# Torsten the Bareback Saint Returns! [VIDEOS]

Erasure's Andy Bell continues his mythical musical stage series with "Queereteria TV."

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Andy Bell, lead singer of Erasure and April 2005 POZ cover model, first appeared on stage as the semi-immortal polysexual Torsten five years ago, in a cabaret-style production titled Torsten, the Bareback Saint (a book, CD and digital version were available for folks who couldn't attend the show in Edinburgh). Then came Torsten the Beautiful Libertine in 2015. And now, Torsten is back, in Queereteria TV, playing through April 28 at London's Above the Stag Theatre.

Rolling Stone spoke with Bell, who is living with HIV, about his current stage and musical persona and Erasure's '80s hits "Chains of Love" and "Little Respect." In the saga's newest iteration, Torsten, a state-sponsored entertainer, lives in a near-future dystopia and looks back on his life through song.

"This ruminates on the current state of things and takes it a step beyond," Bell tells Rolling Stone. "Where are we in all of that? Politically, we seem to be gearing much more towards the dictatorship scenarios or non-freedom of the press. It seems like they're clamping down in many places. It's a weird time. It's lovely to be part of because it's not preachy. It's quite swear-y and rude, but it's not in-your-face preaching. It's very comedic and quite gross—but with beautiful songs."

The new show's soundtrack is titled Torsten in Queereteria.

Andy Bell on the POZ cover for April 2005

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