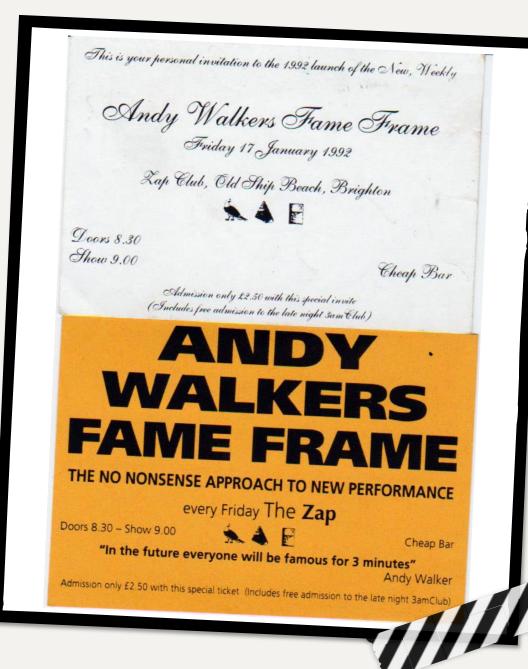
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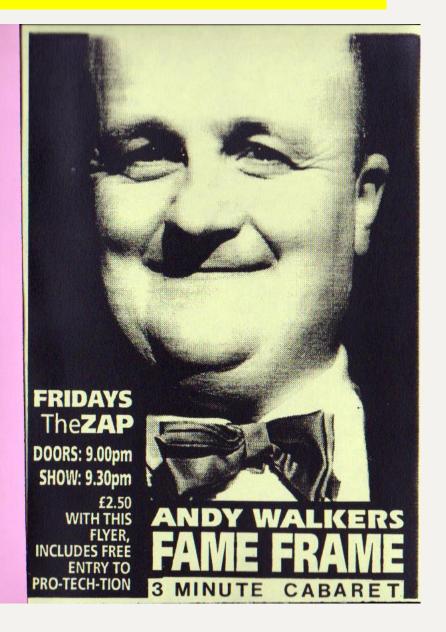
Andy Walker and Stella Starr 1992 - 1995



#### It all started with the 3 minutes of fame limit









# 3 minutes of fame within the frame

"In the future everyone will be famous for 3 minutes." - Andy Walker

In a re-working of Andy Warhol's infamous quote, Andy Walker devised the idea for the Fame Frame – a radical new cabaret which allowed members of the audience to get up and do literally anything within the large Polaroid Style square 'proscenium arch' onstage. The only proviso was that it had to stay within the 3 minute time limit.

The range of performances were incredible and -because there were no filters - they ranged from the amateur to the professional... with occasional shocks of nudity and other edgy demonstrations! All was encouraged.

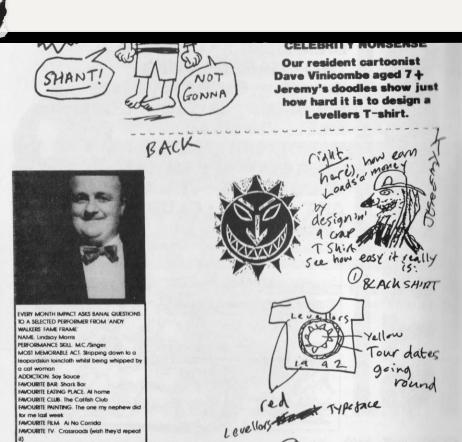
### ZAP Club

"The ZAP Club was a fabulous platform for a magnificent melting pot of ideas and extraordinary talent.

We wouldn't have been able to do our shows anywhere else in the same way. It gave us the freedom to try anything we wanted. This level of freedom is crucial for the best creativity to flow and for innovative work to be made..."

- Stella Starr





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October, and back once more to that political arena and the players there. A little further right of centre than good old Major Major would care to admit. The ensuing row concerns a proposed speech by Allessandra Mussolini, grand daughter of the war time Italian fascist leader

Western Goals the rightwing pressure 'group' who also brought you London's only production of 'Springtime for Hitler'- now try to follow up with a brand new show, staged in front of a secret audience, in a secret venue somewhere!

A spokesman for Western Goals said "we are proposing to give no information about the day or its whereabouts until the day, then we will issue leaflets" Hows that for secrecy? Our only hope is that its not one of those black shirt, white tie affairs

New tinny phrase of the month comes to me via impact office grapevine in expla nation for trying to talk a company (or three) out of advertising cheaply with said magazine, the culprit used the excuse "that he was merely worried about our assured distribution" Well, that's ok then We must have got it wrong somewhere along the line But truth be told, I myself have never seen more than thirty of their uninformative posters around the town Does that mean they only produce thirty? impact seems to be read by most people, but thanks for your concern Maybe we can return the favour soon

### Local media features

#### **TV** and fame

The **Fame** Frame show was featured on an early Channel 4 media/arts programme.

Like so much innovative work at the ZAP, **Andy Walker's Fame Frame** developed its own cult following.

Many people who performed in the frame went on to develop their own shows and careers. Notably one of them became a best-selling author who also wrote for Doctor Who!



### **Key partnerships**

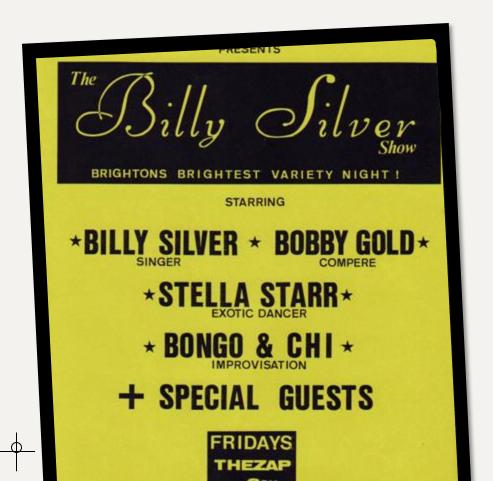
As well as the main partnership of Andy Walker and Stella Starr making these shows happen, other key partnerships were formed.

MC Bobby Gold + choreographer and wardrobe mistress extraordinaire Fifi de Maintenon joined Stella to become founder members of the Vavavavoom! Burlesque enterprise.



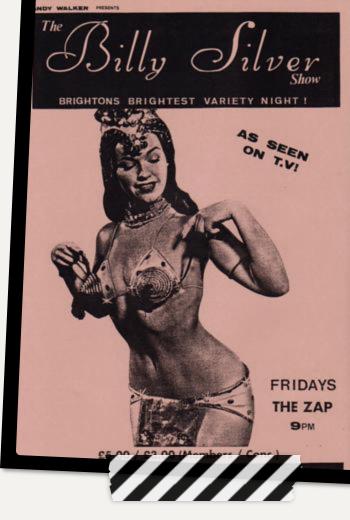


# From Fame Frame to The Billy Silver Show



From its underground
beginnings in the small arch
of the Zap Club, Andy Walker's
Fame Frame went on to become a
bigger more polished stage
show in the main ZAP arch —
renamed as The Billy Silver
Show. Andy Walker developed
his stage name of Billy Silver
to go alongside Bobby Gold.

Stella and Fifi started devising fully choreographed shows each week(!) with a core group of performers.



Stella still designed all the publicity but this was pre-digital/Photoshop, so traditional 'cut and paste' methods were used - with Letraset and photocopying!



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## **Brighton Festival**

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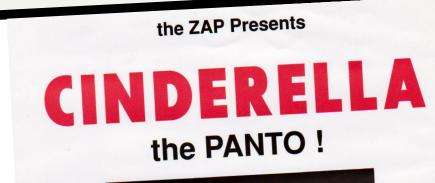
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Written by Sue Long choreographed by Ginny Farman Produced and Directed by Andy Walker

With:

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# Other ZAP shows followed...

Andy and Stella went on to work on projects like the ZAP's Christmas Panto together, whilst also developing their own award winning solo shows for ZAP showcases.

Two short plays written by Stella Starr - "The Meal" and "Radio Play" - were also premiered at the ZAP Club.