

PRESS RELEASE

If I Ruled the World... a festival for young people

March 24 – 27 March 2010

To the young, the old, the optimist, the pessimist, the hopeful, the sad, the angry, the activists, the tired, the bored and the inspired.

For four days we, the young people of Wandsworth, are presenting the very best of BAC's homegrown performance work as well as the most exciting work from young people across London and the UK.

It seems timely we do this now. There's a looming general election in which some of us are just old enough to vote for the first time and some of us are still too young to have our say on who our next Government will be. So... to mark this time and make sure our voices are heard we have taken up residence at BAC in Battersea's Old Town Hall and through performance, beatboxing, film, discussions with local parliamentary candidates, slam poetry, sleepovers and a manifesto we are going to present a world vision of our own. We invite you to come and see what it looks like...

BAC's Young Producers Group
(Nat, Danielle, Leo, Paul, Tuoyo, Bertie, Roxanne, Beth, Martin and Kim)

HIGHLIGHTS of 'IF I RULED THE WORLD...'

POLITICAL HUSTINGS | Thursday 25 March, 5pm, FREE

Young Producers

A hustings with a difference! A chance for the younger residents of Battersea and Wandsworth to challenge their parliamentary candidates on issues that will directly affect them over the course of the next five years and in so doing kick start thought processes, debate and policy for elections to come.

LETTERS TO THE FUTURE PRIME MINISTER

Young Producers

A growing installation of letters addressed to the incoming PM. All under 25's will be invited to add their words and ideas and when the festival is over, and the new PM is in residence, all will be invited to deliver their letters en masse to Number 10. Inspiring? Dramatic? A bit intimidating? We hope so!

YOUNG PERSONS' MANIFESTO | Saturday 27 March, 6pm, FREE

Young Producers

Huge scrolls climb the walls of BAC's old town hall and council chamber. Come and read and contribute to this collection of young, persuasive political activism. The entire scroll will be shouted from our roof top at *6pm on Saturday 27 March*.

RAVE IN A BOX | Every night, various times and artists, FREE

Young Producers

Come and experience a live intimate audio experience just for you. Get your sweat on!

CAFÉ LIVE | Every night, various times and artists, FREE

Young Producers

The streets, clubs and bus shelters of London have been upturned to find the very best musical, lyrical, rhyming and rhythmical young talent around. Come and see them perform each night in BAC's Café Bar. The search hasn't ended – if you think you've got what it takes – there'll be open mic and jams each evening too – so come and join us!

Performance J'taime | Wednesday 24, 7pm and Thursday 25, 8pm, £5(£3 concs)

Devised by BAC YPT's 12 – 14 year olds

Directed by Little Bulb

You've just had your five minute call; the lights are dimming the curtains are opening and everyone's waiting for you... Join us as we enter the world of performance, go back stage, wing side and out front as you are welcomed into the mind of the performer.

'Boundlessly enthusiastic, insanelly optimistic and inexpressibly charming' Guardian on Little Bulb Theatre

What I Want to Shout About | Wednesday 24, 7.30pm and Thursday 25 – Saturday 27, 7pm, £5 (£3 concs)

Devised by BAC YPT's 14 – 16 year olds

Directed by TdC

We're taking centre stage and we're taking our time. We are ready to tell you the story of our lives that needs to be heard.

YPT3 Scratch | Thursday 25 – Saturday 27, 9pm, £5 (£3 concs)

Devised by YPT3

Journey through BAC's most unusual hidden spaces and see a series of brand new performance pieces and original ideas. These shows are being developed right in front of your eyes and we'd like to ask for your personal thoughts, opinions and feedback.

All the Scratches are created by 17 – 25 year olds who have been given a series of rules and provocations by artists at the forefront of experimental theatre including Lundahl and Seidl, Gerry Pilgrim, Al Nedjari and Hannah Ringham (Shunt).

"Fun and innovative" *Lyn Gardner, Guardian on YPT3*

BAC Beatbox Academy Showcase | Friday 26 & Saturday 27, 7.30pm, £5 (£3 concs)

Created by 11 – 19 year olds

Directed by the UK Beatbox champions – SHLOMO, MC ZANI and JESTER

Come and see Britain's first Beatbox Academy take the art of beatboxing into territories you never thought possible.

"One of the best things I've ever done" *Che, Beatbox Academy Participant*

Junction 25

BAC also welcomes two performances from **Junction 25**; Glasgow's acclaimed company of teenage performers and devisers. These two heart-warming shows are exemplary examples of some of the best work by young people in the UK and are a perfect example of the quality of work possible from and with young people.

I Hope My Heart Goes First | Saturday 26 March, 8pm, £8 (£5 concs)

A youthful exploration of the curious workings of the human heart from love to *Madness* to cardiac arrest.

From Where I'm Standing | Sunday 27 March, 8pm, £8 (£5 concs)

A tender, funny and energetic exploration of family dynamics as the company perform alongside their own parents.

'One of the best pieces I've seen anywhere. A brilliant and exhilarating piece of theatre' **Guardian**

Listings Information

Venue:	Battersea Arts Centre
Address:	Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TN
Dates:	24 – 27 March
Times:	7.00pm
Price:	Most shows £5 / £3 concessions (buy more than 1 ticket and get the cheapest ones for £1)
Box Office:	020 7223 2223
Transport:	Clapham Junction overground station