Fringe 2024 - Bi-Curious George Queer Planet

Dolphin orgies, intersex snails and gay giraffes... Join award-winning drag king, Bi-Curious George, London's loveable nature boy, as they take a raucous romp through the animal kingdom — the wildest and queerest kingdom of all.

Two male humpback whales recently made world headlines for having gay sex. But, did you know that clown fish change biological sex, giraffes have more homo than heterosexual sex, fungi have thousands of biological sexes and female Japanese macaques have intensely intimate sexual bonds with one another.

Queer Planet is about reframing our thinking around queer identities, de-centring ourselves and letting us get swept up in the freedom and fluidity of the natural world.

Directed by Liv Ello (BODY SHOW) and told with silliness and joy, Queer Planet asks for queerness to be accepted for what it is — entirely natural and inevitable.

Having been taught that gender was innate and immoveable, Bi-Curious George looked to the natural world, the world which is free from societal pressures and expectations, from religion, colonialism, politicians and capitalism, to challenge this and see how natural gender really is. Queerness amongst animals is constantly being explained away and the explanations are often laughable. Human beings are animals and, in making this show, Bi-Curious George has connected to their own inner animal in a joyful and freeing way and hopes it will help the audience to do the same.

Bi-Curious George said: "The word 'unnatural' has been weaponised against us for centuries but nature is undefinable, queer and fluid. It defies binaries and breaks rules which didn't even exist until we humans wrote them. There is nothing more natural to me now than my queerness. So, Queer Planet is my love letter to nature and to the queer community. It is a rallying call for people to change the way they see the natural world and to reframe how we think about our own identities.

Queer Planet has been performed previously at Southbank Centre, Kew Gardens and Soho Theatre. Bi-Curious George is the winner of Not Another Drag Competition 2022 and Soho Theatre Drag and Cabaret lab graduate 2021.

Pleasance Dome (10Dome), Wednesday 31^{st} July — Monday 26^{th} August 2024 (not 12^{th}) at 16:15. **THEATRE**

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This is the effusive, energetic and very supple George of Bi-Curious George Queer Planet. David Attenborough meets drag show on now at @ThePleasance Dome pic.twitter.com/ex40JtDt81

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