

What to  
Expect Guide

9-19 JUL  
DIECAST

# AND NOW I KNOW WHAT LOVE IS

BLACKHAINE



manchester  
international  
festival  
2025 3-20 Jul

# WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

This guide has important information about **Blackhaine: And Now I Know What Love Is** including **when and where** the event will happen and information about **access provisions**.

The guide has some information about **what will happen** at the event. The event is still being made, so some things **may change**.

## What is 'Blackhaine: And Now I Know What Love Is'?

Blackhaine: And Now I Know What Love Is – is a **performance** including **music, text and dance**.

## Manchester International Festival

The event is part of Manchester International Festival (MIF).

MIF is a festival that happens every 2 years in Manchester bringing the most exciting artists on the planet to Manchester to create new work.

## WHERE WILL IT HAPPEN?



This event is at **Diecast**.

The full address is **51 Ducie St, Manchester M1 2JQ**.

The what3words are **icons.composers.cards**.

## Getting to the venue



For transport information please **visit**:  
<https://factoryinternational.org/mif25-venue-access-information/diecast/>

## Venue Entrance

The **main entrance** to the venue is on Ducie Street and is down **13 stairs**.



The **accessible entrance** is to the right of the main entrance, down a wide concrete slope.

## VENUE ACCESSIBILITY



There is an **accessible toilet**. You do not need a radar key to use the accessible toilet.



Inside the venue is **step-free**. The floor is uneven concrete with a gentle slope.



**Assistance dogs** are welcome in our building.

If you are bringing an assistance dog to a ticketed event, **please let us know in advance** via email or phone (see back page).



Because the venue is a **disused warehouse**, the **temperature** inside is **cool** and there are some areas with **low ceilings**.

## ABOUT THE EVENT



The event is a **performance** including **music, text and dance**.



Audience members are invited to **move around the space** during the performance whilst listening to the music and watching the dancing.



There will be **seats available**, including some portable stools.

The event is **1 hours and 50 minutes long**, with no interval. **Re-entry is allowed**. There will be a bar in the space.

## Tickets



You need a ticket for this event you can buy them here: <https://factoryinternational.org/whats-on/blackhaine/>

## ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE



This performance often **changes quickly** from slow, quiet and intimate to fast, loud and overwhelming.



There will be heavy use of **haze**.



There will be heavy and sustained **strobe lighting**. There is a sequence of repeated strobe effects which lasts approximately 5 **minutes**, which takes place **55 minutes** into the performance.



The sound levels get **very loud** at certain moments.



The sound includes music and live instruments that may be **overwhelming** and **difficult to listen to**.

## Content Warning:

The performance includes content about:



**III Mental health**



## Ritual and Stages of The Life Cycle



## Death and Grief

# ACCESS PERFORMANCES



There will be an **audio described** performance on **Friday 18 July at 7:30pm.**



There will be a **captioned** performance on **Thursday 17 July at 7:30pm.** The captioning will be on handheld devices.



For more information about the event and venue, please visit:

**[www.factoryinternational.org/whats-on/blackhaine/](http://www.factoryinternational.org/whats-on/blackhaine/)**

To speak to our team, you can email us at

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