

Trust your Female Pimp.

Heterasexuality*, safe spaces and performances of intimacy.

In the spring of 2020 in Hamburg St Pauli, "Queens. The Heteraclub" opened its doors: a performance project and club for heterasexual women in which everything revolves around them, their desire and their lust. Under the direction of Sibylle Peters, seven performers and sexperts from London and Hamburg developed a new intimate practice between art and sex work, encounter and care. The visitors of the club chose between different one-on-one performances in which they - always in a self-determined way - could experience touch and closeness. In the salon of the club, the Female Pimps ruled and created a safe space where women could share, celebrate and communicate their desires. The taz wrote: "It's a whole new kind of self-responsibility. One that many believe already exists for everyone, but here you realise that's not true. It's a feeling that makes it harder to leave the club later ... everywhere still resonates for a while the sadness of having returned from a world without patriarchy." In June 2022, "Queens. The Heteraclub" can be experienced once again as part of the Impulse Festival. But what then?

This workshop primarily invites heterasexual artists* and cultural workers to take a closer look at the Heteraclub project and the role of the female pimp: What is heterasexuality and how can we create a safe space where the rules of the heteronormative matrix are suspended? How can we use the art of touch responsibly? What is social intimacy and how does a woman develop intimate one-on-one performances with a group of male performers that a woman can trust? The feedback from the visitors shows one thing very clearly: there should be something like the Heteraclub more often. In this workshop we want to find out together whether this is possible.

*A heterasexual is anyone who identifies accordingly. This includes, depending on their own identity, non-binary people and trans women. Men (heterosexual or not) who are interested in the role of hetera performer under the guidance of a Female Pimp are also invited to participate in this workshop.