The Leydig Trust

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Dear Disappointed Ball Guest,

26/4/96

Firstly, I must offer my apologies for the disaster on Friday. The Ball was concelled by Brixton Academy, following a meeting with the Police.

We telephoned as many of you as we could, and requested that Brixton Academy should have someone on the box office to let people know. Countdown on Spanner gave out leaflets letting people know what had happened. When I found out Brixton Academy had deserted their building, I sent volunteers down to pin up some posters.

We were only told by the Academy at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon that the Ball could not go ahead there. Within the space of 6 hours, we found another venue, Bagleys, and at 7am Friday, we started setting the Ball up, telling the caterer to carry on making the food. On Friday afternoon, just as we were ready for you. police threatened Bagleys, so this second venue had to refuse us too.

This year would have been our tenth Ball, and in all that time, no charge or complaint has been made by the police or any member of the public against the Ball. With a track record like this, it seems incredible that Brixton Police Station should arbitrarily advise that the Ball could not go ahead — despite our assurances that we would fully co-operate with them.

You may be, like me, puzzled as to <u>why</u> the police behaved as they did. We have no idea but urge you to write to the Police Complaints Authority at 10, Great George Street, London SW1 (tel 0171 273 6450). A complaint to newspapers, your MP and the Home Secretary would also help ENORMOUSLY, as there's a limit to what I can do.

The main victims of all this are all the people who are helped by the Outsiders Club, who rely totally on the income from the Ball. At present it looks as if the Outsiders Club will have to cease, as there are no funds.

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The second group of victims are yourselves who have bought tickets in good faith.

Ideally, we would like to divide the money left in the Leydig Trust account by the number of tickets sold (females 50%), and offer that sum in re-reimbursement for any ticket sent back to us at the Leydig Trust address. Obviously, if your ticket was left on the door, we have it already, but please still write to me confirming that you agree with my proposals.

Any money not claimed will be regarded as a donation to keep the Outsiders Club going, for which we thank you in advance.

We are also asking the Brixton Academy for a donation to this total, to be divided out amongst yourselves.

If you can afford it, please help Outsiders by sending a donation directly to them, at the same address below.

If you paid by cheque, and your cheque has not been cashed. please do not send your tickets back.

We hope that everyone will accept this arrangement in the hope of keeping the Charity afloat — but, if not, please write to me as to me as soon as possible. If you were bringing a party of guests to the Ball, please can you kindly tell your friends what I have put in this letter and apologise to them on my behalf.

Note, your membership card is still valid. Please keep it safely in case we are able to offer you anything else in the way of compensation. I cannot promise another Ball in the foreseeable future, until I have found out the source of police pressure last week, but some kind of party may be possible, hopefully arranged by someone else as I am totally exhausted, both physically and financially.

If you would like to support the charity by buying a 1996 T-Shirt (£10), video (£16) or *The Organ* (£20 sub) — send cheques to The Leydig Trust.

Thanks to all of you who have sent your well-wishes to me already. I will write again when I have heard back from the Brixton Academy and will be able to tell you how much we can afford to send you as a refund.

In the meantime, please try to come to the Protest Meeting which is being held on my behalf, information enclosed.

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