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**Lesflicks proud to be releasing “The Pass”, a live theatrical event written, and performed by Denise Marsa in association with BMG Management Rights (US) LLC and Denise Marsa Productions**



Photo: King Redman

THE PASS: The story of Denise Marsa's development as a musician, artist, and individual is told in this original music project featuring anecdotes and vignettes recounted against a background of her original compositions.

Travel with Denise as she starts her career towards the end of the 70s through the highly volatile and emotional 80's continuing on through the start of the tech-driven 90s into the 21st century. From her start in her West Village studio apartment dating from 1810 to London to West Hollywood and back again, Denise shares her stories. Meet Denise the explorer, innovator, a woman drenched in tenacity; unwilling to play the game by anyone else's rules but her own. Experience some of the key situations that have shaped her as an artist, woman, and

entrepreneur and hear the songs that have been created in the process. From pop star, to record label owner, artist manager, and producer, lover, and partner, to publicist and marketer, her life and music are expressed through laughter, joy, disappointment, passion, and power.

In defying the stereotypes of the often sexist, ageist and not to mention ruthless, music industry, Denise has proven that a true voice will triumph. She hopes to inspire the audience to always be true to their own voices and to have the courage to sing out loud. It all started with Denise sneaking into the New York University Department of Music and Music Education practice rooms.

Known originally in the UK as the mystery voice on Dean Friedman's classic hit record "**Lucky Stars**," (multi-platinum single) Denise stands up and tells her engaging story; presenting her often heart-warming, funny, and poignant stories intertwined with her original songs, as a 90-minute part-concert-part live theatre documentary. The show premiered in 2018 at the Playground Theater in London, England to outstanding reviews. [London's A Younger Theatre](#), wrote: "Denise Marsa is one of a kind. She's a force of nature, a life-affirming singer, an overwhelmingly positive presence. Fueled by her passion, she walks on stage with total confidence. Completely at ease in the spotlight, she delivers The Pass, her own story put in music."

Denise shares, "Releasing THE PASS and collaborating with Lesflicks on its VOD release and it being presented at the end of a 24 Hour Lesflicks Extravaganza to cap off Lesbian Visibility Week is exciting. I have completely and whole-heartedly embraced my choices, as I encourage others to do so as well, it is very invigorating."

"The Pass" is a must-see if you are looking to be inspired, and feel good, a story about perseverance, staying true to oneself, and riding the merry-go-round of the music business as a young and now a mature woman. This performance was recorded live and originally presented in collaboration with Revelation Gallery, NYC and Musae.

Naomi Bennett, Lesflicks CEO & Founder said: "When I saw this show I was so interested in Denise's story. To find out there is yet another talented musician out there that I was unaware of was sadly unsurprising. It was a delight to watch this at Christmas and find out so much about Denise, so when the opportunity came to host The Pass on LesflicksVOD and share her story with more of our community I jumped at the chance. We need to showcase, share and talk more about the huge amount of talent that exists within the LGBTQ community around the world."

Lesflicks is a digital streaming platform, events business and website that exists to signal boost and amplify the expansive library of quality lesbian & bisexual films and series being made around the world. Lesflicks offers a video-on-demand (VOD) service showcasing and promoting an array of content created for lesbian, bisexual and queer (LBQ) women showing lesbian & bisexual stories and characters on screen and offering that all important positive representation that audiences are calling out for. Lesflicks continues its strong growth and further establishes itself as the go to streaming platform for lesbian and bisexual film across the world with the release of The Pass on 2 May 2021.

## **ABOUT THE PASS**

THE PASS is a compelling series of vignettes incorporating songs and stories penned and performed by Denise Marsa, featuring Tracy Stark on piano and supporting vocals. Marsa lays her soul bare as she weaves us through her struggles and accomplishments in the music industry. She has the courage to be authentically raw and vulnerable as she delves deep into introspection, in order to surface with a piece of work that uplifts and inspires. This is a mesmerizing tour de force from this gifted artist whose sense of humor never allows her to drift into pathos, even when tackling difficult subjects such as her own sexuality and sexual harassment. "The Pass" is a must-see tale about perseverance and the human spirit. For more about Denise Marsa and "The Pass" visit: [ThePassMusical.com](http://ThePassMusical.com) or [denisemarsamusic.com](http://denisemarsamusic.com).

*\* Denise developed the project with New York theatre legend Gretchen Cryer who is well known for writing the book and lyrics and starring in "I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road" (with music by Nancy Ford). She is a member of the Dramatists Guild Council and is President Emeritus of the Dramatists Guild Fund. In addition to these accomplishments, she has received various awards and degrees, among them a MAT degree from Harvard.*

The teaser trailer is available to view now on Lesflicks' Youtube channel:

<https://youtu.be/MZrG9eIxg-4>

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Please contact Nuz or Sophie for any images or further information. We can provide a film screener for reviews, stills, behind the scenes images, and possibly access to filmmakers and cast for interviews (Denise is available for interview in written, audio and video formats).

## **ABOUT LESFLICKS**

Lesflicks is both a film enthusiast and film events company that offers a global video-on-demand (VOD) service showcasing and promoting an array of content created by lesbian, bisexual and queer (LBQ) women for LBQ women. Lesflicks exists to increase the knowledge of and access to lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LBTQ+) content; the overarching mission being to create a diverse and international community of LBTQ+ film fans and content creators via a single platform. In addition to connecting LBTQ+ users

to the films they want to see, Lesflicks also works with film distributors and cinemas to share existing and future LGBTQ+ content with its intended audience.

Lesflicks has identified an issue with the ease of access to LGBTQ+ video content, related resources, and community spaces. For example, while a large amount of content exists, many queer women aren't aware of its existence, and therefore it never reaches its intended audience. To date, there is no other platform that provides an offering that encapsulates the three elements mentioned above: content, resources, and community. Furthermore, no clear market participant is working with content distributors and cinemas to bring LGBTQ+ content to the intended audience, resulting in a lack of investment in future films. In light of these issues, Lesflicks is creating, developing, and building the following items:

Website: <https://www.lesflicks.com>  
VOD Platform: <https://lesflicksvod.com>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lesflicks>  
Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/lesflicks>  
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/lesflicks>

### **ABOUT 24 HOUR LESFLICKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

Come join us for our first ever Lesflicks Extravaganza to close Lesbian Visibility Week with a huge global celebration! We'll open a multi-room 24 hour zoom for any LGBTQ women to join together. A great way to stay connected to our community! Make new friends from all over the world with Lesflicks!

In the absence of all being able to get together in a physical venue; we are creating our dream lesbian venue online. A safe space for women to come together and share their love of film and each other! 1 space; multiple rooms; fully accessible and open 24 hours!

We are putting on over 12 activities across 8 rooms! Across 24 hours we will be hosting bingo, quizzes, scavenger hunts, networking, a singles room, watch parties, fandom meets and more! For the full line up and to reserve your space, see the event on [Lesflicks.com](https://www.lesflicks.com) STRICTLY LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS – SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!