

A FIERCE AND BOLD COMEDY FROM THE PRODUCERS OF
DERRY GIRLS



SMOGGIE QUEENS





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Smoggie / smogi/.

1. A Smoggie is a nickname given to people from Middlesbrough as well as the local accent and dialect.

Queen / kwien.

1. The female rule of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.

2. A *ferce bitch*.

Set in the North East English town of Middlesbrough, *Smoggie Queens* is a packed out and out comedy centred around a gang of friends who are fiercely proud of their town and their small pocket of the LGBTQ+ community.

Written by Middlesbrough native Phil Dunning, *Smoggie Queens* tells the story of volatile Dickie (Dunning - *Boat Story*, *Feel Good*) along with drag queen Mam (Mark Benton - *Waterloo Road*, *Shakespeare & Hathaway*), self-styled hun Lucinda (Alexandra Mardell - *Daddy Issues*, *Coronation Street*), awkward Sal (Patsy Lowe - *Vera*) and newcomer Stewart (Elijah Young) as they navigate life, acceptance and their love for a place that feels neglected in its own little corner of the UK. It's an underdog story on two fronts, so expect a few scraps that may send your wig flying!

You gotta be tough as old boots round these parts to get by and it's safe to say that 'passion' and 'pride' are two words that come to our chosen family very easily, as they plunge into mad ventures like Titanic Themed Drag Brunches, Fairy Godmother speed dating events, Murder Mysteries or headlining the main stage at Middlesbrough Pride.

The supporting cast of the series features a plethora of talent, including *RuPaul's Drag Race* royalty Michelle Visage, actors Charlotte Riley (*Peaky Blinders*) and Bill Fellows (*Ted Lasso*).

Queer friendship groups are chosen families and just know, with this lot, you're more than welcome to join them.

Writer - Phil Dunning

Producer - Chris Jones

Director - Andrew Chaplin

Executive Producers - Jimmy Mulville & Jessica Sharkey

