

# PLAY ROOM



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UK 2025 | Short Fiction | 13'07"

Colour | 2:1 | 4k DCP

English | English Subtitles

Written & Directed by  
Tom Whiston

Starring  
Joshua Urquhart

Produced at

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of communication



## SYNOPSIS

**In this surreal queer rom-com, macho bouncer Alexei secretly attends a cruising hotspot, where his sexual experiences are played out as rounds of board games. After multiple unfulfilling encounters, he finds himself connecting with Josh, which forces him to finally confront the way he keeps these worlds apart.**

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

**Play Room is a personal story about finding love within the equally liberating and challenging gay cruising space. As gay relationships are pushed more and more into gamified apps, and sexual pressure manifests itself to young queer people like myself in new and difficult ways, I wanted to tell a story that treats these situations bluntly, while using a comical metaphor to prod around the issue in a lighthearted way.**





## Director

**Tom Whiston is a writer, director and comedian working in both Edinburgh and London with interests in absurd comedy, tense horror, and queer cinema.**

**Having worked in development for BAFTA-winning Channel X Hopscotch, Tom began his career making visual theatre as part of the Scottish Youth Theatre's National Ensemble, before training in clowning with Stamptown's Zach Zucker and performing live comedy on the UK circuit.**

**Tom's work combines the visually imaginative and conceptually bold with heartfelt, true-to-life characters, taking inspirations from filmmakers such as Aki Kaurismaki, Richard Linklater, and Quentin Dupieux.**

**An established act on the UK alternative comedy circuit, Tom has found success both domestically and abroad, including sell-out performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe, and the Glasgow International Comedy Festival.**

# Cast & Crew

Alexei - JOSHUA URQUHART

Josh - COLE JAMES

Carol - DANIEL CAWLEY

Matthew - THOM TUCK

Graham - KEVIN RYAN

Golf - FERGUS HEAD

Yahtzee - HECTOR LASZLO COSEMATOS

Sneezer - ELLIOT FALLOWS

Twister - JONAH ATTALLA

WRITER/DIRECTOR - Tom Whiston

PRODUCER - Azhar Tlevlesova

ASST. PRODUCER - Aleksandra Gorbuntsova

LINE PRODUCER - Isaak Biagnon-Baumard

1st ASST. DIRECTOR - Fizzaa Lamba

SCRIPT SUPERVISOR - Jil Yu

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY - Lennard Wolff

GAFFER - Jack Chen

BEST BOY- Loredan Mardale

SPARK - Tiger Xu

1st ASSISTANT CAMERA - Evan Riley

2nd ASSISTANT CAMERA - Haoze Lyu

DIT - Tiger Xu

STILLS - Renee Wen

PRODUCTION DESIGNER - Yiting Zhang

SET DRESSER - Hu Yichen

COSTUME DESIGNER - Jonah Attalla

COSTUME DESIGNER - Fabiola Soavelo

MAKE-UP ARTIST - Aleksandra Gorbuntsova

SOUND RECORDIST - Zihan Qin

BOOM OPERATOR - Ge Song

EDITOR - Zihan Qin

COLOURIST - Jack Chen

SOUND DESIGNER - Katarina Jankovic

COMPOSER - David McFarlane

MIX ENGINEER - Benji Marrington-Reeve

RECORDING ENGINEER - Benji Marrington-Reeve

DRUMS - Max Camp

BASS - Benji Marrington-Reeve





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