007	Toured Scotland
9	<b>REALITY</b>	Martin O'Connor	Martin O'Connor	Q! Gallery	new production	2007	Arches
10	<b>TAMBURLAINE MUST DIE</b>	Louise Welsh	Kenny Miller	Tron	Commission/Co-produced with Tron	2007	
11	<b>AND TELL SAD STORIES OF THE DEATH OF QUEENS</b>	Tennessee Williams	Sam Rowe	Citizens	new production	2008	
12	<b>CHALKY WHITE SUBSTANCE/MUNICIPAL ABATTOIR</b>	Tennessee Williams	Drew Taylor	Arches	new production in assoc with Arches	2008	
13	<b>ELYSIAN FIELDS</b>	Derek McLuckie	Derek McLuckie	Arches	Commission	2008	
14	<b>THE PARADE</b>	Tennessee Williams	Laurance Rudic	Citizens	new production	2008	
15	<b>TO KILL A KELPIE</b>	Matthew McVarish	Andrew Agnew	Q! Gallery	new production	2008	Toured USA 2009
16	<b>A CHILD MADE OF LOVE</b>	Matthew McVarish	Lauren Graham	Tron	Commission	2009	
17	<b>INSIDEOUT (Exhibition)</b>	Dani Marti	Dani Marti	GOMA	Co-Commission with GOMA	2009	restaged in Australia + Fruitmarket Gallery
18	<b>JESUS QUEEN OF HEAVEN</b>	Jo Clifford	Rachael Rayment	Tron	Co-Commission with GOMA	2009	Toured UK
19	<b>MARKUS MAKAVELLIANS INTERNATIONAL ORDER</b>	Drew Taylor	Drew Taylor	Arches	new production in assoc with Arches	2009	restaged at Ed Fringe 2010
20	<b>MEMORY CELLS</b>	Louise Welsh	Sam Rowe	Arches	Commission	2009	restaged at Ed Fringe 2010

21	<b>PLAYING HOUSES</b>	Martin O'Connor	Martin O'Connor	Arches	Commission/Co-produced with Arches	2009	
22	<b>THE MAW BROON MONOLOGUES</b>	Jackie Kay	Maggie Kinloch	Tron	Commission	2009	re-staged/adapted for 2013
23	<b>MARKUS MAKAVELLIANS CHROMOTHERAPY</b>	Drew Taylor	Drew Taylor	Arches	new production in assoc with Arches	2010	
24	<b>PANIC PATTERNS</b>	Louise Welsh	Alison Peebles	Citizens	Commission	2010	later adapted for BBC Radio Scotland
25	<b>THE BRIDGE</b>	Wendy Miller & Rachel Amey	Wendy Miller	Arches	Commission	2010	
26	<b>THE MAIDS</b>	Jean Genet	Derek McLuckie	Tron	new production	2010	
27	<b>UP</b>	James Ley	Rosalind Sydney	CCA	new production	2010	restaged from Ed Fringe 2009
28	<b>CH CH CHANGES</b>	Martin O'Connor	Grant Smeaton	Citizens	new production	2011	
29	<b>EDWIN MORGAN'S DREAMS AND OTHER NIGHTMARES</b>	Liz Lochhead	Andy Arnold	Tron	Commission/Co-produced with Tron	2011	re-staged in 2014 for CWG2014
30	<b>GLUE BOY BLUES</b>	Derek McLuckie	Pauline Goldsmith	Tron	new production	2011	
31	<b>SPAIN</b>	James Ley	Rosalind Sydney	CCA	new production	2011	
32	<b>STRANGE HUNGERS</b>	Fish N Game	Eilidh Macaskill	Arches	new production in assoc with Arches	2011	
33	<b>HAROLD &amp; MAUDE</b>	Colin Higgins	Kenny Miller	Tron	new production	2012	
34	<b>CARDINAL SINNE</b>	Raymond Burke	Grant Smeaton	Tron	commission	2014	
35	<b>CURED</b>	Stef Smith	Ros Phillips	Arches	commission	2013	
36	<b>THE NEW MAW BROON MONOLOGUES</b>	Jackie Kay	Liz Carruthers	Tron	commission	2013	adapted from 2009
37	<b>WILFUL FORGETTING</b>	Donna Rutherford/Martin O'Connor	Donna Rutherford	Tron	commission	2013	
38	<b>BETTE/CAVETT</b>	Verbatim	Grant Smeaton	Tron	new production	2009	Re-staged EdFringe09
39	<b>BETTE/CAVETT</b>	Verbatim	Grant Smeaton	Tron	new production	2010	Re-staged due to popularity
40	<b>"8"</b>	Dustin Lance Black	Drew Taylor	Tron	new production	2012	USA collaboration

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**ARTISTS APPEARING  
SINCE 1993**

7:84 Theatre Co. Scotland

Abbe Robinson

Acoustic Affair

Adrian Howells

Adura Onashile

Al Start

Alan Bennett

Alan Carr

Alan Crumlish

Alan Greig

Alan McPartlan

Alan McPike

Alan Steele

Alexandra Muirhead

Ali Smith

Alisa Anderson

Alison Peebles

Alistair Dearie

Allen Frame

Alun Cochrane

Amanda Scott

Amy Conroy

Amy Lamé

Andrea Brown

Andrew Agnew

Andrew McKinnon

Andrew Printer

Andrew Tobert

Andy Arnold

Andy Paterson

Angela Chadfield

Anita Vettesse

Annie Sprinkle

Ann-Marie di Mambro

Any Palmer

Atta Yaqub

Ballet Blue

Barb Jungr

Barrowlands

Barry Henderson

Barry Wolfe

Belinda O'Hooley

Belle Star Band

Bernard Krichefski

Bert Van Gorp

Bette Bourne

Bob Cant

Bob McDevitt

Borderline Theatre Co.

Borders Books

Bourgeois & Maurice

Bridge Markland

Bruce Devlin

Bryony Kimmings

Byre Theatre

Camille Marmié

Carmen Cuenca

Carol Laula

Cathal O Searcaigh

Cathie Boyd

CCA

Charlene Boyd

Chloe Poems

Christopher Bowen

Christopher Deans

Christopher Hodgson

Citizens' Theatre

Claire Dowie

Claire Stewart

Clare Summerskill

Clare Teal

Claudia Bliss

Clyde Unity Theatre

Colin Bell

Colin Parr

Company Chordelia

Confab

Cottier Theatre

Craig Hill

Craig Robertson

Cyndra MacDowall

Dani Marti

Daniel Cahill

David Ferrard

David Hoyle

David Kay

David Kinloch

David Oswald

David Paisley

David Paul Jones

David Rankine

David Trullo

Deborah Kelly

Deborah Kelly

Derek Jarman

Derek McLuckie

Derrick Carter

Diamanda Galas

Diane Torr

Dianne Barry

Dillie Keane

Divine David

DJ Hushpuppy

Dmitry Ser

Donna McPhail

Donna Rutherford

Donovan Flynn

Drew Taylor

Duckie & The Readers

Wifes

Earthfall

Edwin Morgan

Edwin Sanchez

Eilidh MacAskill

Ellen Galford

Ellie Harrison

Emilyn Claid

Emma Donoghue

English Touring Theatre

Company

Eric Presland

Ernesto Tomasini

Errin Scrutton

Estelle van Warmelo

Fernando Arias

Fotofeis

Fraser Boyle

Gallery of Modern Art

Garry McLaughlin

Gary & Larry Lane

Gary Lamont

Gay Sweatshop

Gay Times and DIVA

Giles Havergal

Gillmorehill Center for

Theatre, Film and

Television

Gina Ryan

Glasgow Film & Video

Workshop

Glasgow LGBT Centre

Glasgow Museums

Glasgow Royal Concert

Hall

Glasgow Women's

Library

Glasseyed

Glenmorangie Glasgow

Jazz Festival

Godfrey Hamilton

Goncalo Ferreira De

Almeida

Gowan Calder

Gracey Flair

Graeme Woolaston

Graham Bell

Gram Cumming

Grant Alexander

McDonald

Grant Smeaton

Gregor Laird

Harris Lees

Helen Cuinn

Helen Reeves

Helen Sandler

Helena Fraser

Helena Goldwater

Hopscotch Theatre

Company

Horse McDonald

Iain Heggie

Ian Nulty

Ian Reekie

Ian Shepherd

Ida Barr

Isolde Godfrey

Jack Dickson

Jackie Clune

Jackie Kay

Jade Reidy

James Holmes

James Ley

James Morrow

Jane Mackay

Jason Wood

Jenny Campbell

Jenny Roberts

Jo Clifford

Joey Hateley

John Antiss

John Binnie

John Byrne

John Epperson – Lypsinka

John Grant

John Waters

Johnny Kerr

Johnny McKnight

JoJo Sutherland

Jon Pope

Jonathan Mayor

Jonny Woo

Joseph Mills

Judith Plint

Julia Darling

Julia Morrison

Kamal Hussain

Kate Dickie

Kathleen Little

Kathy McKean

Keara Murphy

Ken Alexander

Kenny Miller

Kerry Godliman

Kieran Rose

Kirstin McLean

Kris Kesiak

Lady Munter

Lanford Wilson

Laurance Rudic

Laurie Brown

Leslie Finlay

Lisa Gregan

Liz Lochhead

Lock Up your Daughters

Lois Weaver

Lorenzo Mele  
Lorna Brooks  
Lorraine Bowen  
Louise Scott  
Louise Welsh  
Lucinda Broadbent  
Lucy Holmes-Elliot  
Lucy Hutson  
Lucy Trend  
Lynne O'Neill  
Madame Galina  
Maggie Lovell  
Magnus Mork  
Marcelo De Melo  
Margaret Barron  
Margaret Cho  
Maria Bakker  
Marimacha Band  
Mark Kydd  
Mark Pinkosh  
Mark Whitelaw  
Markee De Saw & Bert  
Finkle  
Martin Lewton  
Martin O'Connor  
Matthew Bourne  
Matthew Hawkins  
Matthew McVarish  
Matthew Smith  
Maureen Younger  
Mauricio Virgens  
MCT Theatre Company  
Menelas Siafakis  
Michael Alan Read  
Michael Cashman  
Michael Crookes  
Michael James  
Mika & Rietta

Mitch Alexander  
Monica Brett-Crowther  
Mouse & Reservoir Ducks  
Move It Productions  
Mr Helium & The Holy  
Gliders  
Mrs Barbara Nice  
Natalie Wilson  
Neil Bartlett  
Neil Shackleton  
Nelson Henricks  
Nicola Daley  
Noel Greig  
Nonsuch Productions  
Oliver Braid  
Our Story Scotland  
Pacitti Co.  
Paisley Arts Centre  
Pam Ann  
Pantomime Productions  
Patience Agbabi  
Patrick Gale  
Patrick Wallace  
Patsy McArthur  
Paul Chaal  
Paul Godfrey  
Paul Kindersley  
Paul MacAlindin  
Paul O'Connor  
Paul Singh  
Pauline Goldsmith  
Paulita Sedgewick  
Peggy Shaw  
Penny Arcade  
Peter Burton  
Peter Tatchell  
Phillippa Vafadari

Playwright's Studio  
Scotland  
P-P Hartnett  
Queer Up North  
Rabbi Lionel Blue  
Rachel Amy  
Rachel Frances Sharpe  
Rachel Jury  
Ramshorn Theatre  
Random Accomplice  
Raymond Branton  
Raymond Burke  
Rebecca Donohue  
Recoat Collective  
Richard Conlon  
Richard Good  
Richard Greenberg  
Richard Move  
Rikki Beadle-Blair  
Robert Melling  
Robert Pacitti  
Robin Laing  
Robyn Archer  
Roisin Conaty  
Ron Athey  
Ros Phillips  
Rosana Cade  
Rosie Lugosi  
Rosie Wilby  
Royal National Theatre  
RSAMD and the Bi-G-Les  
Youth Group  
RSNO  
Ruby Tuesday  
Productions  
Russell Barr  
Ruth Martin  
Sadie Lee

Salon Society  
Sam Rowe  
Sandy Taylor Trio  
Sara Pascoe  
Sarah Milican  
Sawney Bean  
Scott Agnew  
Scott Capurro  
Scottee  
Scottish Ensemble  
Scottish Screen  
Sean Tuan John  
Sebastian Beaumont  
Shaun Levin  
Simon Fanshawe  
Simon Fisher Turner  
Simon Lovat  
Simon Machabelli  
Sindy and Barbie  
Sir Ian McKellen  
Slack Dynamics Theatre  
Snookie Mono  
Sophie Holmes-Elliot  
Soundsfine  
Split Britches  
St Brides Episcopal  
Church  
Starving Artists  
Stef Smith  
Steffi Moore  
Stella Duffy  
Stephanie Theobald  
Stephen Callaghan  
Stephen Duffy  
Stephen Duffy Big Band  
Stephen K Amos  
Stephen Petronio  
Stephen Vargas

Stewart Laing  
Stonewall  
Strathclyde Theatre  
Group  
Street Level Photoworks  
Stuart Brown  
Susan Calman  
Susan Morrison  
Susan Triesman  
Suzanne Bonnar  
Suzie Ungerleider  
Syrkus  
Tam Dean Burn  
Tamsin Omond  
Tangerine Productions  
Terry Neason  
The Arches  
The Creative Martyrs  
The Irrepressibles  
The Mrs Reilly Company  
The Redettes  
The Stand Comedy Club  
Theatre Cryptic  
Theatre North  
Thunder Productions  
Tim Fountain  
Tim Miller  
Tina Ayars  
Tina C  
Tina Fiveash  
Tom Sapsford  
Tom Urie  
Tom Wells  
Tommy Bastow  
Toni Davidson  
Toni Frutin  
TransAction Theatre  
Company

Tristan Borrer  
Tron Theatre  
Ursula Martinez  
Val McDermid  
Vanity Von Glow  
Vari Sylvester  
Vikki Stone  
Village Pub Theatre  
Viv Gee  
Vivian Pedley  
Warwick Thompson  
Waterstone's  
Wendy Miller  
West Lothian Youth  
Theatre  
William Yang  
X-Factor Dance Company  
X-Tant Theatre  
Yiannis Roussakis  
Yvonne Caddell  
Zoe Lyons  
Zoe Strachan



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