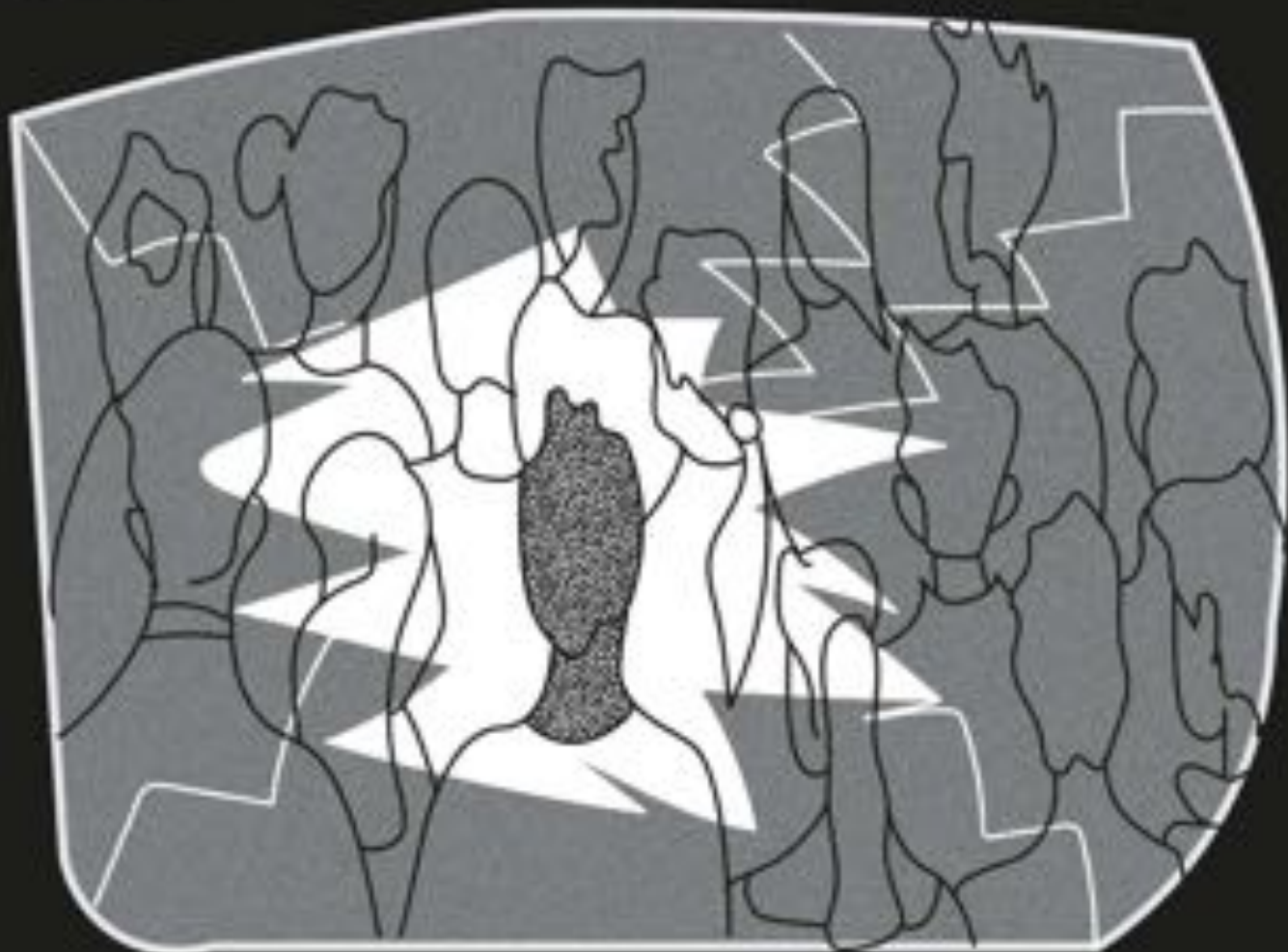


CYBER BACKLASH

:RESISTANCE AS AN
ACT OF RETRAINING



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RESISTANCE AS
AN ACT OF
RETRAINING?!

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Acra Dymarchou - *AmayDymarchou*
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Hello and welcome to our zine dedicated to the struggles and achievements of music artists (& beyond) during the Covid-19 pandemic which is transforming our lives.

We are here to present a creative ^{critique} of the ^{UK!} government's rhetoric to arts and especially music. This zine is inspired by the **DIY** (ethos, ethic, and aesthetic: it suggests that **DIY** cultural practices and be acts of resistance as well as an alternative approach to adaptation in the current circumstances. Our zine celebrates the **RESELIENCE** of music artists and everyone else involved in the field. It is one of the many symbolic gestures of **SOLIDARITY + SUPPORT**.

I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS PROJECT WHICH CAME OUT OF THE CLASS IN MUSIC CULTURES WITHIN THE MUSIC INDUSTRIES COURSE AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY. IT'S AMAZING TO WORK WITH SUCH PASSIONATE, MOTIVATED, CREATIVE AND FUN YOUNG PEOPLE. THEIR INTEREST IN USING A ZINE AS A VEHICLE FOR THEIR CRITICAL (AND QUITE POLITICAL) IDEAS SHOWS THAT THIS FORMAT HAS A LOT TO OFFER ... AND THAT A CHALLENGING MOMENT LIKE THIS CAN LEAD TO MANY POSITIVE NEW THINGS.

P.S.



SAVE
OUR
VENUES

RESURRECTION OR DEFEAT

Rethink. Reskill. Reboot

THIS IS REVIVAL OF
THE LIVING

*The government's attitude to Fatima
and the arts will put them on the
wrong side of history – they just don't
know it yet*

Music is a vital part of the world. Music lifts your mood and reliefs stress. Furthermore music unites people together. Whether it's a festival, concert or club night, people come together and enjoy the music being played. A music event is something that is beautiful experience. In addition music is good tool for your memory. It is way easier to remember lyrics rather than a short piece of writing. Music is the universal language. Every country has their own language but we all understand the language of music. Music brings different cultures together. Lastly, music is a pleasure to listen to and it is an essential part of the world!

- Najeeb Kaliisa





~~RETHINK RESKILL~~

~~REBOOT~~

UK MUSIC INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTED **£5.2 BILLION** TO THE UK ECONOMY IN 2018

THE ARTS ARE IMPORTANT

LIVE MUSIC SECTOR MADE **£1.1 BILLION** IN 2018 - **UP 10 PERCENT** FROM £991 MILLION IN 2017

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ACTS INCLUDING ED SHEERAN, **DUA LIPA** AND SAM SMITH HELPED EXPORTS OF UK MUSIC SOAR IN 2018 TO **£2.7 BILLION**

PHOTO OF DUA LIPA PERFORMING IN THE SUNFLOWER LOUNGE IN BIRMINGHAM. GRASSROOTS VENUES LIKE THIS ARE ESSENTIAL IN MUSIC SCENES AS MOST BIG NAME ARTISTS START OUT IN VENUES LIKE THIS.
THEY NEED TO BE SUPPORTED.





The Show Must Go On....

To be or not to be, Is what we all shall ask,
Our fight for the arts, Is such a heavy task,
The importance of it, where do I start?
For you can't spell Earth without the word 'art',
Pumping billions of pounds into the UK each year,
Not only that but it brings so much cheer,
A world without the arts, Is simply insane,
So no dear government, I will not retrain,
Considering MP's are the biggest actor's here,
I'm surprised they want to make it disappear,
Does Boris not listen to music after work?
Or is he really a boring old jerk?
And who would film a political debate?
Maybe that is something for them to contemplate?



For what would a world be without music or dance?
I shiver at the thought so I will not take that chance,
Even through Covid we've tried to keep hope,
But now us artists are on a tight rope,
It is up to us starting from today,
From drummers, to designers to troupes of ballet,
We will join together and set the world alight,
We will perform and love and not give up the fight,
We will make our own stage and put on a show,
We will demand to the world that "THE ARTS CANNOT GO!",
To do it ourselves, will have to be the case,
So I threaten the government, watch this space!
From live-streams to fund me pages we will succeed,
Just like The Beatles said "Love is all you need",
No matter what happens, we will innovate,
For that's what we do best, we go and create,
We will do everything we can to keep the arts alive,
For when times are hard, is when people thrive,
Thank you for reading now I hope you can see,
To lose the arts is a true Greek tragedy.

By Lydia Thomas
(2020)

Tories Being Tories



We Should Probably
Break It To The Nation
That If It Doesn't
Directly Line Our
Pockets It Simply Isn't
Safe

b b But Supreme
Leader I Thought
They
Already Knew
That's How This
Works???



Get To It
Rishi, The
People Are
Still Clinging On To
Hope!!!



Conservative Creative Juices
Flowing



Is This
Suitably
Crushing?



susufskfmmmm
Yes Yes Yes
Let Me Take A Peek
Old Fellow



Fatima's
next job
could be
in cyber.

(she just doesn't
know it yet)

Rethink. Rewild. Retreat



JOHN
SOKR
BUCKS
THEA
RTS.



THEY CAN'T STOP THE ARTS

A COMMUNITY AT WAR

**NO MATTER THE SPECIALITY UNIFIED
AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY TRYING TO
HIDE, KILL, DULL OUR PASSION TURNING
HOPES AND DREAMS INTO PAST FAIRY
TALES WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN,
TOGETHER WE STAND AGAINST A
GOVERNMENT DICTATING OUR ROLE IN
SOCIETY, WE CANNOT LET THEM CHANGE
US WE WILL SHOW THEM THROUGH FORCE
AND EXAMPLE THAT THEY CANNOT KILL
THE ARTS ...**

ART IS EVERYWHERE



You claim that the arts are not a necessity
But the one who made your poster had creative ability
You claim that the rules are best for society
Nah tell us the truth that sounds like hypocrisy

Hostility against the hospitality
And unjust treatment to us in the industry
I know you're stressed but we're not a liability
Cyber security? Nah
you're making fun of me!

The photo of Fatima that
was a **photographer**
The videos of parliament
a **videographer**
The layout of your poster
that was a **designer**
And the message that you
wrote was by a **copywriter**

So, **RETHINK** your attitude
towards creativity
The arts and the crafts',
greater validity
To **RESKILL** is not
reality, that would be a
tragedy
REBOOT your whole
concept,

I can't believe the audacity!







FK THE CREATORS***

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Retraining

F***K THE MUSICIANS

THAT CREATE MEMORIES AND INSPIRE NEW
CREATORS



MANIFESTO

BECAUSE we MUST take over the means of
production in order to survive and create
our own future.

BECAUSE we are ANGRY a society that tells
us ART=WORTHLESS!

BECAUSE we don't kiss tory SCUM!

BECAUSE the governments abandonment of the
arts constitutes for the self revolution
of music.

REBEL. RESIST. REVOLT.
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