

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2018 – Queer Words

Stand-up comedy and poetry meets dance theatre in an outspoken slice of pride, hope, activism, and courage

At an open mic poetry toxic ideals and a crisis of masculinity are exposed on and off stage as the performers line up to take their place.



Queer Words by Autin Dance Theatre

With an all-LGBTQ cast featuring a performance poet and two dancers, Queer Words is a bold, provocative multidisciplinary performance combining story-telling, spoken word, dance and physical theatre.

Choreographer and Creative Director Johnny Autin has imagined a brutally honest, darkly funny and at times controversial show for the three exceptional performers. Queer Words tackles a culture of violence and insecurities with sketches looking at personal stories around the male perspective, feminism, gender inequalities, and homophobia.

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Making its Fringe debut, Autin Dance Theatre is a Birmingham-based professional dance theatre company founded in 2013. Led by Creative Director Johnny Autin, the company draws on contemporary social issues and events to create work that is beautifully crafted, accessible and relevant. It is building a reputation for creating powerful and spellbinding performances, catapulting audiences into intense dance-worlds which resonate long after leaving the auditorium.

Johnny Autin graduated from the National Conservatoire of music and dance of Poitiers, France, and has since worked with some incredibly inspiring choreographers in a range of styles, from contemporary and street dance to flamenco. He has performed internationally collaborating with choreographers and companies in France, the Netherlands and Spain, as well as touring across Europe and South America.

Queer Words was commissioned by Dance Hub Birmingham, and supported by Arts Council England and Midlands Arts Centre (MAC).

[www.autindt.com](http://www.autindt.com)

Venue: Greenside@Infirmery Street, (Forest Theatre), Venue 236

Dates: 13 – 25 Aug (not 19)

Time: 16.15 (45 mins)

Tickets: £8 – £10

Venue Box Office: 0131 618 0758

Online: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/queer-words>

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