
Brighton Fringe - Half a Camel upcoming shows

9 messages

Take Part <takepart@brightonfringe.org>

8 May 2025 at 11:38

Cc: Take Part <takepart@brightonfringe.org>

Dear Artist,

Following the email you received from Ben Carter last night, The Brighton Fringe team is actively working to ensure your shows continue as planned.

Currently, as we can see from our side, your show has not been cancelled on Eventotron and sales remain live on our website.

We are contacting all Half a Camel venues this morning to make them aware of Ben's email and confirm your events are still taking place. We are also recommending that all communications are to now go through us.

We would like to offer the same to you, so please get in touch with Take Part for all your venue queries and we will handle these as best we can.

We want your Fringe experience to be successful, so we will do our best to accommodate your event. We plan to request further support to offer a Fringe representative to meet you at your venue before your event, if you require this.

Best wishes,

Brighton Fringe Team

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Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

8 May 2025 at 14:06

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This email is a **perfect example of institutional erasure and gaslighting.**

Brighton Fringe has now circulated an email to artists attempting to overwrite my role, redirect communication, and pretend nothing has happened — **while still refusing to speak to me.**

Let me be absolutely clear:

I have not cancelled shows.

I have not disappeared.

But I have been forced to step back because Brighton Fringe:

✗ Forwarded a safeguarding disclosure without my consent

✗ Ignored my vulnerable outreach completely

✗ Appointed no safeguarding officer, despite being a registered charity

- ✗ Failed to acknowledge that I managed 465 shows across six venues
- ✗ Is now using the infrastructure I built to operate without accountability
- ✗ And Alexander Voodoo who I have contacted the IPOC and CPS that I have evidence some of which they have seen, co-operating with my stalker has been talked to, as he has followed this talk with more abuse. Yet no reply, zero safeguarding

There is one part I don't want to share and that's the part this is all based around, the part that made me a vulnerable person they tried again to erase

Instead of replying to me, they wrote *to you* — to quietly replace me in the chain of command without addressing what's happened. That is institutional gaslighting, and it is harming both me and the trust between artists and the systems that are meant to support them.

To my acts:

I am here. I am safe. But I am stepping back **because no organisation should treat a person this way and expect them to stay silent.**

You deserve transparency. You deserve safety. You deserve better than this.

Brighton Fringe — speak to me, acknowledge what you've done, or continue to expose yourselves in full view of the people I supported better than you ever did.

Ben Carter
Founder, Half a Camel Productions

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Helen Boobis <helen_boobis@hotmail.com>

8 May 2025 at 14:16

To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>, Brighton Fringe <takepart@brightonfringe.org>

Dear Ben,

I appreciate that things are clearly difficult just now but I do not consent to my email address being shared in this way and politely request that you remove me from this mailing list.

All good wishes,
Helen

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:06:04 PM

To: Take Part <takepart@brightonfringe.org>

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Subject: Re: Brighton Fringe - Half a Camel upcoming shows

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Ginny E-P <jevanspollard@gmail.com>
To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

8 May 2025 at 14:45

Dear Ben,

Thank you for your courage in speaking up.

I'm so sorry you've had to endure this — not only the original harm, but the institutional gaslighting and erasure that has followed. It's infuriating and heartbreaking that an organisation like Brighton Fringe would mishandle safeguarding, ignore your outreach, and attempt to quietly remove you from your own work without accountability.

Please know that I stand with you. Your voice matters. Your leadership matters.

With solidarity and care,

Ginny

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Kathleen Hughes <khughes209@gmail.com>
To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

8 May 2025 at 15:15

Hi there,

Could we have some context or information around what is actually happening? I'm travelling down to Brighton from Glasgow today having spent hundreds on trains and accommodation and seeing a lot of fall out from the situation with very little information on the issue itself.

I understand this seems like a very complex situation with huge implications for people's wellbeing and I understand it may not be sorted today or even soon! However, for the time being - my main concern is the statement from Ben that Brighton Fringe tickets can't be accepted at Half a Camel venues. I will not be turning away anyone who has purchased a ticket from my show, and if they legally can't go ahead, it would be good to know asap so I can make the most of my weekend in Brighton regardless.

Thank you,

Kathleen Hughes

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Kathleen Hughes <khughes209@gmail.com>

8 May 2025 at 15:18

To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

Hi Ben,

Apologies, my intention was to send an email to yourself and Brighton Fringe separately to figure out what was happening but got my addresses mixed up - as I say above I understand this is a very complex situation, but I don't have any other information about it.

In my opinion, bums on seats at my show is not more important than people's health and wellbeing so I understand this won't be at the top of your agenda either - but it would be great to have more information on what is happening so I can know what to do with my shows and give appropriate feedback to BF on how they run their festival and take care of the people involved.

Thank you,

Kathleen

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Take Part <takepart@brightonfringe.org>

8 May 2025 at 15:42

To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

Cc: Confidential <confidential@brightonfringe.org>

Dear Ben,

Thanks for sharing your concerns with us. We can hear how difficult and upsetting this situation has been for you, and we want to acknowledge the effort and care you've put into your work and into supporting artists over the years.

We know this has been a really challenging time, and while we can't go into specific safeguarding matters in detail here, please know we take these kinds of issues seriously and are committed to keeping everyone involved with Brighton Fringe safe and supported. We have a safeguarding policy which is reviewed at least once a year. Our safeguarding officer is the Managing Director.

To help ease some of the pressure on you, we've made the decision to take on the venue manager responsibilities for Half a Camel venues. This is to give you the space and capacity to step back while ensuring that the artists and shows you've been looking after continue to have the support they need. We're a small team, but we're doing our best to maintain a good level of care and communication for everyone involved. We do not want this current situation to damage your business or harm your reputation. That is why we have stepped in to help you.

To be specific, we are handling any venue requests directly with artists now and will be contacting venues directly to field requests and changes. We are able to support artists with their queries to an

extent, but there may be some specific ones that we will need to send on to you. Would a daily summary email of requests be a better way to manage these queries for you? Let us know what works best.

It would be useful if you are able to send on contact details you have for all of your venues. This will make the process much smoother for helping your artists.

If you'd like to continue the conversation or raise any concerns we're open to that and want to make sure everything is handled with care and fairness. We want to protect you and your business. You can email confidential@brightonfringe.org with your concerns and we will respond to you within 48 hours.

Take care,

Brighton Fringe Team

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From: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

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Hi Ben!

Hope your keeping well! Seems like a stressful time, and hope everything is resolved, and your okay!

I just wanted to let you know my show 'James Downey: Can't Sit Downey' at 'The Caxton Arms' will not be going ahead on the 24th May. Amidst whatever is happening, I feel like it's a little more than I can keep up with at the moment.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Hope you feel better soon!

James Downey

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Subject: Re: Brighton Fringe - Half a Camel upcoming shows

This email is a **perfect example of institutional erasure and gaslighting.**

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Bryan Stoops <bryanstoopscomedy@gmail.com>
To: Ben Carter <benrobcarter@gmail.com>

10 May 2025 at 10:43

Hi Ben,

Just a quick message to express the following:

1. I had a great three-night run at Jollies last weekend thanks to your help. By opening up the show to people in the pub, I had receptive audiences for all three shows.
2. Thanks for your patience walking me through your IG methodology.
3. I'm sorry that the BF organization is behaving this way. I'm sorry for your trouble.

I had a great experience and I'm grateful for you.

Many Thanks,
Bryan

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