**[Carnival prelude] Pre event Information**

This information is to help you decide if ‘Carnival Prelude’ is for you.

**About the event**

* This event is a Carnival party
* Guests will be welcomed in the foyer and led into the space up the stairs or in the lift, there will be a steel band playing in the space.
* There will be a body painter in the space, applying body paint with a brush for the people who want this. Allergy information will be available and the brush will be thoroughly cleaned between every application. Paint will only be applied by the body paint artist.
* There will be loud music played in the space throughout the evening
* There are Capoeira demonstrations on a raised stage
* There will be further steel pan demonstration on a raised stage
* There will be a Host for the party, introducing performances and choosing a member of the audience who is Best Dressed and the Best Dancer.
* There will be a dedicated Vibe Checker wearing a hi-vis jacket who will be roaming the space and on hand for any welfare support. If you’re upset or overwhelmed, this person can help support. If someone is making you feel uncomfortable, you can tell this to the Vibe Checker and they will deal with the situation.
* Guests are welcome to bring drinks bought from the bar downstairs into the space.
* Guests will not be allowed to bring their own food or drink

**Access Information**

* The event will be 2 hours and 30 minutes (finishing at 11pm)
* The start and end timings for guests is optional; you are welcome to arrive late and leave early
* The event is relaxed which means you can move and make noise throughout. You can go in and out of the space at any time
* Ear defenders are available to borrow from the box office for anyone who might find these useful
* There is an accessible toilet on every floor of the building
* There is a gender neutral toilet on the first floor
* There is a chill out space outside the performance space that is available anytime the building is open.

**The Space**

* The event will take place in the Members Bar
* There will be a small raised stage in the space
* Seating will be available and a small selection of cabaret tables are available
* Most of the space will be a dance floor

**Lighting and Sound**

* There will be colourful lights
* There will be no strobe lights
* Lighting may be flashing or moving
* There is haze
* There will be a loud sound level of sound throughout

**About Carnival**

Our carnival is a homage to the carnivals aross the Afro-Caribbean diaspora. It is a celebration of emancipation, rebellion and Afro-Caribbean folklore, culture and tradition. It is the history of our our ancestors and through such struggle we can have solace knowing they felt joy.

**Social expectations**

* We expect everyone to respect the carnival culture. We expect you not to use fashion or language that is not from your culture.
* We expect you to give your focus and respect to people with more knowledge of carnival.
* We expect you not to touch people without consent
* We encourage a celebratory mood and actively encouraging the performers.
* Dancing is encouraged, but optional

**Photos/ Videos**

* There will be a photographer present, taking photos of all performers and guests, photos will be used by BAC and the hosts for promotional purposes
* If you do not want your photograph taken, please alert the Host or Vibe Checkers and this will be honoured.