

San Antonio QFest 2016-San Antonio LGBT International Film Festival

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Screen A

Homeless Denver- Anne Marie began offering a class in Mindfulness practice to homeless youth at the Urban Peak drop-in Center in part to give them some tool they can use to regulate how they respond to a hostel world. As Gandhi said "Nobody can hurt me without my permission". Every week the class meets and Anne Marie goes over practices to help them regulate reactions and develop a more peaceful mind. There can be no peace outside without first finding peace within.

Stall- Two close friends struggle with their sexuality and self identity. It is a coming of age story that highlights the fragility of friendship and love.

Adam- Adam is a short film about a closeted gay teen whose fantasies lead him to explore the world of adult filmmaking.

Home (less)- When a gay 17 year old gets kicked out of his foster home, there aren't a lot of options.

In The Mirror- Joëlle is not your average father. When her son suddenly turns up in NY just when her life is in full reconstruction after a sex reassignment, she's not ready to play the doting father. She can tell her son the contrary, he can see that she's gone down a notch. Crap job, tiny flat. and there's a transgender that support group meets there. She can't take being constantly scrutinized, questioned and judged by every Tom, Dick and Harry. Her son's arrival might just be the last straw. It's emotional swings and roundabouts which won't leave you the same person. (Released in partnership with UNESCO Chaire Sexual Health & Human Rights)

Torn- Korey and Angela have been in love for the past 5 years. Korey is now ready to take their relationship to the next level but Angela doesn't share the same sentiment. Soon secrets are revealed and their love is put to the test.

I Hate The Color Red- A comedy about a sister and a brother who having inherited a video store from their parents, struggle to keep it a viable business. However thanks to "red boxes" and "red envelopes," they realize that their store will soon become obsolete. How they reconcile themselves to this realization, or don't, will leave you chuckling and charmed.

Sisters Of The Wicked Wig- (Feature) Two experimental drag queens create a festival that celebrates the richly unconventional Brooklyn queer community amidst the harsh realities of a rapidly-gentrifying New York. Sometimes best friends, sometimes bitter enemies, the two contend with issues of family acceptance, financial stability, and the conflicts and contradictions that arise within their community of outsiders.

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Die Formal- Miss Fibel was an exemplary employee until the day she started responding to all orders with 'I would prefer not to.' A short film about a strange phrase with fatal consequences.

Game Of Checkers- (Feature) Following Marta's wake, her five best friends decide to spend the night at a rural tourist getaway that Marta never got around to opening. That long night becomes a maze-like

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journey through their interconnecting friendships, where each reveals herself as it was the last day. On the eve of the burial, the talk is about life and a friendship that survived it all. But will this friendship be able to survive death?

Infinity-A film about the value of relationships.

Becoming Hines- A once nuclear family, the parents now separated with new partners, one being same-sex, and their transgender daughter share their journey building a new "modern family".

Handsome Girl- Sex. Love. Travel. Music. A story in the age of Snapchats and Tinder swipes. Two friends travel from Los Angeles to Berlin to launch their new musical project, Handsome Girl. In Berlin, anything can happen and usually does, but will their friendship survive?

Wally- "Wally" is a documentary. At its core is the focus of an artist and his love for his daughters. Though the discovery of Wally, the viewer is taken from voices of lives he affected as a teacher in Dallas Texas, to Wally's descriptions of his past and present. Through a series of tribulations caused by the revelation of his sexuality and his pursuit of the truth, one constant is certain, the love for his daughters, his three guiding lights.

Queer Moxie-(Feature) Enter a world where freedom is expression and Queer is a state of mind. Queer Moxie is a film celebrating the impact, evolution and daring spirit of queer performance art.

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Gender Troubles: The Butches- (Feature) This is a compelling exploration of gender stereotypes and the challenges they pose for masculine women who are trying to live true to themselves. These eloquent butch lesbians reflect on their experiences of "not fitting in" within their families, in public, in medical settings, on the job and even within the LGBT community. The women portrayed in this film thoughtfully examine and challenge the way society sees masculinity and femininity, and are examples of the victories we can achieve when we truly accept ourselves. They reveal how they learned to cope while navigating their own gender presentations and identities, how they achieved self acceptance and how they thrive by living authentically as women.

Rainbow Day Camp- A Summer camp for gender creative kids

Putting On Face- This film is an ethnographic documentary that demonstrates an understanding of gender identity. The film follows three groups of drag queens who give back through charitable works, helping to bridge the gap between gay and straight communities, and inspire future generations of LGBTQ individuals. This film is meant for adult audiences.

400 Miles- At his father's request, a young man returns home after several years to make peace with the man he vowed never to see again. 400 MILES is a story of forgiveness. Raul, a young man, gets word that his father—with whom he's had an estranged relationship for years—is on his deathbed.

Reluctantly, Raul makes the long journey home. Along the way, Raul reminisces of the events that both shaped and defined his relationship with his father.

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The Commitment- Robert and Ethan are an interracial gay couple fulfilling their dream of adopting a newborn baby. After they meet the expectant Asian birthmother, however, they receive a surprise that threatens their own relationship.

The Jumper Maybach Story- (Feature) Texas-born Ben Workman was pushed to the breaking point after a lifetime of discrimination and bullying. Until one day, something magical happened: Ben experienced an awakening that would change his life in a profound way. Enter Jumper Maybach, clown personae and abstract painter, alter ego of Ben Workman. Through his newfound freedom of expression, Jumper uses art to spread his message of universal love and acceptance. This is the inspiring story of how one man finds the courage to fight for equality in the face of overwhelming adversity and, along the way, discovers his true identity.

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The Bearded Ladies- Documentary about 'omnisexual' photographer, Rosamond Norbury, who explores gender and identity with a playful wink and a nod.

Dark Horse Candidate- (Feature) The complexity of father-daughter relationships is explored in this quirky documentary about a queer filmmaker and her constitutionalist father. Using her father's unofficial candidacy for President of the United States as a pretext for making a documentary about him, the filmmaker takes this opportunity to try to fill in the gaps of his life story as a way of making sense of, and coming to terms with, their tumultuous relationship. Humorous and heartfelt, the film unravels in unexpected ways, revealing legacies born of social class, mental illness, and parenting choices.

Taboo- Dorothy, a nightclub singer of color in the 1930's, is torn between her husband manager, Charles and her white lover Howard. A love that's taboo. Charles' suspicions mount leading to a shocking confrontation

Counter Act- A new civil rights film.

Burning Soul- June 1727, a ship from the Dutch East India Company wrecked on Australia's coasts, known at the time as New Holland. After four months, two of the remaining survivors are put on trial by the rest of the crew. The reason? Homosexuality - known in this time period only as the 'stupid sin'.

Clambake- (Feature) Reflecting on the 30-year history of Women's Week in Provincetown.

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Faux Paws- (Feature) Gay werewolves Brian and Doug escape from a lycanthrope reservation to seek freedom in Maine, the only state with a sanctioned tolerance of werewolves. Hide your meat and cheese. Werewolvin' ain't what it used to be.

Rubicon- A man weighs the consequences of going through racial reassignment surgery as it affects his fiancée and friends

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Trending Yesterday- If there were a way to go back and correct the one thing you've come to regret most in life, would you, could you, should you? Eric's already decided, he just didn't tell anyone.

Psycho's Therapy- In this short parody, Norman Dates goes to see a therapist to figure out his girl troubles. It turns out he has mommy issues, but when Norman and Mother present during the session, Dr. Stitch is simply under the impression he can charge for double, until, SK-REE, SK-REE, SK-REE!

Boy Meets Boy- Honest, true and raw. Vincent is searching for love in his isolated perfect life. He turns to online dating sites to meet the One! Steven catches his attention. Mystery and anxiousness builds a mood of desperation that transforms to chaos, curiosity and anticipation. A battle between perfection and passion; nervous romance leads to passion triumphing... or does it? Suspense builds as the battle takes place. Victory is in your perception.

What's The Matter With Gerald- (Feature) A hypochondriac irks his partner by embracing the advice of an eccentric healer.

A Miracle For Hannukah- A man arrives home early from a business trip to celebrate the first day of Hanukkah and he finds a supernatural surprise.

Who I Am- 'Who I Am' is a drama short film tackling the subject of identity in relationship to religion from the perspective of a young transgender teenager.

Pride Fighter- When a young Mixed Martial Arts fighter comes out as gay, he is rejected by his masculine fighting partners right before his first big fight.

Bed Buddies- A comedy about gay friends who wake up after sleeping together and try to make sense of the unclear line between friendship and love.

The Way To You- Life can surprise you when love is the aim.

Easy, Three Minute Love Story- Two high school guys are in love. One's Christian, one's Jewish. A father disapproves, the other's parents are thrilled. Who cares that it's not perfect? They got this.

Technical Difficulties of Intimacy- This groundbreaking film is about relationships outside the cis world. It's a sexy situational comedy about two trans people (played by Buck Angel and Mariana Marroquin) navigating a relationship. It will mess with your comfort zone and your expectations, from set design to something unfortunate that happens to a dildo. This film is fearless in confronting the artifice that keeps love from being complete and authentic.

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Retake- (Feature) A lonely, middle-aged man hires a male prostitute to recreate a road trip from his past.

Love Colin- Colin is growing up. An overworked mother, a nosy sister, and a girl looking to get that much closer are simple challenges. The difficult one? Collin's older half-brother, Zac, played by Dakota Daulby (Black Fly, Why Does God hate me?). Estranged from the family after their father left, Zac returns home to stay. His presence is thrilling and exciting—but are they just the warm feelings between

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brothers or is it something more? Colin may not be certain of what he's feeling, but his mother, Jennifer(Thea Gill, Queer As Folk), does notice. And that's a challenge that really will force Colin to grow up. Fast.

Jackie Boy- Finding out who you are is never easy.

Piece Of Cake- Sarcastic & complicated Jessie and her free-spirited girlfriend, Alex couldn't be any more different from each other, but cupid's arrow is blind, and it was love at first sight. After a year of dating paradise, things go awry when Jessie's parents, who are unaware that Alex is a girl, arrive to town for their anniversary. At a crossroads, Jessie must decide between revealing her sexuality to her parents, or losing the love of her life.

Shape Up: Gay In The Black Barbershop- 'Shape Up: Gay in the Black Barbershop' is a documentary short set in Harlem, NYC. This film sheds light on the vital role barbershops play within the black community while examining the often complicated relationship that black gay men have with these spaces.

Unimaginable- (Feature) How much does love have to hurt before it is not love?" is the question that plagues Antonio as the past demons of domestic violence resurface at the hands of his partner, Kirk. Antonio hides his physical and emotional pain from his all-knowing mother, Cynthia, who suffered such a tremendous amount of abuse at the hands of Antonio's father that Antonio became a nurse to heal pain that he could not heal as a child. Antonio is jolted out of his denial by one of his patients, Michelle , who is also, a frequent victim of domestic violence. While Michelle does not consider herself a victim, but as simply part of a couple that "loves hard and fight hard", a critical incident involving Michelle at the clinic forces Antonio to confront his own situation and reevaluate the "magic and tragic" of his life with Kirk before it is too late.

True Colors- An increasingly desolate teenage schoolboy creates a coded language using paint colour sample cards to express his secret desires and feelings for the object of his affection.

30 Days To Say Goodbye- loving father of two fights to keep his sanity and his family as his husband's mind slips away from complications sustained in an accident.

The Sex Temple- (Feature) Christian runs a swinger club in Norrkoping, Sweden. He has just experienced a catastrophe. The club has burnt down. Happily enough he meets Robin, the owner of the old beautiful theatre in town. He is just about to start a LGBTQ burlesque show, inspired by the Moulin Rouge in Paris, to make the theatre flourish and solve his harsh economic situation. Having tenants in the empty cellar seems to be an excellent idea and the two new friends start to cooperate, while the town of Norrkoping is in rage against the upcoming Sex Temple. Christians dream is to one day arrange a swinger party in the whole theatre -and sometimes dreams come true!

Sunday, October 16, 2016

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Upstairs Inferno-(Feature)- On June 24, 1973, a gay bar in New Orleans called the Up Stairs Lounge was deliberately set on fire: an event which held the title of "Largest Gay Mass Murder in U.S. History" for 43 years. (This film is only available with the San Antonio QFest 4-Day All Access Pass)

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Major!- (Feature) MAJOR! follows the life and campaigns of Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, a 73-year-old Black transgender woman who has been fighting for the rights of trans women of color for over 40 years. (This film screening is only available with the San Antonio QFest 4-Day All Access Pass)