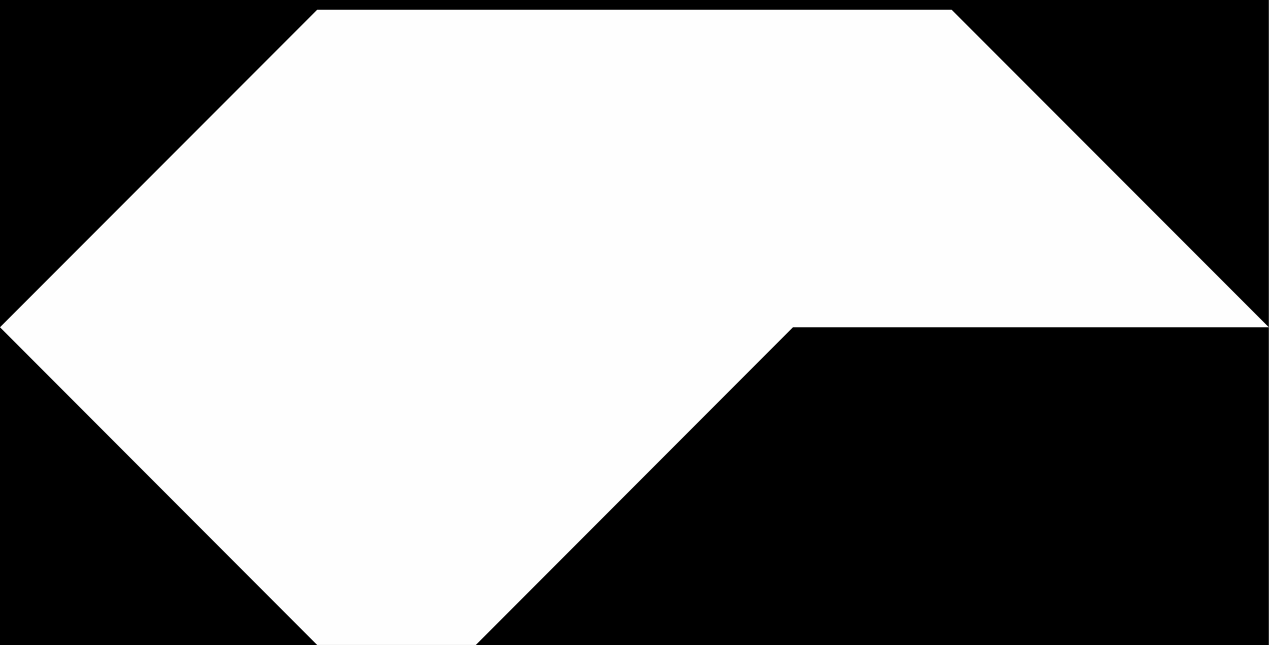


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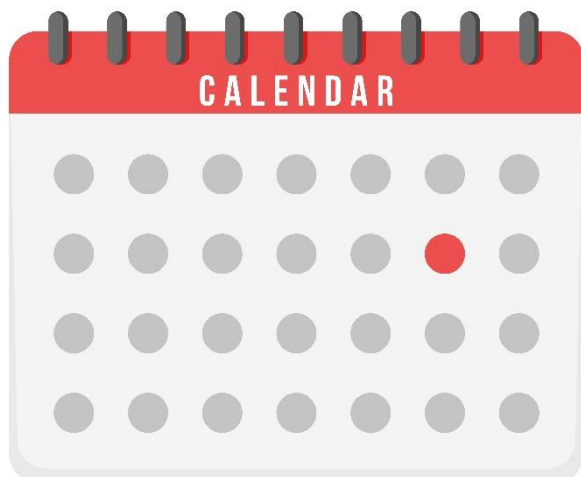
WHAT TO EXPECT
FIND YOUR EYES





What is the event?

Find Your Eyes is a live art performance created by Benji Reid



When is the event?

The event takes place on

Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm

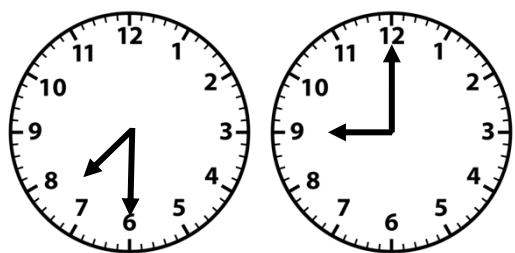
Thursday 13th July 7.30pm

Friday 14th July 7.00pm

Saturday 15th July 2.30pm (this performance has a BSL interpreter and captions)

Saturday 15th July 7.30pm

Sunday 16th July 2.30pm



How long is the event?

The event runs for 90 minutes with no interval.



Where is the event and how do I get in?

The event takes place at Manchester Academy 1. It is found along Oxford Road in central Manchester between Manchester University Student Union and CONTACT theatre.

The main entrance is where the arrow in the photo is pointing. The door is on the side of the glass rectangular part of the building, which has strips of colour around the top.



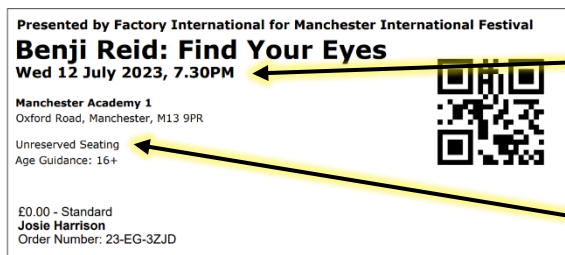
Point of assistance

Look for the staff members wearing black t-shirts with the words **Factory International** on them. They will be able to help you with anything you need.

There will always be a staff member positioned in the corridor that leads to the event space, go to them if you have any questions or would like someone to check in with.

Where is the box office?

When you walk through the main doors you will see the box office in front of you. It is a window in the wall. If you need any help with your ticket the people here can help



What your ticket looks like

Date and time of the event is here

There is no seat number on your ticket, you can sit anywhere you want at this event.



Where you will sit

All seating in this event is unreserved which means you can choose where you sit.

When you enter the space it will be slightly darker with raked seats like the ones in the picture.

The front row is reserved for anyone who cannot sit further back or needs step-free access.

There might be some couches on the front row that you can sit on if you would like to.

What to expect at the event

This event tells a very personal story, where Benji talks about how photography became their passion and what it means to them. These stories were recorded by Benji previously and played through speakers. They also talk about times in their life which were difficult and sad and about some bad things that happened to them.

Benji tells this story by using their photos of three dancers. The photos are projected live on large screens. A DJ on the left side of the stage plays music throughout the show.



Scent and smell

During the performance the DJ on the left side of the stage will light incense (something which burns and creates a fragrance) - so the event space might have strong smells at certain times.



The cast

This is Benji Reid. They are the creator of this show and they will be telling their personal story. They take photos and make performances like this one.

Content Warning

Some of the things that Benji will talk about may be upsetting. Benji will talk about violence, discrimination, abortion and suicide at different times.

If you feel affected by what is being talked about you can always take a break and go out to the corridor. There will be a staff member in the corridor who can provide support.



How might the audience behave?

People who are watching *Find Your Eyes* will have different reactions to different parts of the performance.

Some people might look sad when hearing parts of it. Some people might look cross and feel angry hearing about some of the things that happened to Benji. People may smile or laugh at other times.

At the end, people may stand or clap to show they appreciated the performance. You can join in with this, but you don't have to.



Access for Find Your Eyes

The venue is step free with large double doors that can both be opened.

On Saturday 15th July 2.30pm, there will be a BSL interpreter translating the show.

There will be a sign to show where they will be standing.

On this day, there will also be captions (the words that are said shown on a screen). The screen will be hanging above the performance space.

Our staff can show you to seats where you can get the best view of the captions or the BSL interpreter if you need to use them.



Where are the toilets?

There are toilets and one large accessible toilet located on the ground floor to the right of the bar (near the event space) and a second one on the balcony level (accessible by lift from the foyer).