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President's Message

Celebrating its 26th anniversary, the Sacramento International LGBTQ Film Festival is a spectacular community event consisting of three days of LGBTQ film, local food, beer, wine, and live entertainment!



And, yes, we have updated our Festival name to LGBTQ to better reflect who we are as a community and as audiences for queer film.

FILMS! FILMS! We are expanding our program this year to bring you even more great LGBTQ films. Join us at the historic Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento, CA, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 13, 14, 15, 2017 for some of the best queer cinema of 2017. Six feature-length films and 16 short films will be showcased.

Fabulous feature films: We open this year with *Alaska Is a Drag*, writer-director Shaz Bennett has expanded her short film into a rousing and crowd-pleasing debut feature that is the queer lovechild of Rocky and Hedwig. *After Louie*, an engaging inter-generational story starring Alan Cumming, Zachary Booth and Wilson Cruz; *Signature Move* directed by Jennifer Reeder and starring the sexy and talented Fawzia Mirza.

Three riveting documentaries: *The Untold Tales of Armistead Maupin* which examines the amazing life of the celebrated San Francisco wordsmith; *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson* which looks at the life and mysterious death of this transgender pioneer and her dear friend Sylvia Rivera; and our closing night film, *The Lavender Scare*, which tells the McCarthy-era story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire all employees suspected of being homosexual. As a State employee, I am so happy to be living and working in the liberal and accepting state of California.

We have two shorts programs with 8 short films in each, which will make you laugh, cry, and gasp with pride amongst fellow film-lovers. Numerous filmmakers and special guests are expected to attend, and we are looking forward to some vibrant post-show Q&As with them (please check Faceboook and our website for updates at www.siglff.org).

New this year, our Audience Awards carry cash prizes for the winning filmmakers (\$750 for best feature-length film, \$500 for best short film). Your attendance and your votes support LGBTQ films and filmmakers—please join us for as many films as you can and help us spread the word to your friends—none of this can happen without you in the audience amongst our community and our allies.

See you at The Crest Theater!

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SIGLFF Board President



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Opening Night - Friday, October 13, 2017



ALASKA IS A DRAG

Director: Shaz Bennett 2017 | USA | 83 min

Friday, October 13; 7:00pm

Expected Guest: Director Shaz Bennett

Writer-director Shaz Bennett has expanded her memorable short film of the same name into a rousing and crowd-pleasing debut feature that is the queer lovechild of Rocky and Hedwig. Tough, but diva fabulous, Leo, an aspiring drag superstar, is stuck working in a fish cannery in Alaska. He and his twin sister are trapped in the monotony of fist fights and fish guts. Out of necessity, Leo learned to fight back, which catches the attention of the local boxing coach. When a new boy moves to town and wants to be his sparring partner, Leo has to face the real reason he's stuck in Alaska.

Friday Night Shorts Program Friday, October 13; 9:15 pm

(content is for mature audiences)

Please see website for list of expected guests.



Cake
Director: Jacintho Muinos
2015 | Australia | 16 min

A late-night Internet hook-up between a housebound gamer and a relentless party boy runs overtime. But the morning arrival of Andrew's grandma turns things a bit awkward in this charming Aussie romance.



Cruising Elsewhere
Director: Ryan White
2016 | USA | 13 min

Whatever happened to Wohler Beach? Oral histories and spectral pornography resurrect memories of a once legendary Russian River gay beach in this sexy short.



*Tits.*Director: Louisa Bertman 2015 | USA | 5 min

Quite simply, this is a powerful animated short about tits.



Queer Ghost Hunters: Part 1
Director: Stu Maddux
2017 USA 10 min

In this first episode of director Stu Maddox's *Queer Ghost Hunters*, join the team on the hunt for lesbian nun ghosts!



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Haygood Eats
Director: hazart
2016 | USA | 5 min

A bickering husband-and-wife catering team (or is it husband-and-beard?) is shooting a cheesy TV ad, and we get to see the hilarious outtakes.



Rusalka

Directors: Wes "Potato" Hurley & Nathan Miller 2016 | USA | 9 min

Imagine Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" retold by Tom of Finland, and throw in an homage to early gay erotic films, and you get the artful *Rusalka*, set to the music of Antonín Dvořák's opera of the same name and starring burlesque icons Luminous Pariah and Chris Harder.



The Blondes (Las Rubias)

Director: Carlota Martínez Pereda 2016 | Spain | 17 min

Blonde, pretty. and delinquent: nothing stands in the way of Marta and Pepa...except another blonde. Inspired by real events and the style of Almodóvar. In Spanish with English subtitles.



Curmudgeons

Director: Danny DeVito 2016 | USA | 17 min

A potty-mouthed octogenarian in an assisted living facility gets a big-time surprise engineered by his daughter, in this funny and endearing sketch directed (and with a delightful cameo) by Danny DeVito.



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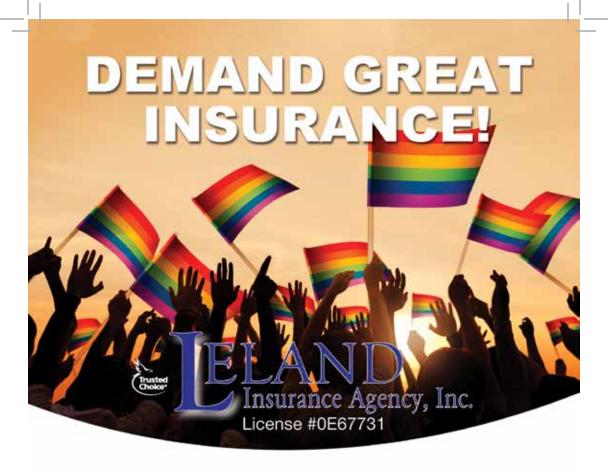
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THE DEATH AND LIFE OF MARSHA P. JOHNSON

Director: David France 2017 | USA | 107 min

Saturday, October 14; 1:30pm

Who killed Marsha P. Johnson? When the beloved, self-described "street queen" of NY's Christopher Street was found floating in the Hudson River in 1992, the NYPD called her death a suicide. Protests erupted but the police remained impassive and refused to investigate. Now, twenty-five years on, Academy Award® nominated director and journalist David France (*How to Survive a Plague*) examines Marsha's death—and her extraordinary life— thanks to the work of a dynamic activist named Victoria Cruz.

Marsha teamed up with Sylvia Rivera, the radical duo fought arrests, condemned police brutality, organized street kids, battled the intolerant majority within the gay community, and helped spearhead the Stonewall Riots. In 1970 they formed the world's first trans-rights organization, STAR (Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries). Marsha and Sylvia ignited a powerful and lasting civil rights movement for gender nonconforming people. (Last year we screened S.T.A.R., a documentary short about Marsha and Sylvia)





THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

Director: Jennifer M. Kroot; Editor/Co-Director: Bill Weber

2017 | USA | 91 min

Saturday, October 14; 4:00pm

THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN examines the life and work of one of the world's most beloved storytellers, following his evolution from a conservative son of the Old South into a gay rights pioneer whose novels have inspired millions to claim their own truth. Jennifer Kroot's documentary about the creator of Tales Of The City moves nimbly between playful and poignant and laugh-out-loud funny. With help from his friends (including Neil Gaiman, Laura Linney, Olympia Dukakis, Sir lan McKellen and Amy Tan), Maupin offers a disarmingly frank look at the journey that took him from the jungles of Vietnam to the bathhouses of '70s San Francisco to the front line of the American culture war.



SIGNATURE MOVE

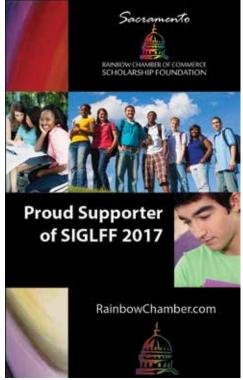
Director: Jennifer Reeder 2017 | USA | 82 min

Saturday, October 14; 7:00pm

SIGNATURE MOVE is a comedic and heartfelt look at modern families and the complexities of love in its many forms. Zaynab (Fawzia Mirza) is a Pakistani, Muslim lawyer living in Chicago who begins a new romance with Alma (Sari Sanchez), a confident Mexican-American woman. Zaynab's recently widowed mother Parveen (Shabana Azmi) has moved in and spends her days watching Pakistani TV dramas while searching for a potential husband for her only daughter. Alma's mother is a former professional Luchadora, which Zaynab finds fascinating, as she has recently taken up lucha-style wrestling with a former pro wrestler. Zaynab tries to keep her secrets from her mother, who knows more than she lets on. (SIGLFF audiences will remember Fawzia in last year's short Spunkle, and her raucous Q&A after feature film Jamie and Jess are Not Together in SIGLFF20.)











AFTER LOUIE

Director: Vincent Gagliostro 2017 | USA | 100 min

Saturday, October 14; 9:15pm

AFTER LOUIE follows Sam (Alan Cumming), an artist and activist from ACT UP who lived through the early years of HIV/AIDS—a man scarred and still struggling with survivor's guilt. Cemented into an oppressive past, he is bewildered by a younger generation of carefree gay men with their uninhibited use of social media, sexting, and seeming political indifference. But when he meets the seductive young Braeden (Zachary Booth) at a bar late one night, their pants quickly come down and, eventually, so does Sam's ossified guard. As the pair become increasingly intimate, an intergenerational relationship blossoms between them-one capable of reawakening Sam's artistic soul and reviving his wilted heart.



Sunday Shorts Program Sunday, October 15; 3:30 pm

Please see website for list of expected guests.



Boys in the Street #pride

Director: Louisa Bertman 2016 | USA | 4 min

This gorgeous animated music video addresses growing up surrounded by homophobia.



Bootwmn

Directors: Paige Gratland & Sam McWilliams 2015 | USA, Canada, UK | 11 min

Deana McGuffin is a third-generation New Mexico bootmaker, hand-crafting wearable pieces of art. When she is approached by a Canadian artist and an SF tattoo artist to create a gay-themed cowboy boot, a story unravels of a unique collaboration that takes them to the heart of cowboy country in Texas.



Britney-Holics Anonymous - A Spear-itual Awakening

Director: Jerell Rosales 2015 | USA | 10 min

A delivery man stumbles upon an unusual support group where cheerful devotees addicted to a certain pop star meet in solidarity.



Etage X

Director: Francy Fabritz 2016 | Germany | 14 min

An accidental meeting in an elevator at a department store leads two older women to their limits and forces them to improvise. In German with English subtitles



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Please see website for list of expected guests.



Marz

Director: Bobby Yan 2016 | USA | 12 min

A childhood friendship is put to the test after a fleeting encounter stirs up uncomfortable feelings

that neither is equipped to answer.



Dusk

Director: Jake Graf 2017 | UK | 15 min

Writer-Director Jake Graf (*Dawn*) returns with a beautiful rumination on self-perception and lasting love set in 1950s England.



Encuentro

Director: Florencia Manóvil 2016 | USA | 17 min

Claudia is in for a spark-filled evening when she encounters the captivating foreigner, Isabel, who challenges her perceptions of Latinos and of herself in this beautiful short.



Little Potato

Director: Wes "Potato" Hurley & Nathan Miller 2016 | USA | 14 min

This visually fascinating autobiographical short (a Jury Prize winner for Best Short Doc at SXSW) is about a gay boy growing up in the Soviet Union, his gutsy mail-order-bride mom, and their dream of escaping to America.



Closing Night - Sunday, October 15, 2017



THE LAVENDER SCARE

Director: Josh Howard 2016 | USA | 78 min

Sunday, October 15; 6:30pm

Expected Guest: Josh Howard

The Lavender Scare is the first documentary film to tell the little-known story of an unrelenting campaign by the federal government to identify and fire all employees suspected of being homosexual. In 1953, President Eisenhower declared gay men and lesbians to be a threat to the security of the country and therefore unfit for government service.

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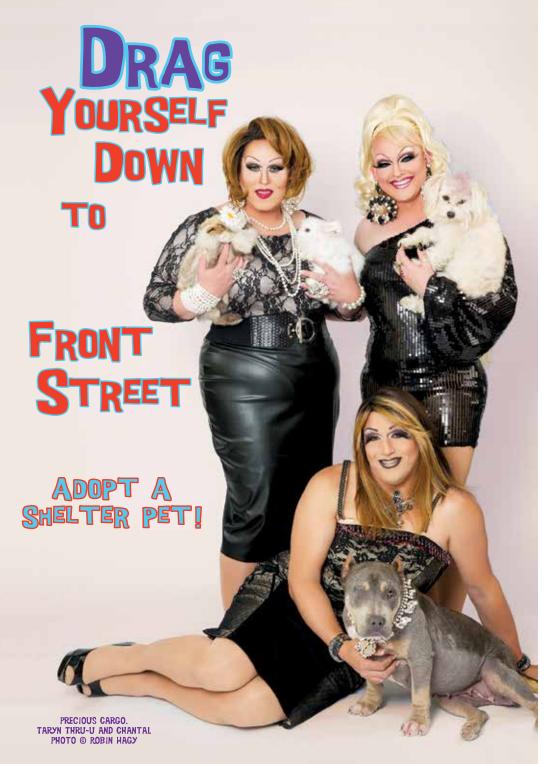
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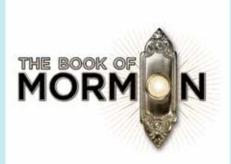












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