



*an electrifying concert film and intimate cinematic portrait
of Mx Justin Vivian Bond*

FLAMING SEPTEMBER

Building upon three electrifying decades of legendary live performance, *Flaming September* is the dazzling, definitive legacy showcase for the trailblazing cabaret artist, activist, and cultural icon, Mx Justin Vivian Bond. The first-ever feature presentation of Bond's mesmerizing work committed to screen, *Flaming September* is a spellbinding concert film and lush cinematic portrait, featuring Bond's rich tapestry of life stories, brilliantly woven through their singular, soul-stirring interpretation of popular song—this time celebrating the music of late artist, fellow icon, and cherished friend Marianne Faithfull.

This September, Bond will honor Faithfull's extraordinary legacy, offering their unique, transformative interpretation of a selection of Faithfull's most powerful music at the historic St. Ann & The Holy Trinity Church. Between songs, they will take us on an exhilarating journey of their own willful self-invention. Like Faithfull, Bond is an outsider artist, a fearless renegade, a triumphant survivor; a singular chanteuse, superb storyteller, provocative, and profoundly moving.

WHY NOW

In an era of unprecedented attacks on trans rights and safety, this vital film stands as powerful resistance against both legislative and physical violence targeting a vulnerable community whose very humanity is being questioned. There is no better time for a film that gloriously showcases a trans experience beyond the trauma and tragedy, to create vibrant art and captivating entertainment that does not shy away from pain, rage, or grief, and celebrates and illuminates queer joy. As Vivian magnificently declares, "trans joy is an active revolution." And there is no revolutionary quite like Viv!

INVESTMENT

Cinereach has committed a \$75,000 investment to this important and timely project and is seeking philanthropic support to expand this investment.

RECOGNITION & ENGAGEMENT

Through Cinereach's Creative Projects Fund, *Flaming September* supporters receive preferential credits and exclusive access to the film team. By coupling your support with Cinereach's investment, we can offer EP, Co-EP, and Co-Producer credits at significantly reduced investment levels, well below the typical \$100k+ threshold. We are currently able to offer Executive Producer credit for philanthropic contributions starting at \$30k.

Cinereach retains 10% of philanthropic gifts to creative projects to offset our administrative fees associated with running this program. Thanks to a generous matching gift from one of our supporters, your contribution will have twice the impact.

"Our collaboration was first conceived to be a celebration of an icon's legacy at a time when Trans visibility was on the rise. Now we face the systemic erasure and terrorizing of trans folk on a scale never seen before. To fight this bleak tide of fear and hate we need examples of queer survival and queer joy. Viv brings both of these to us with ferocious grace that needs to be championed now as well as preserved in a place of honor in queer history."

**—CO-DIRECTORS
MICHAEL PALMIERI &
DONAL MOSHER**

