Women of the World festival

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Has there ever been a more exciting time of change for girls and women? There's so much to celebrate and so much to improve and it needs everyone to be involved.

I founded *WOW* - Women of the World Festivals in 2010 because I felt we needed a place to get together, to talk and discuss in a spirited, frank and inclusive way all the barriers and possible solutions to achieving a gender equal world and also create an understanding of the intersections that further divide us.

WOW Perth 2018 is our 50th festival, and we're proud to celebrate this with the people of Perthshire and beyond. Scotland has been a major force for women's empowerment and it's important that the conversations, awareness and activism that *WOW* facilitates take place in smaller communities as well as major cities.

We are excited to be building on nearly a decade of *WOW* working as a conduit for change and so after 12 incredible years as Artistic Director of the Southbank Centre I have left to establish The *WOW* Foundation. This will exist as an independent charity working with national and international partners to build upon and further the work that *WOW* festivals have begun.

WOW is now in over 15 countries across 5 continents. Two million women are a part of the *WOW* movement, which grows daily - you can see our global map of festivals on p.19 in this programme. Men and boys are an important part of *WOW* - we all benefit from a gender equal world.

WOW Perth is a festival - not a conference or a symposium - because we want to attract and celebrate women and girls from all walks of life. Despite the gravity and seriousness of the issues that hold us back, we aim to build a place of warmth, shared respect and fun.

Now in it's second year, *WOW* Perth has been led by the incredible Lou Brodie who has worked with the whole community to create this thoughtful, generous and rigorous programme where there exists a platform for so many different voices. I'm looking forward to an inspiring weekend filled with celebration and debate and having conversations with lots of amazing women.

Jude Kelly CBE
Founder,
***WOW* - Women of the World festival**

Kalpesh Lathigra

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Welcome

I'm so delighted and proud to share with you the programme for our second edition of *WOW* Perth hosted in the beautifully restored Perth Theatre - a venue whose history is steeped with the stories of badass women.

In the year since we presented our first festival there have been some significant shifts in the fight for gender equality. No longer an urban centric conversation, gender equality is being discussed across Scotland's rich landscape and now more than ever we must push forward. Perth is uniquely placed to bring people together and foster this dialogue as we celebrate the amazing women leading the way locally, having difficult and important conversations and making change happen.

Diversity and inclusivity stand front and centre at *WOW*. The festival aims to inspire debate as well as positive change. It is a call to action not just of the head but of the heart also. Join us for a weekend of thoughtful, emotional and practical enrichment, and for dancing, laughing and talking to people from all corners of our community. The festival is a space for you to connect with those you may not have met before, to ask the questions you've been dying to ask and take risks. Bring a friend, colleague or family member who needs to join this vital and urgent conversation. *WOW* Perth 2018 is for everyone and celebrates all those who identify as women, girls and non-binary, and the men and boys who support them.

I would like to take the time to say thanks to the people who support *WOW* Perth: Nicki and the team at The Red String Agency, Becca our fantastic *WOW* facilitator, all of the team at Horsecross Arts especially Anna Beedham and Michael Heasman, our truly brilliant volunteers and *WOW*sers, all the organisations and individuals who have taken the time to meet with me and offered their resources and support and of course, a huge thanks to all those who joined for this years Thinkins and helped shape the festival.

We can't wait to welcome everyone to this year's festival!

Louise Brodie,
***WOW* Perth Programmer**

THE *WOW* FOUNDATION

The *WOW* Foundation is currently in the process of applying for charitable status. The Foundation will grow the *WOW* global movement towards gender equality through festivals, leadership and education programmes, advocacy and celebration. You can find more information and sign up to hear about our festivals at **thewowfoundation.com**

Festival

WOW Passes

Buy a *WOW* pass to gain access to all the events marked as PART OF PASS as you pick and mix your own timetable of talks, debates and performances, be it for one day or the whole weekend. Day and Weekend pass holders have a choice of activities throughout the festival. If your first choice is full due to limited capacity do not worry. We encourage you to try other sessions - sometimes an unexpected second choice will be the best thing you'll see!

Day pass:
£12 | concession £9

Weekend pass:
£20 | concession £16
(price includes £1.50 booking fee)

Ticketed Events

Want to attend an event ticketed separately from your pass, or are you visiting *WOW* for a specific ticketed event? Buy tickets online or on site from our box office.

Free but Ticketed Events

There are a number of free events that require you to reserve a ticket due to limited capacity. This applies whether you are a *WOW* pass holder or just exploring the free events of the festival.

Free Events

While you're here, we encourage you to explore all the free events. Whether you are a ticket or pass holder or not, you can enjoy free exhibitions and pop-up performances all weekend.

How to Book

Online
horsecross.co.uk

Phone
Box Office:
01738 621031

In person
Perth Theatre or
Perth Concert Hall
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Perth
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@wowglobal

WOW Schools Day
Friday 28 September

A day for secondary school students aged 13-18 to explore gender equality and celebrate their role models and the women from history who have inspired them. Led by an array of artists and speakers, students can make their voices heard through creative workshops, interactive talks, dance and music, leaving them inspired and empowered.

9.30am - 3pm
Perth Theatre
For more information email **wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk**

Information

Access

All venues are accessible to people with disabilities. For building-related access queries, please email **wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk**

A number of the sessions will be live captioned and BSL Interpreted. Please look out for the access symbols in this brochure for details. In addition to the sessions indicated in the brochure, we have some roaming interpreters and an oral interpreter. If you would like to book an interpreter for particular sessions please email **wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk** by Monday 24th September.

Events in Norie-Miller Studio

For help finding the Norie-Miller Studio situated in Perth Concert Hall, follow signage, ask a Host or go to the Festival Welcome Desk.

WOW Crèche

Babes in arms are welcome to all *WOW* sessions. There will also be crèche facilities for children aged 5 and under available each day of the festival. To book a place for your child email us at **wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk** Crèche places are free for day and weekend pass holders.

WOW Volunteers

The *WOW* volunteers are on hand all weekend to welcome you to the festival, answer queries, offer help and share information about the festival programme. When you see them, be sure to say hello!

*WOW*sers

The *WOW*sers are young people aged 14-18 working together in the lead-up to the festival to create a piece of work to be showcased at *WOW* Perth 2018. They are also speaking on various panels throughout the weekend, ensuring that the voices, opinions and interests of Perth's young people are represented.

Shop, Eat and Drink

Festival venue Perth Theatre Café and Bar is the perfect place to meet, eat and catch up with *WOW* friends. Take advantage of one of our festival deals or choose from one of the many eateries on our doorstep.

WOW Partner Venue

Horsecross Arts is excited to be partnering with Southbank Centre to bring Scotland's only *WOW* Festival to Perth. The creative organisation behind Perth Concert Hall and Perth Theatre, Horsecross Arts runs a programme ranging from classical to comedy, theatre to trad music, family shows to festivals, contemporary art to community activities - there is always something going on!

Situated in the heart of the city, Perth Concert Hall has some of the finest acoustics in Europe and light and airy public places. Just up the road, the restored and redeveloped Perth Theatre combines a historic Edwardian auditorium with modern performance spaces and welcoming public areas. At the centre of cultural life in Perthshire, Perth Concert Hall and Perth Theatre are a destination and a resource for everyone.

Equality.
If not now,
why?

Saturday 29

WOW Morning Yoga

Stretch out in preparation for the weekend's events. Mothers and babies welcome. Bring your own mat if you have one, and we'll have some too.

9am - 10am
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

WOW Run*

Start your *WOW* weekend with a family friendly 5km park run around the North Inch. We will aim to be back by 11am, invigorated and ready to enjoy the rest of the festival.
**Family friendly and suitable for all abilities, volunteers will be on hand to support. Runners under 11 must run with an adult. Meet at the Festival Welcome Desk at 9am.*

9am - 11am
Free but Ticketed

Sweep Through the Year

It's been a tumultuous 12 months, so join us to navigate the ups and downs for women, followed by in-depth explorations on the big stories, from those in the know. Speakers include: Katie Horsburgh from the First Minister's National Advisory Committee for Women and Girls, Victoria Heaney founder of the Free Period Movement, Sue John from Glasgow's Women's Library and a performance from Debra Salem and the Menopause Choir.

10am - 11am
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

Under 10's Feminist Corner

Feminism isn't just for grown-ups ... or teenagers! Are you a budding young feminist? Do you think girls should have the same opportunities in life as boys? If so, we've got the perfect session for you. Join other girls and boys for an interactive workshop led by Lauren Oakes, exploring what being a girl means, and get tips on how to start a campaign in your bedroom.
This is a mixed session for all genders aged 6-10 years old. These workshops are for young people only.

10am - 11.15am
Space One
Free but Ticketed

Art and Activism

Get crafty at our art and activism table where you'll find a variety of activities throughout Saturday from producing femzines, creating your own suffragette sash and designing your own 'Super Shero'. A great place for all ages to meet new people and make new friends.

11.30am - 4pm
Level Two Walkway
Free

WOW Schools Day

Christina Riley

Intersectionality in Action

"*I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own.*"
Audre Lorde
Many women are held back not just by their gender. As a predominantly white, able bodied society how do we make sure our own personal fight and Scotland's fight for gender equality is truly intersectional? Our panel including Director of Equate Scotland and founder of Women 50/50 Talat Yaqoob, Activist Mina Baird and local Outreach Officer Samaira Ali will discuss how they are putting intersectionality into practice as they place issues like race, class, sexuality and disability front and centre in their fight against sexism.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

Who's Afraid of Feminist Economics?

Has economics cemented gender inequality? 'Feminist Economics' says it has - by habitually ignoring women. So what is it and what does it offer, or does traditional economics already have the answers? Join us for this panel discussion hosted by Engender - Scotland's feminist membership organisation that advocates for all of society to have equal opportunities in life.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

Women in the Criminal Justice System: A Conversation Café

Scotland has one of the highest populations of female prisoners. Lucy Mulvenna of Perth's One Stop Women's Learning Service and Kirstie Morrison past offender and peer mentor for OWLS, discuss what is being done to support women in the criminal justice system and the changes that are taking place across Scotland.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Space One
PART OF PASS

Body Image: Glasgow Women's Library Story Café

Join us at this Glasgow Women's Library Story Café to chill out and listen to readings as some of the best women writers worldwide get to grips with body image in fiction and poetry that is challenging, funny and moving. Pull up a chair and become part of the story.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Space Two
PART OF PASS

How To Change A Tyre

Back by popular demand Dr Rhona Croft is on hand to give you all the tips and tricks on how to change a tyre.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Meet at the
Festival Welcome Desk
Free

Breastfeeding: A Conversation Café

Join us for an informal conversation café supporting and celebrating mums feeding their babies in public. Eat cake, drink tea, make friends and share stories with women, parents-to-be and those who are interested in discussing all things breastfeeding. Hosted by Breast Buddies.

11.30am - 12.30pm
Level One Café Bar
Free

Power, Purpose and Progress: A Different Approach to Leadership

Come together in this session to share visions and stories of alternative approaches to leadership. Our speakers will share their real life experiences and provide provocations before opening out the discussion to everyone. The session will end with us working together and creating practical examples to take back to our workplaces, communities and educational institutions. Speakers include; Penny East, Head of Communications at Safelives, Kathryn Welch, Operations Director for Macrobert Arts Centre, Amanda Kilroy, Director of Social Innovation at CoLab Exeter and Huda Jawad, Activist and Writer.

11.30am – 12.30pm
Norie-Miller Studio
PART OF PASS

Christina Riley

Being A Man

With 'feminism' named the word of 2017 by Merriam-Webster, we look to the future with hope for ongoing activism and energy around gender equality. But how can men and boys work to support feminism? How can we empower boys and young men to speak out and support their female peers? Speakers include Actor and Musician Jordan Stephens and Perth Theatre Associate Artist Ross MacKay.

1pm - 2pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

The Digital Gaze: Surveillance is a Feminist Issue

Bring your phone or device and join Perth Theatre Associate Artist and creator of *The Big Data Show* Clare Duffy and tech experts Rupert Goodwins and Freda O'Byrne as they offer a hands on interactive workshop which will provide practical information and advice about how you can stay in control of your online experiences. As part of the session Clare, Rupert and Freda will invite you to test out their new app *Swipe - Big Data Show*.

1pm - 2pm
Space Two
PART OF PASS

YES! YES! YES! Discussion Group

Get a whistle-stop tour of female pleasure in this workshop, covering everything from sex toys and stimulating your G spot, to why the A, C and O spots are rarely talked about, and why the clitoris is undersold. Expect to leave with a new view on all things vulva, and tips to help you reach your multi-orgasmic potential. Age 16+

1pm - 2pm
Space One
PART OF PASS

Mental Wealth: Because You're Worth It

Our mental health like our physical health is something that must be paid attention to, exercised and nurtured. A fifth of women - and one in four pregnant women - are reported to suffer from a mental health issue such as anxiety and depression, compared to one in eight men. Hear from panelists Dr Eve Hepburn, founder of online magazine Fearless Femme, Louise Johnstone, organiser of the Heart Tay Heart Festival and Tomiwa Folorunso from the Young Women's Movement as they share what they have done to positively impact their mental well-being and discuss how we can challenge the stigma and shame around women's mental health. Chaired by Rachel Weiss

1pm - 2pm
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

Motherhood: A Conversation Café

From the birth to whether you breastfeed, to whether you work or stay at home - mothers are under scrutiny. Where do modern mothers find support when the world is busy judging them? Join our conversation cafe and share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives. This session is aimed at anyone who considers themselves a mum, including (but not limited to) mums-in-law, stepmums, foster mums and adoptive mums. Maybe you're not a mum yet but are considering it, or you're expecting. You may not call yourself a mum, but are considered a parent or carer by others.

1pm - 2.30pm
Norie-Miller Studio
PART OF PASS

New Balls Please!

Join us at Perth's North Inch park for a celebration of women and sport. Meet local and national sportswomen and have a go in a friendly and fun environment.
For those who would like some help to find the park you can meet our volunteers at the Festival Welcome Desk at 12.45pm and we will walk together.

1pm - 3pm
North Inch Park
Free

Wild Ones: A Walking Conversation Café

Join storyteller and wild space advocate Claire Hewitt for a facilitated walk-and-talk around the North Inch park. A chance to discuss the stories of wildness and women and the importance of connecting with outdoor spaces.
The route will be gentle and there will be stopping points along the way.

2pm - 3.45pm
Meet at the
Festival Welcome Desk
Free

WOW Bites

Come along to *WOW* Bites for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments delivered by all sorts of women with amazing stories. Five speakers will share a range of stories from the serious to the funny. Speakers include: Andrea Johnstone talking about WITH - Women in the Highlands a current WEA Scotland initiative. Charlotte Flower discusses what it takes to set up and run a rural nano business. Hanan Al-Haifi tells us about her project which shares success stories of independent Arab women to provide relatable role models and inspirational content for the millennial Arab girl. Jenni Keenan discusses her relationship with childlessness.

2.30pm - 3.30pm
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

Gusset Grippers

'Laugh don't leak!'

A shocking 1 in 3 women and 1 in 9 men wet themselves. Leaking is common and most cases of stress incontinence can be cured. Get your festival comedy fix by witnessing the joy that is Elaine Miller's *Gusset Grippers* - a stand up comedy show that brings pelvic floor health to the masses. You'll leave this thoroughly entertaining show knowing what a pelvic floor is, what it does, why having a good one is smashing and where to take yours if it is a bit broken. Elaine Miller is a physiotherapist, comedian, mother of three giant headed children and a recovered incontinent. She did the obvious thing and combined all of those to create *Gusset Grippers*. *"Startling and humorous insights"* Sydney Herald. *Gusset Grippers* is Elaine's contribution to breaking down the taboos which surround incontinence and sexual dys-functions, the first fringe show to improve orgasms for both men and women, and that's scientifically proven!

Followed by a Q&A

2.30pm - 4pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

Bearing the Burden: Women and Poverty

This session will be delivered by Twimukye Mushaka - Senior Fieldwork Development Officer from The Poverty Alliance. Using participatory methods and discussion we will explore the social and economic injustices facing women in Scotland today. From the changes to our welfare system, child poverty and challenging stigma, come along to discover what is being done, what else could be done and how you can be part of making positive change.

2.30pm - 4pm
Space One
PART OF PASS

Breaking the Silence: Giving Testimony

Hear survivors of rape, sexual assault and domestic abuse speak first hand about their experiences. The second hour of the session will be an open discussion looking at what happens when you speak out in public about violence committed against you.

2.30pm - 4.30pm
Space Two
PART OF PASS

Speed Mentoring*

Join experts from many fields including journalists, scientists, theatre directors, campaigners, *WOW* speakers and many more for three individual 15-minute mentoring sessions to share your challenges, exchange ideas and potentially identify a new mentor.

**Please note our speed mentoring sessions have a very limited capacity and mentees will be welcomed to the session on a first-come first-served basis.*

3pm - 4pm
Norie-Miller Studio
PART OF PASS

Saturday Closing Session: Jude Kelly Keynote

Jude Kelly CBE, founder of *WOW* - Women of the World festival, delivers a keynote on how the festival is contributing to global change and why a gender-equal world is a much better world for everyone.

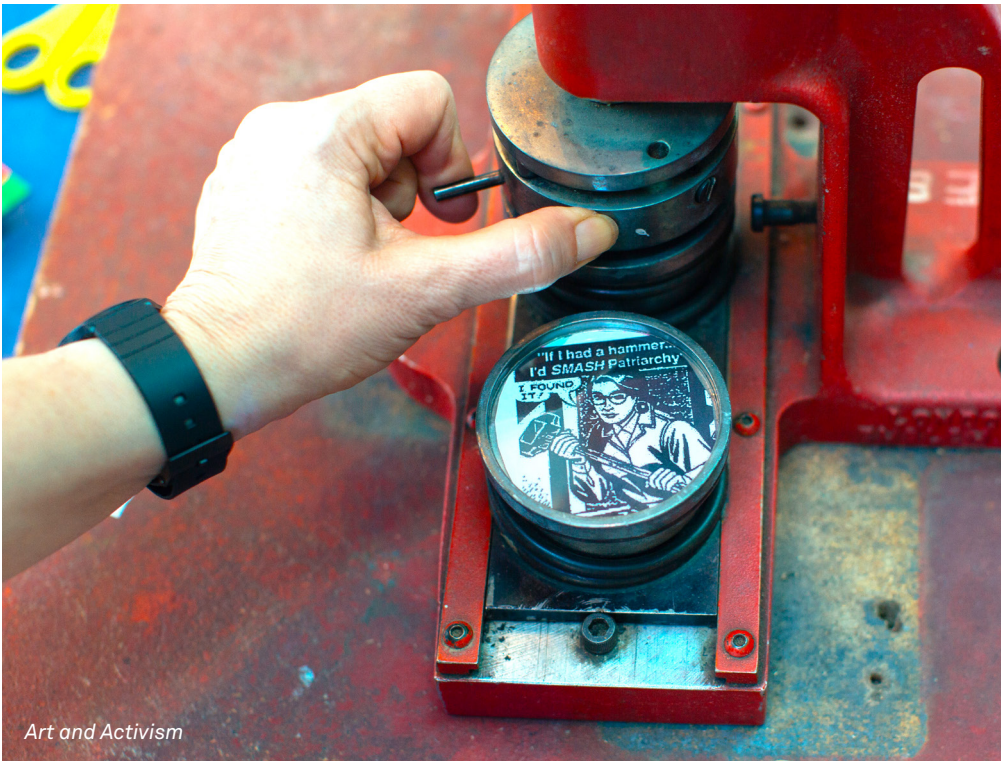
4.30pm - 5pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

The Vagina Monologues

An Obie award-winning whirlwind tour of a forbidden zone, *The Vagina Monologues* introduces a wildly divergent gathering of female voices, including a six-year-old girl, a septuagenarian New Yorker, a vagina workshop participant, a woman who witnessed the birth of her granddaughter, a Bosnian survivor of rape, and a feminist happy to have found a man who "liked to look at it."

Presented by Perth & Kinross and Dundee & Angus Rape and Sexual Abuse Centres.

7.30pm - 9pm
Joan Knight Studio
Free but Ticketed



Jassy Earl

Art and Activism

Sunday 30

Under 10s Feminist Corner

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10.30am - 11.30am
Space One
Free but Ticketed

WOW Views on the News

What better way to start our Sunday than with a *WOW* take on a classic weekend tradition. Dive in-depth into the papers with our panel including Briana Pegado, Founder and Director, Edinburgh Student Arts Festival and Patrycja Kupiec, Director of YWCA Scotland - The Young Women's Movement as they discuss what the headlines mean for gender equality.

10.30am - 11.30am
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

Project X: Dance Workshop

Project X is changing the conversations and perceptions around dance within the African Diaspora in Scotland. Through profiling practitioners and platforming the diverse styles, they celebrate our heritage and broaden the mainstream consciousness. Join Project X at *WOW* for a dynamic dance workshop that will not only move your body but enrich your perceptions and ideas of representation. *No previous dance experience is required, suitable for all abilities.*

11.30am - 1pm
Norie-Miller Studio
PART OF PASS

Wild Ones: A Walking Conversation Café

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11.30am - 1pm
Meet at the
Festival Welcome Desk
Free

Creating Heroines: Puppetry Workshop

Fresh from *WOW* Karachi and *WOW* London, award-winning Pakistani puppeteer Yamina Peerzada joins us at *WOW* Perth. Yamina will be collaborating with a Scottish puppeteer to explore issues of gender equality, in the different cultural contexts of Scotland and Pakistan. Join them in this drop-in session and discover how to use puppetry to create our own heroines.

11.30am - 3pm
Level Two Walkway
Free

WOW Bites

Come along to *WOW* Bites for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments delivered by all sorts of women with amazing stories. Five speakers will share a range of stories from the serious to the funny.

12pm - 1pm
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

Jassy Earl

Speed Mentoring

You and #MeToo

The #MeToo hashtag has uncovered the global scale of sexual assault and harassment and became a rallying cry and show of solidarity for survivors - mostly women, and some men too. Join our panelists as they discuss what the reality is for women and girls in Scotland and how we are trying to tackle this global epidemic. Chaired By Karen Boyle, Professor of Feminist Media Studies and Director of the Applied Gender Studies programme at the University of Strathclyde.

12pm - 1pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

We Need to Talk About Alcohol: A Discussion Group

In Scotland, we drink more than people in England and Wales, and more than many other European countries. There has been a dramatic increase in women's drinking over the last 30 years. However, double standards are still common, and women's drinking is judged more harshly than men's drinking. Join us to discuss the pain and pleasure of women's drinking in Scotland. Speakers include Alison Douglas, Chief Executive of Alcohol Focus Scotland and Dr Carol Emslie researcher and co-creator of the website genderandalcohol.co.uk

12pm - 1pm
Space Two
PART OF PASS

Speed Mentoring

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12pm - 1pm
Space One
PART OF PASS

Menopause Café

Join us to drink tea, eat cake and talk about the menopause. There's no speaker and no agenda, just the sharing of experiences, jokes and questions about the menopause. Open to all ages and genders to join in the conversation or just come and listen. Led by Founder Rachel Weiss.

12pm - 1.30pm
Level One café bar
Free

Badass Women from History: Pride Edition

Hear from a panel of some of Scotland's top LGBTQIA+ people including Editor of Diva Magazine Carrie Lyell, Musician Horse McDonald and Activist and Campaigner Mridul Wadhwa as they get inspired by the courage, initiative, intelligence, willpower and all-round badassery of some of the greatest LGBTQIA+ women in history.

1.30pm - 2.30pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

Abortion

Every year, over 56 million women have an abortion around the world, with over half that number still done unsafely. This year the world watched as the Republic of Ireland repealed the ban on abortion, our panel discuss the questions surrounding the debate. Chaired by Jude Kelly, Founder, *WOW* - Women of the World Festival

1.30pm - 2.30pm
Joan Knight Studio
PART OF PASS

Suffrajitsu

Join Fair City Jiu Jitsu instructor Steven Gray and our *WOW*sers for a mashup of 'herstory' and self defense as our experts celebrate the suffragettes whilst teaching you some matriarchal martial arts moves for mindfulness and confidence.

1.30pm – 3pm
Norie-Miller Studio
PART OF PASS

Menstruation: Glasgow Women's Library Story Café

Every day, over 800million women and girls have their period - it's been the subject of fiction, poetry and myth since the beginning of time and women have been telling stories about it that are profound, powerful and sometimes hysterically funny for just as long. Join Glasgow Women's Library to chill out and hear how women writers worldwide have broken the taboos of menstruation. Pull up a chair and become part of the story.

1.30pm - 3pm
Space One
PART OF PASS

Power Ballad Your Stress Away

Join Perth's First Ladies of Country for an hour of singing your heart out to your favourite girl power anthems.

1.30pm - 3pm
Space Two
PART OF PASS

Pick of the Festival

So what happens next? Our festival finale will be all about personal activism and how you take the festival energy and make change. Featuring some of the stories and speakers from across the weekend. Hosted by Lou Brodie, *WOW* Perth 2018 Festival Programmer

3.15pm - 4pm
Main Stage
PART OF PASS

WOW Presents: An Evening with Horse McDonald

"What a woman. What a voice!" melody maker
"One of the finest singers in Britain" Q magazine

For the uninitiated, Horse is the iconic Scottish singer songwriter described by Q mag as having, *"a soul deep purr... Scottish and brilliant; McDonald owns one of the finest voices of modern times, soul and intelligence combined"* Her signature song, *Careful* was covered by Will Young. She's toured many times throughout the UK, Europe, USA and Australia and opened or toured for other artists including Tina Turner, Bryan Ferry, Burt Bacarach, and BB King. She is an ambassador for the Nordoff Robbins Music therapy charity, a patron for Switchboard LGBT and for the Clutha Trust. A multi award winner her most recent include induction into the Saltire Society Outstanding Women of Scotland, the DIVA Lifetime achievement award and most recently placed at #43 in the World Pride Power List!

November is the 25th anniversary of her second album *Gods Home Movie,* and this rare, intimate, acoustic performance will feature this album as well as other classic Horse songs from her rich catalogue.

8pm - 9.30pm
Joan Knight Studio
Tickets £18/Concession £15
All tickets include £1.50 booking fee

An Evening with Horse McDonald

Kris Kesiak

Throughout the weekend

WOW Marketplace

The heart and hub of the festival - our specially designed indoor market is a central meeting point where people can gather, find information, do some shopping, network with others, get a feel for the festival and experience a whole range of products, ideas and activities.

10am - 5pm
Perth Theatre Foyer
Free

New Order, Other Spaces

This multi-site solo exhibition by Jo Longhurst explores the gymnastic body across photography, moving image and installation. *New Order, Other Spaces* engages with ideas of perfection, gender, gesture, and inter-generational understandings of movement. It features new commissions produced in collaboration with gymnasts of all ages and in response to archival research including the life and work of dance artist and choreographer Margaret Morris (1891-1980). Part of ***Festival 2018***

Curated by Tiffany Boyle and Iliyana Nedkova. Produced by the artist, curators and Horsecross Arts. Supported by Glasgow 2018 European Championships Festival Fund. Additional support by The Zone, The Glasgow School of Art,Glasgow Life and University of Glasgow.

10am - 6pm
Threshold artspace,
Perth Concert Hall and Theatre
Free

Pop Up Performances

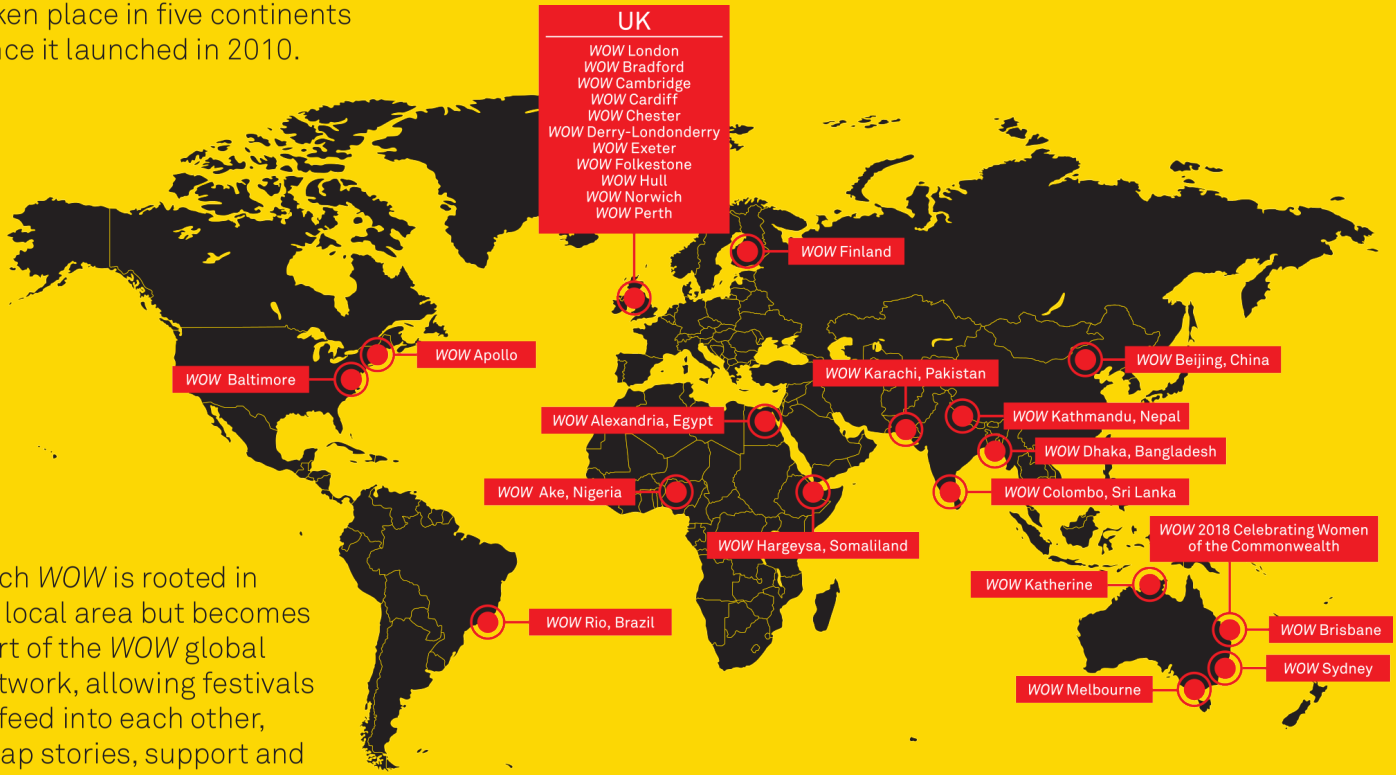
Over the course of the weekend you will encounter a range of pop up performances around the theatre building. Check out our daily diaries for details of where and when each pop up will take place and information on the artists involved. Performances include: Acoustic music set from Debra Salem, *Untitled(Labyrinth)* from Dance Artist Claricia Kruithof, Indian Dance from Shweta Jariwala, All female drumming ensemble - Sheboom.

Women and Food: Recipes for Homesickness

For millennia, women and food have been intrinsically linked with recipes and stories passed down through generation to generation. Throughout the weekend we are inviting you to share these recipes and stories by asking the question: What do you cook to comfort you? Facilitators Rani and Merlyn will gather together your stories and recipes to produce a unique *WOW* Perth cookbook.

11am - 4pm
Level Two Studio Foyer
Free

WOW is a global festival, having taken place in five continents since it launched in 2010.



Each *WOW* is rooted in its local area but becomes part of the *WOW* global network, allowing festivals to feed into each other, swap stories, support and inspire each other, while creating a network of people and ideas.

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Spirit of 2012 is a funding charity, established with a £47m endowment from the Big Lottery Fund. It funds partners across the UK that provide opportunities in sports, physical activity, arts and culture, volunteering and social action. Spirit was founded to continue and recreate the spirit of pride, positivity and social connectedness that people experienced during the London 2012 Games. They invest to create good outcomes for people and communities and have invested over £25 million into community projects in over 100 locations across the UK, benefiting more than 1 million people.

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WOW SPIRIT

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

WOW Spirit is delivering nine *WOW* festivals in five cities across the UK (one in 2016, three in 2017 and five in 2018). It's a Southbank Centre initiative funded by Spirit of 2012. *WOW* Spirit is targeting areas where a lack of cultural infrastructure, limited access to resources and restricted opportunities for female leaders can be barriers to community cohesion. Each festival is based on ideas raised at a series of planning sessions called 'Thinkins'. Everyone can come to these to share their ideas and suggestions and make sure that *WOW* looks at important local issues.

Building new festivals across the UK allows women, men, girls and boys (including some of the most marginalised voices in society) to get actively involved in their local communities. As programmers, volunteers and participants, they can help create a fairer, happier society.

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