QUEER ALL ABOUT IT: MY QUEER FAMILY

SUBMISSION INFORMATION FOR WRITERS

Green Carnation Company are looking for script submissions for our QUEER ALL ABOUT IT short film commissions.

We are looking for writers to respond to the theme ‘My Queer Family’ exploring what family can mean for LGBTQ+ people. This can be about LGBTQ+ parenting and fostering, LGBTQ+ people choosing our own non-biological families, or relationships between LGBTQ+ family members.

- Script Length: 5 to 8 minutes
- Number of performers: 1
- Deadline: Friday 17 July
- Submissions emailed to: GreenCarnationSubmissions@gmail.com with the subject ‘My Queer Family’
- Winning Commission fee: £500

ABOUT QUEER ALL ABOUT IT

www.greencarnationcompany.com/queer-all-about-it

QUEER ALL ABOUT IT is Green Carnation’s ongoing digital project exploring themes within our theatre projects and other issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

These are topics we care about. Subjects that we feel must be explored, discussed and interrogated to help us understand the complex questions and issues surrounding LGBTQ+ experiences. We explore these through films, articles and interviews.

With generous support from National Lottery and Arts Council England, we are expanding QUEER ALL ABOUT IT in 2020 to commission 4 new pieces of writing responding to specific themes that we will produce and release as short films.
QUEER ALL ABOUT IT SCRIPT CALL OUT: MY QUEER FAMILY

Our QUEER ALL ABOUT IT commissions aim to showcase and develop new LGBTQ+ writing, and to explore and celebrate diverse LGBTQ+ experiences.

These commissions will be selected through open submission call outs, and the winning submissions will receive feedback and further script development, a £500 fee and will have their writing turned into a creative short film that we will share across our networks and platforms.

Our second commission theme is in response to the theme ‘My Queer Family’. We recognise that family can mean many things to LGBTQ+ people, both positive and negative. We are looking for new scripts that celebrate different LGBTQ+ ideas of ‘family’. This could explore different forms of LGBTQ+ parenting (biological, adopted and foster parents), or it can explore the idea of our ‘chosen’ families versus our biological ones, or it could explore the relationships between different LGBTQ+ family members.

We are looking for scripts that are ultimately positive. We are looking to celebrate how we, as LGBTQ+ people, define and redefine just what family means to us.

We are looking for script submissions written for one performer, between 5 and 8 minutes in length. They can be something you’ve already been working on (but is yet to be performed), or they can be written specifically for the commission.

We actively encourage submissions from writers from LGBTQ+ and other diverse backgrounds. We are particularly excited for ideas that can give new, different or unexpected perspectives. As the project is funded by Arts Council England to support UK artists, we can only accept submissions from UK-based writers.

To submit please email submissions to GreenCarnationSubmissions@gmail.com by Friday 17 July with the subject My Queer Family

Please ensure your name and contact details are included on your submission. However you may choose to remain anonymous or use a pen-name in any public information including film credits and public announcements.

LGBTQ+ Family support services

There are some fantastic organisations supporting LGBTQ adoption, parent-planning and family support out there, so we wanted to share just a few:

- Stonewall Parenting Rights: www.stonewall.org.uk/parenting-rights
- New Family Social (LGBT adoption and fostering): www.newfamilysocial.org.uk
- Coram - Ambitious for Adoption: www.coramadoption.org.uk
- Rainbow Fostering: www.rainbowfostering.co.uk
- PAC UK (adoption services): www.pac-uk.org
- NHS Paths to LGBT Parenting: www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/gay-health-having-children
WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SCRIPT IS SELECTED?

If your script is successfully selected, you will receive a fee of £500 (split between two payments upon commission and completion). You will then develop your script over two weeks working with dramaturg and Green Carnation co-artistic director Dan Jarvis.

The script will then be developed into a short film, directed by Green Carnation co-artistic director Dan Ellis and produced by Bloody Bandit films.

The short film will then be freely released and publicised through Green Carnation’s platforms and networks. It will be accompanied by an informative video discussing the themes through interviews with creative team, community and charity experts, and public responses.

TIMELINE

Submissions Open: Mon 29 June 2020
Submissions Close: Fri 17 July 2020
Decision: Fri 24 July 2020
Film release: August 2020

ABOUT GREEN CARNATION COMPANY

QUEER STORIES. QUALITY THEATRE.

Set up by Dan Jarvis and Dan Ellis in 2018, Green Carnation Company are a Manchester based theatre company dedicated to producing high-quality professional theatrical productions and digital content that tackle contemporary issues affecting the queer and LGBTQ+ community.