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# BERGEN BALLROOM

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Bergen Ballroom is a collaborative project, organised by KODE, Carte Blanche and Cassandra Moldenhauer, Norway's 'Mother' of ballroom. The aim of the project is to build a ballroom community for the local queer minorities in Bergen and Western Norway. Our goal is to create safe spaces where LGBT+ and BIPOC youth and young adults can explore themes of gender, identity and personal expression through the different art forms of the ballroom culture and find belonging in a creative community.

SATURDAY

29/01

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## **Ballroom Introduction 101: What is Ballroom?**

With Mother Cassandra  
and Father Diesel

Time: 12.00 – 13.30

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

The Bergen Ballroom project starts with an introduction to the basics of ballroom culture, led by Mother Cassandra and Father Diesel. The talk will focus on the background to and history of the culture, important names on the scene, and the structure of ballroom. Cassandra and Diesel will also explain the different ballroom categories you can compete in.

The aim is to inspire the participants to try out the categories they feel most drawn to. Some popular ballroom categories are: Runway, Face, Designer's Delight, Sex Siren, Drag Lip Sync, Realness and the best known category of all: Voguing.

## **Workshop I: Try out Ballroom**

With Mother Cassandra  
and Father Diesel

Time: 14.00 – 18.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

In this first workshop, the participants get a chance to try out their favourite categories. Cassandra and Diesel will guide each participant through the category/categories of their choice, while making sure that everyone feels safe to experiment and express themselves. We will also run through how the competition at a ball goes down, the criteria for each category, and what the judges look for.

Welcome to a fun, playful, motivating and informative first day of Bergen Ballroom!

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19/02

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## Workshop II: Vogue Femme & Posing

With Father Diesel and Emmadonna

Time: 14.00 – 17.00

Venue: Carte Blanche, Studio Bergen,  
Nøstegaten 119

Voguing is the expressive dance form of ballroom, and probably the best known artistic expression of the culture. At this workshop, you will have a chance to learn Vogue Femme from Emmadonna and Posing from Diesel. Vogue Femme was developed by the black trans women of the ballroom culture. It is a dance style that highlights and uplifts femininity. Posing is the foundation of all performance and dance categories within ballroom and it is also an important element of the Runway and Face categories. This part of the workshop focuses on the self-confidence, creativity and grace that comes with posing.

## Schedule

14:00–15:15: Posing

15:15–15:45: Lunch

15:45–17:00: Vogue Femme

## Movie night:

Ballroom videos and documentaries  
With Father Diesel and Emmadonna

Time: 18.00 – 21.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

After the workshops at Carte Blanche, we walk together to KODE for a relaxing and social movie and hang-out night. People who did not attend the dance workshops are also warmly welcome. We will show videos and documentaries from the ballroom community, discuss the content of the screenings, and get to know each other better.

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### **Workshop III: Drag Galore**

With Mimi Devine and Bleach Boo-Boo

Time: 12.00 – 19.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

This workshop is all about the art of drag. Participants will learn about lip syncing, make-up, costumes and drag performance from the eminent drag queens Mimi Devine and Bleach Boo-Boo.

Mimi Devine (Shlomi Ruimi) is a drag queen who competes in Drag Lip Sync in the ballroom scene. She is also an experienced make-up artist and will teach participants about drag make-up at this workshop.

Bleach Boo-Boo (Emanuel Waal) is a drag queen who designs and makes her own outfits. She will teach tips and tricks on how to make outfits without spending too much money.

The workshop is open for everyone who wants to learn about the art form of drag regardless of experience or ambitions.

### **Schedule**

12:00-13:30: Lip syncing with Mimi Devine and Bleach Boo-Boo

14:00-16:00: Costumes on a Dime with Bleach Boo-Boo

16:00-17:00: Break

17:00-19:00: Drag make-up with Mimi Devine

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27/03

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## **Talk: Gender Identities and Gender Expressions in Ballroom**

With Isak Bradley and others  
(TBA)

Time: 12.00 – 14.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

The ballroom culture would not exist without the presence and fundamental contributions of Black and Latina trans women and drags. Categories at a ball are often divided into different groups, such as Fem Queen (trans woman), Butch Queen (gay man), Non-Binary, Trans Man or OTA (Open To All = Open to all gender identities and expressions). For this reason, gender is a big and important topic in ballroom.

This talk will focus on the plurality of gender expressions in the ballroom scene and will be given by a group representing a variety of gender perspectives. One of them is Bergen's very own Isak Bradley (PKI Norge, Trans Pride, Transgender Awareness Week).

## **Workshop IV: Practice Ball**

With Mother Cassandra  
and Father Diesel

Time: 15.00 – 18.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

This Sunday, we'll be finishing off the Bergen Ballroom workshop programme with a practice ball and competition. Everyone who has participated in the workshops will have a chance to walk the runway and try out their chosen categories in a safe environment.

Cassandra and Diesel will give feedback and be open for questions. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the actual ball in April, learn about points for improvement, and receive valuable feedback.

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## **Vogue Ball:**

### **The Bergen Mini Ball**

Time: 18.00 – 21.00

Venue: Carte Blanche, Studio Bergen,  
Nøstegaten 119

Welcome to The Bergen Mini Ball, the first Ball ever to be held in Bergen city! For this fabulous event there will be three national and international judges, an MC and a DJ. We welcome all participants in the Bergen Ballroom project to get on the runway and fight for a win in their favourite categories. Ballroom people from outside Bergen are also strongly encouraged to come and join the competition.

We hope that Bergen's first Ball will mark the start of a growing ballroom culture in Bergen and Western Norway.

## **Schedule**

17:00: Open backstage for  
the participants

18:00: Doors open for the audience

18:30: The ball starts

## **After-Party**

Time: 22.00 – 01.00

Venue: KODE 1, Festsalen,  
Nordahl Bruns gate 9

After The Bergen Mini Ball, we will gather in Festsalen at KODE 1 for a proper finishing party. Come as you are, or as whatever or whoever you wish. There will be music, dancing and only good vibes – for the love of ballroom!

To sign up for the programme, please go to:

<https://kodebergen.no/bergenballroom>



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