Monologue 2

Jarman 5: As you celebrated Christmas 1987 we were under attack by the only western government in recent history to introduce legislation increasing prejudice. The Clause would have liked to have stamped us out, grind us down, the kiss of the death. The Clause became law-plays banned, exhibitions stopped, teachers silenced. But for what?

But up went a chorus, ‘enough is enough’. Thousands marched in the streets, protests in every city, riots, conservatives cowering whilst handcuffed lesbians scream STOP THE CLAUSE on the six o’ clock news.

The kiss of death became the kiss of life– a new lesbian and gay movement emerged, stronger than ever more angry more focussed.

Four times in 1988 we broke the record for Europe’s largest Queer demo- 12,000; 15,000; 20,000; 25,000. We learnt who our true allies were and our fair-weather friends. The labour Party deserted us at the first hurdle; the guardian told us that Clause 28 was our own fault.