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The festival is at the Rio Cinema in Dalston this weekend

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Feminist film: A documentary about one of Bryony Kimmings' shows will be part of the festival *Christa Holka*

**The London Feminist Film Festival returns this week, providing a space to celebrate feminist films and discuss continuing issues around gender equality.**

A programme of films and discussions will run from August 18-21 at Rio Cinema in Dalston, addressing issues across the spectrum of women's rights.

The festival will open with a 25th anniversary screening of *A Place of Rage*, a documentary about African American women and their achievements, which includes interviews with Alice Walker and poet June Jordan. It has been described as capturing “the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, class and ability in ways that few films do”.

Focuses for the festival also include campaigning for refugee women, the right to have an abortion, and women’s bodies as sites of trauma. Films will include a short on the experiences of women held at detention centre Yarl’s Wood, the European premiere of a documentary about Western women who have decided not to have children, and *What Happened to Her*, a film exploring why so many women die on screen.



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There will also be an afternoon of short experimental films and animations, and the festival will end with a focus around performance artist Bryony Kimmings’ show *Credible Likeable Superstar Role Model*. Kimmings made the show with her 10-year-old niece to address the hypersexualisation around the pop music industry, and director Rebecca Brand has made a film documenting the making of the show. They will also be present for a discussion on the film.

To find out more and buy tickets, visit the [London Feminist Film Festival’s website](#).

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