

2017 SAN ANTONIO QFEST LGBT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Short Films

Stay Gold Man Up - Canada

What began 9 years ago as a drag king competition night at one of the last lesbian bars in Vancouver—the now closed Lick nightclub—has since turned into a monthly multi-gender drag spectacular and queer dance party in East Vancouver. Celebrating Kings, Queens, Things and everything in between, Man Up has grown to become indispensable in Vancouver's vibrant and diverse queer community, proving that drag is for everybody. Stay Gold Man Up features interviews with key figures, attendees, and performers alike. Man Up happens the last Friday of every month at the Cobalt.

Butch Coyolxauhqui - Canada

In Aztec mythology, the goddess Coyolxauhqui was severed into pieces by her brother, the god of war. This film recounts the lessons learned by a queer daughter from her round mother's body, framed by the story of Coyolxauhqui. It opens with a bright gold and turquoise rendering of the goddess breaking apart and trailing off the screen. It is quickly replaced by black and white photos of Pendleton Jiménez as a child beside her mother. She describes the comfort of snuggling into her mother's big, soft body while recounting the hurtful comments about weight directed at this body. The daughter learns to take seriously her mother's warning, "not to ever say anything bad about a person's body." Through childhood stories and then erotic photos of herself as a butch lover, Pendleton Jiménez attempts to reconcile the ambivalence she experiences over her own body, where maleness and femaleness collide. Using stop-motion animation, she returns to Coyolxauhqui's story and image, looking for a way to feel beautiful. Butch Coyolxauhqui was produced as part of an LGBTQ health centre program to create films about queer women's bodies.

Dream - France

Strange things can happen at full moon: A young girl is followed by a dark soul through the forbidden streets. Will she be able to escape?

Tailor - Brazil

TAILOR is a transgender cartoonist that shares in his web page other trans people's experiences and their challenges in society.

Lovers Never Say Goodbye - Germany

Love Hurts Until The Very End.....Maybe (Post-Apocalyptic, Horror, Drama)

MMA - USA

When rival Mixed Martial Arts fighters Lisa Jericho and Alana Moses meet in the locker room before their championship match, they grapple with their love of each other and their love of the fight.

Amber Blue - United Kingdom

Blue invites her mother Amber to a baby shower that her and her pregnant wife are throwing. When Amber assertively declines, the atmosphere boils over only to reveal the truth about their peculiar relationship.

Cupid Prefers A Sniper's Rifle - Israel

A romantic comedy-crime film hybrid about two hitmen that are hired to kill each other, and fall in love in the process.

Pearl s- Canada

Don's mother Miranda realizes her son Donald can only become the woman she is by defying her father and leaving their farm, in an outfit Miranda provides that includes a much-loved heirloom.

Dressed - USA

After her engagement collapses, Mags' mourning is interrupted by her little sister, recently out and seeking Mags' support at a Pride protest. With every day a reminder of her own failed relationship, Mags must decide what it means to support the people she loves.

Breakfast - USA

When a young man suffering from anorexia is pressured to eat breakfast by his boyfriend, the couple are thrust into an otherworld where their anxieties and frustrations are made horrifyingly real.

Another Day - India

An abstract from a woman's life who is trapped in the institution of marriage and tries to find solace in the memories of her past. These memories holds a secret that she has never shared with anyone but how long can she endure it?

Sleep On It - USA

A quarrel puts things into perspective for a young couple mattress-shopping for their first apartment.

Counting - USA

In 1951 Violet and Milly make a love promise over a penny. In 2015, the promise comes due, and Violet must face a heartbreaking reality.

Expiration Date - USA

A poetic story about searching for an unexpired romance, a mélange of sexy fantasy and innocent love.

The Real Thing - USA

A soldier returns home to meet his daughter, who transitioned while he was on tour.

Aleph Melbourne-Celebrating 20 Years - Australia

The amazing story of Aleph Melbourne, the controversial support group that changed the face of LGBTIQ acceptance in Jewish Australia. Rich with archival material, take a captivating and nostalgic journey from inception in 1995 through to 2015.

Be More Popcorn - Italy

Be more popcorn talks about the awkward situations of Riley and her friends, in a lgbtqi context.

Lady Eva - Tonga

A brave young transgender woman sets off on a journey to become her true self in the conservative Pacific Island Kingdom of Tonga – with a little inspiration from Tina Turner along the way.

Parade of Dreams - USA

A young man takes us through his journey of coming out, becoming a drag-queen, and the dangers that this lifestyle created.

No Way To Paradise - Spain

No way to Paradise is a shortfilm that portrays the secret relationship between a couple lovers in a hotel's room. Stigmata and Stereotypes catch the voice of one of them who attacks with his own weapons to the other.

A Bone To Pick - USA

A day in the life of a lesbian dog walker in Los Angeles.

Swimming Pool - Spain

SANTI and JOTA are two guys living in the outskirts of Madrid. Like many others, they have decided not to study or work and they spend their precious time drinking beer cans in the park, going to sleazy clubs and talking about the hottest girls in the neighborhood. But Jota seems a little bit worried about something.

Overwhelmed by the summer heat and confident about getting his friend to talk, SANTI will make an infallible plan to his pal.

Pixelle - United Kingdom

Priya, a young woman stuck in a dead-end job she hates, expresses a desire to spend time with a woman she's been chatting with on a lesbian chat room for over a year. As the pair spend the day together we realise that not is all it seems, with both women having elements of their lives that they hide and their own insecurities.

Scar Tissue - Netherlands

As the Syrian civil war rages, Sami (Noah Valentyn) has left his hometown of Aleppo and now lives in Amsterdam. He hopes to be able to build a home here and be able to live openly as a gay man. Most of all, he hopes to escape the ghosts of the past that still haunt him. A chance encounter brings him face to face with Johan (Daan Colijn). Self-assured, direct and sensual - Johan embodies the spirit of this city. Over the course of a night, some unsettling secrets are revealed that will make both men confront some harsh truths about the very different worlds

they come from.

Love You, Thank You - USA

Lance relives the good and the bad in his past relationship to decide whether or not to see his ex-boyfriend, Adam, that night.

A Delicate Love - United Kingdom

Peter, a Maths student, works part-time in a delicatessen. When a handsome and sophisticated older man purchases exquisite delicacies, Peter cannot help but be drawn to him and his fantasy life gets way out of hand...

Mum, I'm Back - Greece

A woman returns, after 40 years, to the village where she was born. The cause is the death of her mother. She keeps an old photograph in her hands: a mother with her two sons. Arriving at the cemetery, she encounters the faces of all those she left behind.

Spaghetti Romance - USA (filmed in United States and Italy)

Set in Sicily, Abby meets her girlfriend's conservative mother for the first time. When the encounter goes awry, she decides to take matters into her own hands --Italian style.

Her Being Home - USA

Her Being Home is a short musical film about a Black queer woman returning home after graduation to a community she doesn't recognize. While Aliya tries to confront old traumas and new changes, she must turn to an unexpected place to find the voice she never knew she had. What does home mean when it doesn't know the sound of your own voice?

Luber - USA

A single, awkward business man finds himself attracted to his hunky, ride-share driver but loses any chance with him when they pick up an annoying passenger who wants the driver for himself.

Ladybug - Spain

An important call is the trigger for Vicente to face an unresolved issue. A very intimate story about parent-son relationship, described in an authentic, sweet, visually expressive style and with a touch of humor.

The Kiss - Australia

A young man kisses an older man at a party and must overcome the judgement of his homophobic brother.

NALA - Israel

A female couple is celebrating their anniversary in the nature and experience a shattering change in their relationship.

Tristan - Belgium

Recently, Tristan and his husband had a little girl together. But when he arrives to the nursery,

Tristan realizes that not everyone sees his paternity the way he does.

The Jump Off - USA

A gay young man in a passionate DL relationship struggles for legitimacy with his closeted lover.

Undetectable - USA

Derek and Reed, a young gay couple, are faced with a life-changing decision when one of them is diagnosed with HIV.

Feature Films

Trans Youth - USA

This intimate documentary is an interwoven coming of age story of seven trans young adults in the southern city of Austin, Texas.

Boys For Sale - Japan

Boys for Sale is a feature documentary about *urisen*, mostly straight male sex workers in Tokyo's Shinjuku 2-chome, an area with connections to the sex trade dating back to the 17th century.

Apricot Groves - Armenia

Aram, an Iranian-Armenian trans man living in the U.S. since childhood, returns to Armenia for the first time to propose to an Armenian girlfriend he met and lived with in the US. He sees many cultural, religious, and national differences on the one day trip, but harder obstacles are ahead.

Between The Shades - USA

This feature length documentary explores the many shades of being gay by what connects us all: love. The film looks at love through 360 degrees of parents, children, and generations. The participants represent a large range of age groups, ethnicities and professions. They are male, female and those who are still yet to be defined.

Transfigurations-Transgressing Gender in The Bible - USA

Peterson Toscano has shaken up Bible academics and received high praise for his groundbreaking, genre-bending, gender blending Bible scholarship. By unearthing the stories of gender-variant people in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, Toscano's one-person play deepens well-known (and lesser-known) Bible stories and presents an array of Bible characters with an array of genders.

Brotherly Love - USA

A Brother in the Catholic Church must choose between his vow of celibacy and the man he loves. The film is the adaptation of Lambda Literary Award-nominated novel "Seventy Times Seven" by Salvatore Sapienza.