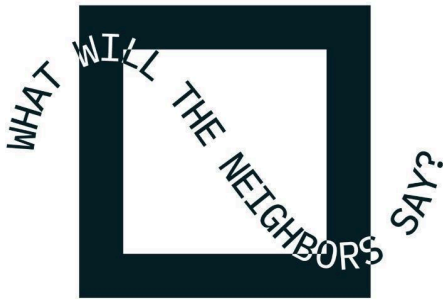


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**The Neighbors Announce
“Queering the Archives”
Fundraiser at Culture Lab June 25th**

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What Will the Neighbors Say? is thrilled to announce their annual benefit event, “**Queering the Archives,**” which will take place at **Culture Lab LIC** on **Tuesday June 25th at 7pm**. The event will feature a reading of a verbatim play created with students of **CUNY Queens College** in the autumn of 2023, when **the Neighbors** paired with the **Gender, Love and Sexuality Alliance (GLASA)**. Alongside students, faculty and archivists, the Neighbors turned the **Alliance’s** archive of journals into a verbatim documentary theater piece originally presented on campus in November. This benefit will raise money for the **CUNY Queens College Special Collections Archives** and the **Queens Memory Project**. Tickets are \$20, and include access to an open wine bar at the reception. Tickets will be available starting next week, and more information can be found on the [Neighbors’ website](http://Neighbors' website). **Culture Lab LIC** is located at **5-25 46th Ave, Queens, NY 11101**.

Once a year, **the Neighbors** curate and organize fundraisers for other non-profit organizations, utilizing their specific skills as artists, curators and creative producers to program high quality and entertaining events that serve their community and expand their creative circle, while raising funds for these crucial causes. Past event include “Cumming for Puerto Rico,” a Latinx mini-festival at **Club Cumming** to raise disaster relief funds in the aftermath of Hurricane María; “Go With the Flow,” an irreverent gala night held at 198 Allen Street to benefit **PERIOD**; and “Affirm THIS!,” a pro-Trans evening of performance and activism hosted in collaboration with the **Queerly Festival**. Collaborators on these projects have included **Alan Cumming, Amyra León, Abbey Feldman, Foxy Belle Afriq, Kate Douglas and Raina Sokolov-Gonzalez**. These events prioritize accessibility, promote diversity and facilitate discourse, and have thus far raised over \$9500 for essential causes.

This event will feature performers including **Ashton Muñoz, Skye Pallo Ross, Keith Weiss** and **Emmy Brett**, and **Co-Artistic Directors James Clements** and **Sam Hood Adrain** will direct the reading. **Hood Adrain** shared “[W]e are thrilled to be bringing this important and moving piece back again, and to share it with our community.” “Sam and I are both passionate about these fundraisers, and are so excited by the dynamic and talented artists who are already confirmed - with more to come,” added **Clements**.

What Will the Neighbors Say? is an investigative theatre company that provokes questions through untold stories. Led by a collaborative cohort of international artists, **the Neighbors** present overlooked social, cultural and historical narratives that challenge the audience to reflect on the current moment. Through a combination of original plays, arts education workshops and dynamic community gatherings, the troupe incites rowdy and rigorous debate at the theatre and throughout **the Neighborhood**.

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