

The logo features the word "GRAEAE" in a black, sans-serif font above the word "BEYOND" in a large, bold, pink, sans-serif font. The text is set against a yellow arrow-shaped background that points to the right.

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# **Graeae's Beyond Showcase**

## **A Visual Guide**

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# About The Octagon



You are **visiting**  
the **Octagon**  
**Theatre.**



This is the **front** of  
the **building.**



This is the  
**entrance** to the  
building.

# About The Octagon



The **Box Office** is straight ahead as you **enter**.

**Here** you can:

Ask for **directions**.

**Collect** a lanyard with your **name** on it.



**Octagon staff** will be wearing **green lanyards**.

They will be **happy** to **help** if you need **assistance**.

## About The Octagon



You can get to **every floor** of the venue by **stairs** or **lift**.

You can **ask** the **assistants** for **directions**.



**Studio 2** will be available as a **quiet space** throughout the day.

You can **ask** staff to **help** you to **get here**.

# About The Octagon



There is an **accessible toilet** on **every floor** and a **changing places** available.



This is the **Main Auditorium**.

This is **where the Showcase** will take place.



The **Main auditorium** is to the **left of Box Office**.

# Access Resources



At the **Showcase** we will have an **access table**.

This is also **where** you will **find** our team of **Access Support Workers**.



Our access table is **for everyone**.

It will have some **sensory items** from each show, along with **access resources** like:

- **Ear defenders** and **Ear Plugs**

## What will happen at The Showcase



You are **welcome** to **arrive** from **10:30am**.

The **Foyer** and **Box Office** will be **open**.



The **Showcase** will **begin** in the **Auditorium** at **11am**.



There will be an **introduction** and three short **performances**.



## What will happen at The Showcase



**Jenny Sealey** will introduce the day.

Jenny is the **Artistic Director** of **Graeae Theatre Company**.



The **performances** have been made by **artists** on **Graeae's BEYOND** programme.



The **Showcase** will last for **90 minutes**.

This **next** part includes **details** of the **plot**, along with **content warnings**.

**Stop** reading **here** if you'd like to **wait** until the **performance** to **find out** what happens.

Continue reading from **page 16** to find out what happens after the showcase ends.

# COCOON



The first performance is called **Cocoon** and is performed by **Farrell Cox**.

## Content warnings



This performance includes:

- Sexual references
- Discussions of medical surgeries
- Mild swearing



The **audience** might be invited to **hold wigs** and **shea butter** as part of this performance.



This **performance** is **part aerial hoop** movement and **part story telling**.



The performance **starts** in a **hair salon**.

There is a black **trolley**, a vanity **table** and a salon **robe**.



A **woman enters** the hair **salon** - she has just received unexpected **news** about her **health**.



The **woman** is remembering parts of her **past**.



She **remembers** a time when her **hair** was falling out.



The **story** moves between a **hair salon** and a **hospital**.

# The Last Game



The next show will be **two scenes from** Emily Howlett's play, **The Last Game.**



## Content warning

**This performance includes:**

Flirting

Adultery

Arguments and conflict



The Last Game is **set** in an **escape room.**



**Ciaran Stewart**  
will be playing  
the role of **Ben.**



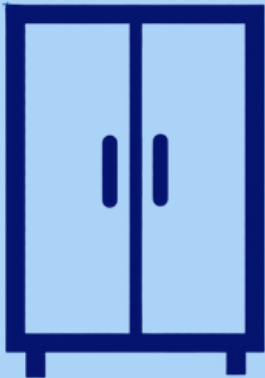
**Dan Parr** will be  
playing the role  
of **Jake.**



**Emily Howlett**  
will be playing  
the role of  
**Fearne.**



The characters are **celebrating** their friend **Ben's birthday**.



Ben's sister **Fearne** gets **accidentally locked** in a **cupboard** with **Jake**.



**Fearne** has **feelings** for **Jake** but he **is** in a **relationship** with **someone else**.





**Jake** has **not** been **loyal** or **honest** in his current relationship.



The play is about these **secrets** coming out.



The **characters** deal with their **feelings** of **betrayal**.

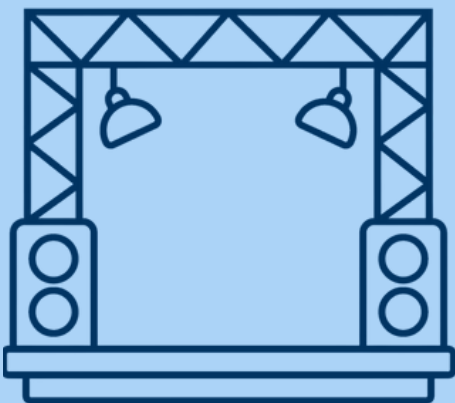
# AYO



The last performance is called **AYO** and has been made by **Sarah 'Rain' Kolawole**.



During the show there will be **live music**. This includes **the flute** and **Kora** and the **drums**.



Some of the **audience** will be **invited** onto the **stage**.

It is **up to you** if you want to go on stage.

# AYO



**Simi Roach** will be playing the role of **AYO**.



**Trudy Ward** will be playing the role of the **Butterfly**.



**AYO** is a **multi-sensory** performance.

This means there will be **different sounds, smells and sights**.

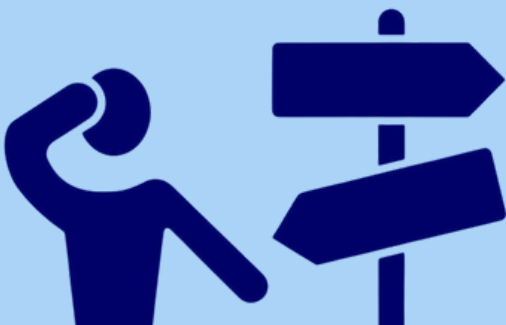


The performance is about a Disabled girl called **Ayo** who is on **holiday in Lagos.**

**Lagos** is a city in **Nigeria.**



**Ayo** meets a beautiful **butterfly.**



The **butterfly** **distracts Ayo** and she **gets lost** in **Lagos.**



**Ayo** and the **butterfly** experience **strange** things when they are **lost**.



**Ayo** finds her **family** again on the **beach**.

**END**



When the **Showcase ends** the **audience** may clap and **make noises**.

## After the Showcase



The **shows** will **end** at **12:30pm**.



**12:30pm-1:30pm**

**Lunch** will be **available** for **everyone** on the **ground floor**.



**1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Networking** will take place in the **Crescent Room** and the **First Floor Bar**.



In **networking** you can **share** your **creative ideas** and **connect** with others.

There will be coloured **stickers** available for the **networking**.

You can **collect** these at the **networking info table** from the **first floor bar**.



Networking stickers guide:

**Red: I am not available**

**Orange: I might be available**

**Green: I am available**



Our **access team** will be available to **help** you at **any time** throughout this event.



The **Beyond Showcase** will **end** at **3pm**.



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