

# The METRO CINEMA

**MIDNIGHT EXPRESS**  
Fri 4 December (Late Show) 11.00  
Starring: Brad Davis, John Hurt, Randy Quaid  
Director: Alan Parker  
Great Britain 1978 121 mins

Turnip head Parker concocts a potpourri of bloody ham, a barrel load of onion tears and a liberal sprinkling of sentiment as young all-American boy Billy is chased, beaten, grilled until tough and confined in a pressure cooker Turkish gaol, all for smuggling a gramme or two of dope. Based



on fresh events and served up on a bed of filtered lighting and a garnish of some fishy torture scenes, 'Midnight Express' is a speciality sure to make your stomach turn one way or another. Just be careful not to let it stick in your throat.

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Friday November 14th-Sunday 16th  
"BREATHTAKING... THE MOST EXPLICIT, EROTIC AND ACCURATE LESBIAN SEX SCENE EVER SHOWN IN MAINSTREAM CINEMA... SEE IT!" Capital Gay



USA 1985 93 mins  
A FILM BY DONNA DEITCH  
Starring Helen Shaver, Patricia Charbonneau

1959. Reno, Nevada. Vivian, a teacher seeking a divorce, becomes emotionally and sexually involved with Cay, a younger, 'free spirit'. Neatly observed and extremely erotic, Deitch's debut feature is a notable achievement, and a cool riposte to such confused (male) efforts as Personal Best and Lianna.

(Desert Hearts continues at the New Cinema on November 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.), box office, 586100.  
Friday November 21st  
**INSIGNIFICANCE (15) GB 1985**  
Director: Nicolas Roeg  
Theresa Russell, Michael Emil 109 mins.  
Roeg's film of Terry Johnson's play is about time, space, Marilyn Monroe, Hiroshima, fame, Einstein, science fiction, McCarthyism and the theory of relativity. As the Senator says "MC" does equal one hell of a big bang".



Thursday December 4th-Sunday 7th  
USA 1985 112 mins.  
Director: Alan Rudolph  
Kris Kristofferson, Keith Carradine, Lori Singer

Set in a world of cafes, hotel rooms and late nights in 'Rain City', the film plays fast and loose with several intermeshing stories and genres (classic women's melodrama; the Western; ex-con movies) with Rudolph picking out styles and themes with an almost musical pattern and phrasing. "It discovers all the pleasures of storytelling". VOICE.  
"Not to be missed". Jane Root: Edinburgh Film Festival.

**Broad Street, Nottingham**  
Programme details and information: Nottm. 583184

## QUEER FOLK, PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, 1st-25th October, 1986.

Rosie Logan's "Queer Folk" was launched amidst a blaze of publicity. The likes of Terry Wogan and Channel 4 were amazed that a working-class woman, until recently illiterate and blinded in tragic circumstances, was even able to write a play, let alone portray working class attitudes to gay sexuality as a theme for her first offering. Aside from this open-mouthed and patronising awe, the play wasn't quite the vaunted success it was supposed to be. True there are some excellent moments; like when we are warned about the power of supermarkets as they turn into places of worship or odd lines of camp witticism - describing Jesus as god in drag or a transvestite as a bloke who drives trams. But there are also some deeply offensive uses of language, like the references to "pansies" and the naming of the gay character as Ben Dover.

Unfortunately, the play was marred by a series of stereotypical characters and poor acting, notably from Jeff Rawle, playing Ben. The play's handling of black people was racist and its carry-on style characters indicated much more work was needed on the script. But the sensitivity shown to issues such as age show that some potential is there after all. It's a shame then that Kenneth Alan Taylor's direction was not stronger and more inspired. The producer's aims of presenting new material seem to be thwarted by his own apparent racism and homophobia. "Queer Folk" didn't rate more than a work in progress.

A Health Warning of the offensive nature of the play should have replaced the "Adult Only" label!  
LAURENCE DeSOUZA

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NEW NEWS

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A Campaign group comprising several major lesbian and gay rights organizations has been launched following the Campaign for Homosexual Equality's annual conference held in Nottingham recently. The draft bill which will be put before the next Parliament will be a lesbian and gay version of the Sex Discrimination Acts and the Race Relations Act, and seeks to guarantee protective legislation in all areas of life. CHE has agreed to put up £5,000 to fund a conference organiser and make it's London office available for that purpose. More than 500 delegates are expected from national and local organisations, both straight and gay, to attend a May 1987 conference. Other co-promoters of the Bill are the National Council for Civil Liberties and the Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights.

# EVERYBODY OUT!



The Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights has produced a draft Bill which if passed would:  
• Allow lesbians and gay men to sue for damages against discrimination  
• Recognise gay relationships eg. inheritance, immigration  
• Equalise the age of consent making it 16 for gay men  
• Remove discrimination in child custody cases  
• Abolish homosexual offences in the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy  
• Abolish 'cottage' crimes of soliciting and importuning and replace them with a new crime of sexual harassment  
• Abolish the obscene and indecent publications laws and replace them with laws prohibiting an incitement to violence against women  
The only area that remains untouched is male rape. LCLGR explained that by keeping the crime of rape unique to men attacking women that this focuses the necessary attention on that crime. To add new crimes of rape would dilute that attention.

Nearly 1,000 demonstrators marched on Nottinghamshire's County Hall on Saturday, 25th October to protest at the Council's exclusion of lesbian and gays from its equal opportunities commitment. Coaches came from as far afield as Strathclyde and Newcastle and despite the rain, marchers were in a jovial mood. Speakers included Sharon Atkin, Parliamentary Candidate for Nottingham East, Keith Vaz, Parliamentary Candidate for Leicester East and Ken Fleet Parliamentary candidate for Broxtowe. The Leader of Southwark Borough Council, Anne Matthews affirmed herself a lesbian, and warned that the councillors ignored its lesbian and gay voters at its peril and the electoral cost to them, would be seen at the next local elections. Other speakers highlighted Tory-led Rugby Council who tried to ditch lesbian/gay rights two years ago, and faced with a massive demonstration against their policies, were forced to about turn. It would have been hypocritical not to protest at LABOUR-led Notts County Council. Messages of support included Ken Livingstone, Jo Richardson, MP and Roger Tanner of the Notts County branch of the National Union of Teachers.

The rally was as much in support of those County Councillors who had backed lesbians and gays from the start, despite intense pressure from the majority of the Labour members. The rally, dispersed following a speech from Cllr. Audrey Mullender, one of our supporters.  
Commented a wet but satisfied Mick Wallis, organizer of the rally: "I think Dennis Pettitt and his puppets at County Hall have now got the message and we will remember those who tried to ditch us, when they come up for re-election - they better watch out!"

## manchester centre finances secured!

Manchester City Council overwhelmingly voted through a grant of £118,000 for the construction of a purpose-built gay centre, at its meeting on 29th October. Work is expected to begin in April 1987 on the new site which is in the 'gay village' area of Bloom Street. The Tories did not oppose the funding for the centre. Manchester's lesbian and gay communities have fought long and hard over the last ten years and a delighted Terry Waller, Manchester Gay Centre worker said: "The constant and sustained lobbying of all City Councillors over the years has certainly paid off. They now generally understand the arguments why a gay centre is vital, and when under attack can speak confidently from a position of knowledge on the issue", he said. WELL DONE MANCHESTER!

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Speaker at County Hall

Andy Armstrong & David Orikaya

GAY MEN'S OPEN MEETING

Another C.4 Gay Series, "Six of Hearts", 11.45 pm, Saturdays from Nov. 15th

A LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS BILL JAMIE GOUGH, author of 'Gay Liberation in the 80's', will be talking about the proposed lesbian and gay rights bill for the next Parliament. This will be a lesbian/gay version of the Sex Discrimination Act & Race Relations Act.

7.30 THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER ADMIRAL DUNCAN LWR. PARLIAMENT ST.

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