



Sparkplug Festival 2021

Sparkplug Festival 2021 by Status Queer held at Galleri Box, Gothenburg, Sweden 20.8.2021. The booklet contains original speeches written in the Speech Karaoke workshop 18.8.2021.

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605 **Argento, Asia** **01:21**
Harvey Weinstein will never be welcome **English**
here again **2018**

Trigger Warning (TW): Rape, Asia Argento gave an impassioned speech at the Cannes Closing Ceremony that called out now-disgraced Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein as well as those in the industry who have yet to face justice for their alleged actions. Argento, who was one of the first people to publicly accuse Weinstein of rape in the October 2017 expose in the New Yorker, took the stage alongside filmmaker Ava DuVernay to recount being raped by Weinstein at Cannes. In 2018 Asia Argento settled a rape accusation of Jimmy Bennett against herself.

362 **Astor, Lady** **03:08**
Women in politics (extract) **English**
1922

American-born Lady Astor, MP for Plymouth, was the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons in 1919. Here she describes the rightful place and meaning of women in politics, the experience and her aims for the future. The speech was given at Town Hall, New York City.

731 **Barker, Gary** **03:28**
How does feminism help men? **English**
2017

Gary Barker, masculinity researcher and President of Promundo US, talks about manhood in the spectrum of feminism and equality in 2010's. Barker thinks fatherhood works as a "shortcut" for men to get into a softer, less rigid and toxic form of manhood. This speech is taken from "BE A MAN" - lecture series on masculinity by Shiftbalance, a feminist think tank based in Spain, that aims to progress equality internationally.

744 **Beck, Julia** **04:25**
There are only three sexualities **English**
2019

Trigger Warning (TW): Trans-Exclusionary-Radical Feminism (TERF), hate speech. Julia Beck is a writer and organizer from Baltimore, Maryland. Beck shares her experience being terminated from her position on the Baltimore LGBTQ Commission for reaffirming the biological of sex and explained why the Equality Act promotes inequality for women and girls in this event at The Heritage Foundation. Her views are seen in the LGBTQI+ community as TERF meaning trans-exclusionary radical feminist. These views are seen broadly as anti-feminist and backwards thinking of human rights.

464 **bell hooks** **01:18**
Voice of Power **English**
2011

Author, feminist and scholar bell hooks (Gloria Jean Watkins) how a female voice achieves it's liberatory power. bell hooks is a social and cultural critic and an authority in intersectional feminism. The speech is a excerpt from an Terry Real interview with bell hooks 2011.

778 **bell, hooks** **04:08**
White Suprematist Capitalist Patriarchy **English**
1997

This is an excerpt from a documentary "Cultural Criticism And Transformation" (1997) interviewing bell hooks (aka Gloria Watkins), a feminist theorist, author and a scholar of black feminisms of the western feminist discourse. She talks about her work in defining the "interlocking systems of domination" which consists of white supremacy, capitalistic culture and a sexist patriarchy. Watkins's wide literary work starting from early 1980's has been a vital part of the collaborative work of black feminists (Kimberlé Crenshaw, Combahee River Collective, Angela Davis and many more) in forming the concept of intersectionality.

483 **Butler, Judith** **02:17**
Gender normativity **English**
2010

Judith Butler, gender theorist, author and American philosopher, tells a story about a young man who gets killed by a group of young men because he has a feminine "swish" in his walk. This speech is taken from a French documentary about Judith Butler's work in gender studies.

465 **Butler, Judith** **02:54**
Gender performativity **English**
2012

Judith Butler's short speech about gender performativity. Butler states that gender is not assigned from birth, but performative. Gender roles are a phenomenon produced and reproduced by the society. Butler is a known gender theorist, feminist and author of "Gender Trouble" and has contributed to queer theory and third-wave feminism. This speech is taken from an interview with Big Think.

474 **Crenshaw, Kimberlé** **04:24**
What is intersectional feminism? **English**
2007

Kimberlé Crenshaw, professor of law at UCLA and an authority on Critical Race Theory and Civil Rights, talks about intersectional feminism. Crenshaw states that people living in the intersections of oppression are most vulnerable to the abuse of the white supremacist patriarchy. When women got the right to vote, it didn't empower black women and when the voting was possible for the black community, it empowered black men but not black women. This speech was given at the Women & Power conference 2007. Intersectionality is based on a collective effort by many writers of black feminisms such as Combahee River Collective and Angela

733 **Crews, Terry** **02:54**
Modern Masculinity (DUO) **English**
2018

Actor Terry Crews is talking about modern masculinity with an American tv-host called Doctor Oz. Crews is talking about his childhood, about the fragile forms of masculinity, when he used to get teased for being artistic or playing the flute. Crews is also advertising Old Spice's 80th anniversary and their theme on the modern man. This is a duo speech between Crews and Doctor Oz.

734 **Daniels, Mark** **04:02**
Gender dysphoria in children and teens **English**
2017

Pediatric endocrinologist Dr. Mark Daniels from CHOC Children's Hospital's program "Gender, puberty and sex development" explains for parents how to identify and understand gender dysphoria in children and teens. Daniels tell us that some children may express themselves in a very early age and some children are private until their adolescence and even until adulthood about their gender identity. Daniels wants to provide care that helps children to affirm their gender identity, for them to be happier and less stressed about their life.

197 **de Beauvoir, Simone** **00:44**
Statement on Abortion **English**
1971

Author and pioneer feminist scholar Simone de Beauvoir's statement on abortion from the manifesto of the 343, Le Nouvel Observateur, #334, April 5 1971. Beauvoir is known for her book "The Second Sex" (1949, Le Deuxime Sexe) that revolutionized and popularised the feminist movement.

742 **Dove, Rain** **03:26**
Lovingful answers to a transphobic parent **English**
(DUO) **2019**

This is a chat between non-binary model Rain Dove and a mother who is confused about her child because they want a binder for their chest for Christmas. Rain Dove empathizes with the parent's concerns and confronts her fears with loving responses and kindness. Dove encourages the parent to get them a binder. This is a duo speech between Rain Dove and an anonymous concerned parent.

735 **Elnyg, Rag** **02:00**
Where is my penis? (SK) **English**
2019

Rag Elnyg is a sculptor, visual and performance artist based in Helsinki. In the speech Elnyg talks about the practical situations in sports such as parkour and taekwond involving his unattached penis. Rag Elnyg is known for his art involving identity, gender and the politics of the personal. Elnyg was given the Baltic and Nordic Young Artist Award in 2019. This speech was written for Speech Karaoke's Love me Gender event on 18th of December 2019 in Lavaklubi, Helsinki. The video is also made by Rag Elnyg.

768 **Gay, Roxane** **03:43**
Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body - excerpt **English**
2017

Trigger Warning (TW:) Trauma of sexual violence. Roxane Gay is an American writer, professor, editor and social commentator. "In Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body", Gay describes her experience of her body, her relationship to food and weight, and her experience as a victim of sexual violence. Gay gained weight in the wake of her trauma, as both means of comfort and of protecting herself from the world, and describes the book as being about "living in the world when you are three or four hundred pounds overweight, when you are not obese or morbidly obese but super morbidly obese." "Hunger" was widely and favorably reviewed.

466 **Hillary Rodham Clinton** **03:00**
Women's Rights Are Human Rights **English**
1995

This is an excerpt from Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Women's Rights Are Human Rights" speech, delivered at the Fourth U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, on September 5th, 1995. She delivered a powerful message of women's rights through colorful language that triggered the audience to wild applause throughout the speech.

780 **Human Rights Campaign** **03:12**
Conversion Therapy **English**
2018

Trigger Warning (TW): Homophobia. The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve LGBTQ+ equality. The discredited, abusive practice of "conversion therapy" has been proven to cause lasting physical and mental harm and can be life threatening. In this speech a "conversion therapy" survivor shares her horrible experience.

383 **Jameson, Jenna** **02:32**
I will never spread my legs in this industry **English**
again! **2008**

Jenna Jameson, one of the biggest pornstars ever, gave a speech in AVN Awards 2008 (porn's equal for Oscars) about retiring from the porno industry. After the speech she returned to do a campaign for "Fleshlight" in 2013, but has still kept her promise.

467 **Janusz Korwin-Mikke & Iratxe Garcia-Perez** **01:06**
Women Must Earn Less (DUO) **English**
2015

The 74 year-old Polish conservative politician Janusz Korwin-Mikke left the European parliament aghast at a debate on the gender pay gap in Europe when he insisted that "women must earn less because they are weaker, they are smaller, they are less intelligent. They must earn less. That is all." This wasn't taken lightly by the Spanish MEP Iratxe Garcia-Perez who took the floor to lambaste him. Two weeks later, Korwin-Mikke got sanctioned by the EU parliament. The speech is from the simultaneous translation to English of Korwin-Mikke's and Garcia-Perez's. This is a duo-speech between Korwin-Mikke and Garcia-Perez.

384 **Johnson, Magic** **03:21**
Magic Johnson retires from Lakers - HIV **English**
announcement **1991**

Legendary basketball player, Magic Johnson, retires from the Lakers in 1991 announcing he has HIV. Johnson talks about becoming a spokesperson for HIV and about his intentions of living a long, normal life.

457 **Judd, Ashley**
I Am a Nasty Woman
07:09
English
2017

"I Am a Nasty Woman" is a poem by Nina Donovan. It was recited as a speech by Ashley Judd during the Women's March on Washington on the 21st of January, 2017, a day after Donald Trump's inauguration. This empowering speech plays on a remark made by Trump during one of the presidential debates with Hillary Clinton. While she was answering a question about tackling debt by raising taxes, Trump said "Such a nasty woman" into the microphone.

769 **Kristedt, Sanna**
Liminality (SK)
01:29
English
2021

Liminality is the state or quality of ambiguity which exists in the middle stage of certain events or rituals, during which the participating individual no longer holds its pre-ritual status but has not yet attained the status it will hold when the ritual has been completed. The speech was written at the Sparkplug Festival Speech Karaoke workshop in August 2021, Göteborg, Sweden. "The text was almost written in one go with minimal changes. The silent room in the gallery created a safe space for my heart (and tears) to be poured out. I've had a lot of existential thoughts lately and this workshop definitely was an emotional release."

485 **Lennox, Annie**
Trump is helping the women's movement
(DUO)
03:20
English
2017

Composer and vocalist Annie Lennox, best known from Eurythmics, discusses the definition of feminism, encouraging men to be feminists and Donald Trump being a catalyst for women to wake up to the problems they face. This is a duo speech between Lennox and the interviewer.

401 **Lewinsky, Monica**
The Price of Shame
05:04
English
2015

This is the beginning part of one of the first public speeches by Monica Lewinsky, 17 years after the infamous Lewinsky/Clinton scandal. In the speech she reflects on the events unfolding in 1998. She now calls herself a social activist advocating for a safer and more compassionate social media environment, drawing from her unique experiences at the epicenter of a media maelstrom in 1998.

612 **Madonna**
To Age is Sin
08:58
English
2016

Madonna gave this speech after receiving the "Woman of The Year" award from Billboard. She reflects on her 35 years of career in the music industry with its sexism, mysogyny and bullying. She recounts her choice for becoming a "bad" feminist and urges women to support each other more.

770 **McRaven, William** **03:03**
Start off by making your bed **English**
2014

Trigger Warning (TW:) Disciplinary rhetorics, An excerpt from a speech delivered by William McRaven, a Naval Admiral and commander of U.S. Special Operations Command. In the speech McRaven recalls 10 lessons from military training that have helped him later in life. In this excerpt he speaks about making the bed in the morning. The speech was held at The University of Texas May 17, 2014 for the graduating students of the class of 2014. The last line of the speech: "Hook 'em Horns" is the chant and hand signal of The University of Texas.

771 **McRaven, William** **03:51**
Start singing when you're up to your neck **English**
in mud **2014**

Trigger Warning (TW:) Disciplinary rhetorics. An excerpt from a speech by William McRaven, a Naval Admiral and commander of U.S. Special Operations Command . In the speech McRaven recalls 10 tough lessons from military training. In this excerpt he delivers lessons number 9 + 10: never lose hope and never ring the bell. This inspirational speech was held at The University of Texas May 17, 2014 for the graduating students of the class of 2014. The last line of the speech: "Hook 'em Horns" is the chant and hand signal of The University of Texas.

772 **Message, Sam** **02:41**
Sparkplug Festival Manifesto 2021 **English**
2021

An intimate interpretation of Status Queer's community driven installation at their first edition of the festival Sparkplug (2021). Why write a boring curator's text when you can describe getting fisted into the next dimension - especially if that dimension is a fabulous queer utopia. This speech was delivered in the Speech Karaoke workshop of Sparkplug 18.8.2021 Gothenburg, Sweden.

773 **Nordgren, Kaino** **01:45**
Climate Change (SK) **English**
2021

A speech before going to the Nordic Rebellion, a demonstration organised in Norway with the Extinction Rebellion movement, that fights and demands real and effective solutions for climate change action. The speech was written and deliver for the Speech Karaoke System by Kaino Nordgren at the Sparkplug festival workshop 18.8.2021 at the Box Gallery, Göteborg, Sweden.

568 **Näkkäljärvi, Pirita** **04:52**
Presidential Candidates Lack Sámi Focus **English**
2018

Indigenous rights activist, Pirita Näkkäljärvi, talks about the lack of focus on Sámi issues during the presidential election of Finland in 2018. Näkkäljärvi agrees with professor of World Politics Teivo Teivanen at Helsinki University that ratifying ILO-169 in Finland should be an issue to put pressure on the candidates. ILO-169 is an operative international law guaranteeing the rights of indigenous peoples. Näkkäljärvi also recognises that president Sauli Niinistö did a huge favour for Sámi people while addressing the UN WCIP in 2014. This speech was published as a column in News Now Finland 27.1.2018.

739 **Obama, Barack**
Being a man (DUO)**04:47**
English
2019

In this conversation with Steph Curry, President Barack Obama speaks about masculinity and what it means to be a man. "If you are very confident about your sexuality, you don't have to have eight women around you twerkin'." This is a DUO SPEECH between Obama and Curry.

195 **Parks, Rosa**
Bus speech**00:14**
English
1955

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to obey bus driver James F. Blake's order to give up her seat in the colored section of the bus to a white passenger, after the white section was filled.

597 **Putin, Vladimir**
On the Russian "anti-gay law"**00:48**
English
2013

Trigger Warning (TW): Homophobia. At the press conference during the official meeting with Sauli Niinistö, the President of Finland, Vladimir Putin spoke about the reasons behind the decision to change the Russian laws to protect the people against "the propaganda of homosexuality".

743 **Rivera, Sylvia**
Y'all better quiet down!**03:54**
English
1973

Legendary speech from a gay liberation and transgender rights activist Sylvia Rivera who identified as a drag queen. Sylvia is addressing the gay community at New York City's Christopher Street Liberation Day Rally in 1973. "... I will not prolong to put up with this shit! I have been beaten! I have have had my nose broken! I have been thrown in jail....! I have lost my job! I have lost my apartment for gay liberation! And y'all treat me this way?" Rivera's speech is a very influential speeches in LGTQIA+ movement's history.

781 **Ruth**
My transition**03:16**
English
2009

Ruth, 22, knew from the age of 16 that she wanted to transition to a woman. She describes her journey, hormone treatment and surgery, and how she feels now. The speech was a taken from Youtube video released by the National Health Service (NHS) of United Kingdom,

779 **Status, Queer
Rules of Conduct****04:32**
English
2021

"Rules of Conduct" is a speech made by Status Queer group that were handed out at Sparkplug Festival held at Gothenburg in 2021. The festivals focuses to bring LGBTQIA+ and other marginalised groups together to discuss, experience and to meet each other. "LGBTQIA+ festival done by the LGBTQIA+ people." The speech was added to the system at the Speech Karaoke workshop at the Box gallery 18.8.2021, Gothenburg, Sweden.

777 **Söring, Inga Kolbrún
Hair is Powerful (SK)****01:23**
English
2021

The speech is about how hair is powerful. The speech was written and delivered at the Speech Karaoke workshop at the Sparkplug festival 18th of August 2021 in Göteborg, Sweden.

475 **Truth, Sojourner
Ain't I a woman?****02:09**
English
1851

"Ain't I a woman?" speech was delivered by Sojourner Truth at the Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio in 1851. Truth was born as a black woman into slavery in New York. After gaining her freedom in 1827, she became a well known anti-slavery speaker. The speech was later printed and published in the abolitionist newspaper "The Anti-Slavery Bugle" and became famous during the American Civil War. The original version did not have the repetitive "Ain't I a woman?" question as presented in this speech - it was added later in 1863 by Frances Dana Barker Gage. "Ain't I a woman?" is considered one of the most influential speeches in black feminisms.

765 **Vaid-Menon, Alok
Challenging the Gender Binary****04:14**
English
2019

Alok Vaid-Menon (aka Alok) is a gender non-binary author, poet and a performance artist who is fighting for a world where all people are able to self-determine their gender. They talk about the problematics of a narrow binary gender system that polices gender expression in the everyday lives of trans people. They believe that plain visibility for trans people is not enough to bring dignity to the trans community. Alok calls for a total and fundamental change in the perspective of how we think and feel about gender.

426 **Waiyarat, Naphat
Women of Thailand (SK)****06:56**
English
2016

An empowering and feminist speech pointing out the westerners sexist views of Thai women. Waiyarat gives examples of male abuse in her personal life. The sexual discrimination against Thai women exists even in Denmark - where her mother lives. Waiyarat wants to change how foreigners think about Thai women. The speech was originally given to Speech Karaoke in Thai language. This English version was translated by Waiyarat herself.

313 **Bernadotte, Carl Gustaf**
Speech to the press at the annual
moosehunt

04:09
Swedish
2010

In 2010 the King of Sweden was involved in a sex scandal. According to a shocking book the King had visited pornclubs and had affairs. In this speech the king addresses these allegations by saying that we should "look forward and turn to the next page", and that he has important work to do, among other things improving the breeding of elks.

578 **Bernadotte, Victoria**
Tal på myndighetsdagen

01:42
Swedish
1995

In her speech on her 18th birthday princess Victoria solemnly swears allegiance to her father, the King of Sweden and says she will help him in "his important work for Sweden". The speech is in Swedish.

374 **Bock, Ior**
Om mannen och Sampo

00:46
Swedish
1996

Trigger Warning (TW): Bodily fluids. The swedish-speaking Finn Ior Bock explains in Swedish why every man is a "Sampo", what a "Saunasolmu" is, and why he drinks his own sperm every morning.

766 **Brand**
Brandtal

04:07
Swedish
2020

Brand är en anarkistisk tidskrift som givits ut med obruten kontinuitet sedan 1898. "Brandtal" är namnet på alla förord till Brand. Detta Brandtal är från nummer som kallas "Queerfaran", publicerat 2020. I den här radikal queer tal, professor i genusvetenskap och transhistoriker, anspelas på Susan Stryker.

376 **Diktonius, Elmer**
Hjältegravar

01:14
Swedish
1927

Finnish-swedish poet Elmer Diktoniuses' poem "Hjältegravar". The poem reflects how after the Finnish civil war the reds were buried without gravestones in mass graves.

185 **Palme, Olof** **03:53**
Därför är jag demokratisk socialist **Swedish**
1982

Olof Palme's speech explaining why he is a democratic socialist. It was delivered during the election debate on Swedish television in 1982. That year Palme became the Prime Minister of Sweden, a position he held until his assassination in 1986.

379 **Prince Daniel of Sweden** **06:00**
Daniels bröllopstal till Victoria (original) **Swedish**
2010

Prince Daniels' legendary wedding speech when he got married to princess Victoria of Sweden. The speech is given in Swedish with some parts in English.

774 **Queers Against Pinkwashing** **02:36**
Brandtal **Swedish**
2011

Detta brandtal publiceras i en online zine som heter Queers Against Pinkwashing. Det gör en stark poäng att motstå pinkwashing och rasistiska, islamofobiska och folkrättsvidrig argumentation.

775 **Rydhard, Sofia** **00:28**
Ideologi (SK) **Swedish**
2021

Sofia Rydhard's tal om acksaknaden av ideologi i samhällets samtid. Talet skrivet och levererat på Sparkplug festivalen, talkaraokeverkstad i Göteborg, Sverige 18.8.2021.

776 **Schyman, Gudrun** **02:07**
Brandtal av Gudrun Schyman **Swedish**
2014

Brandtal av Gudrun Schyman vid Feministiskt Initiativ valvaka 2014. Feministiskt Initiativ kommer precis under riksdagsspären och kommer inte i nationella parlamentet. Partiledaren Gudrun Schyman håller ett passionerat och inspirerande brandtal samtidigt som en livestream visar bilderna på den högnationalistiska partiledaren Jimmie Åkesson.

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284 **Valkeapää, Nils Aslak** **07:49**
Tack ska ni ha! **Swedish**
1991

Nils Aslak Valkeapää's tacktal när han fick Nordiska litteraturpriset 1991, i Köpenhamn, Danmark. Talet är poetiskt och politiskt. Valkeapää är högaktad i hela Sápmi.