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EVER HEARD OF 'Paris Is Burning'? It's a legendary 1990 documentary that introduced the world to the underground '80s subculture of ballroom competitions and 'voguing' (which She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named imitated and popularised). The film is a landmark look at LGBT+ life in New York and without it there'd be no Raja, Sharon, Bianca or Sasha to claim the drag superstar crown. But did you know there's a contemporary UK ballroom scene too? Or that it'll be on display at a one-off eleganza extravaganza this Saturday? At 'Werq: Ballroom at the Barbican' you can watch new stars give shade and runway realness. DJ Biggy C will spin house tunes and there'll be performances from Chicago rapper Mister Wallace and east London dance legend D'relle Khan. Grab some tix and marvel at the charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent. ■ *Liz Tray*

→ Find out more at www.barbican.org.uk. Sat Aug 5. £15, £12 concs.



'Paris Is Burning'

THE ESSENTIALS

Three things you have to do this week



Eat this

Pop-up restaurateurs **Snackbar** (above) are taking over **Legs** in Hackney for two weeks from Wednesday, serving up tasty twists on classic snacks. Book a table now as it's sure to sell out.



Scoop this

Gelupo has just launched its **Global Gelato** menu with internationally inspired flavours from top Soho restaurants including grapefruit/campari (Quo Vadis) and strawberries/beaujolais (Blanchette).



Drink this

London Craft Beer Festival is back this weekend. Head to Shoreditch Electric Light Station to try beers from 45 breweries, eat lots of food and hear DJ sets from Foals, Hot Chip and Norman Jay MBE.

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