

This week...
Sin Bozkurt

*We ask one of the people
who have helped make
Cabaret vs Cancer a success
the same ten questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

I'm Sin Bozkurt and I'm a photographer

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

Its difficult to name names, its just people and the human condition that inspire me. I don't have a role model in my life, someone I aspire to be like.

I guess Nan Goldin, her intimate photographic work definitely has an influence on what I try to achieve away from the stage. She had close relationships with the folk she photographed and she was revealing something to the world about gender and relationships. Her subsequent outing of domestic abuse only added to her work. I like the aesthetic of her work too, often soft.

The Photo Book Tulsa, by Larry Clark, whether you love it or hate it, rate it or disprove of it, definitely opened my eyes.

Finally I guess Joseph Campbell, an American mythologist, writer and lecturer. He taught George Lucas and had a direct influence in the Star Wars saga. I saw him interviewed on a six part documentary after his death and remember thinking he was the most spiritual man I'd ever heard talk, despite not believing in any god or myth himself. His advice (follow your bliss) and his insight into people is a definite inspiration.

3. What would you save from your burning house?*(people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

Camera stuff. It all sits ready to go should I need it in a hurry.

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

Well I've been veggie for 10 years (I think, I stopped counting). Before Veggidom my fav thing was Iskender Kebab. Its toasted bread, fresh yogurt and then doner kebab (not the elephant leg variety, but a proper hand made lamb kebab) and a chilli sauce.

Nowadays my wife makes these filo pastry cheese balls that we get at xmas with a Nut Roast and all the trimmings. I'm partial to pressed apple juice.

5. What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could play the blues, but I'd settle for closing the deal.

6. Where is your favourite place?

In my daily life the cliff at the back of the house, where I spy on foxes and the like in this weird miniature wildlife haven.

I also love London at night, especially when there feels like there is a charge in the air that is gonna make it a night to remember.

Anywhere with a view.

7. What do you do to relax?

Reading does the trick. I'm kind to myself as much as I can be and that is relaxing.

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

Alfred Bester - The Stars My Destination. Its so short and clever.

9. What is your biggest regret?

Not finding photography to my mid thirties. Although maybe it all happened as it should.

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

I'd quite like to be in charge of my own world, like in What Dreams May Come. Failing that some sort of