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## MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL UPDATE



### [Mardi Gras Film Festival](#)

February 13 - 23

It was great to see so many people visit our Fair Day stall last weekend. Our tickets were selling like hotcakes, and it was exciting to hear what films you're most eager to see. We can't believe the 21st Mardi Gras Film Festival starts THIS THURSDAY, but we're pretty eager to see everyone after the movies at our new Festival Bar and get your opinions. Many films are selling fast so be quick and book today.

#### SOLD OUT

Both sessions of the Opening Night film [REACHING FOR THE MOON](#) have sold out, as have both sessions of [FREE FALL](#). Our encore screening of [ANY DAY NOW](#) has run out of tickets, but if you're quick you may snap up some tickets to the second screening of [FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS](#). Teen comedy [G.B.F.](#) and sexy drama [SNAILS IN THE RAIN](#) are no longer available. Australian films have sold very well this year and we're excited to announce that [ZOE.MISPLACED](#), [MY QUEER CAREER](#), and [OUT IN THE LINE-UP](#) all have no tickets left.

#### SELLING FAST



#### [FIVE DANCES](#)

FRI 14 FEB, 6.30PM  
TUE 18 FEB, 9.00PM

Co-starring the Australian dancer Reed Luplau (formerly of Sydney Dance Company), [FIVE DANCES](#) is a sexy, evocative and poignant tale of self-discovery and first love set in a New York City dance studio.



#### [CONCUSSION](#)

FRI 14 FEB, 9.30PM  
SUN 23 FEB, 7.00PM

Abby is a bored forty-something, suburban housewife. After suffering a concussion, she begins to question if there is more to her mundane and passionless life and becomes a sex worker for female clients.



#### [GORE VIDAL: THE UNITED STATES OF AMNESIA](#)

SAT 15 FEB, 7.00PM

An entertaining documentary on novelist, essayist, political candidate, raconteur and socialite Gore Vidal. This is a truly fitting tribute to the man and his legacy. Features interviews with Christopher Hitchens and many people from Gore's life. Followed by filmmaker Q&A.

[TEST](#)

SAT 15 FEB, 9.00PM

A young man navigates the challenges of becoming a dancer and the unknowns of the new disease that is targeting gay men in 1985. Screening at this year's Berlin Film Festival and then coming straight to Mardi Gras Film Festival. Will sell out today!

[MR. ANGEL](#)

SUN 16 FEB, 1.00PM

Self proclaimed "man with a pussy," transgender activist and porn pioneer Buck Angel is the subject of this uplifting and inspiring documentary. Followed by Q&A with Buck Angel himself, this event is not to be missed!

[52 TUESDAYS](#)

SUN 16 FEB, 4.30PM

Winner of the Directing Prize in the World Cinema Drama category at Sundance in January, and playing at Berlin Film Festival 2014, this new Australian feature is one of the highlights of the festival! A 16-year-old daughter is challenged when her mother begins a gender transition.

[WHO'S AFRAID OF VAGINA WOLF](#)

WED 19 FEB, 6.30PM

Anna has three goals in life: make a feature film, lose 20 pounds, and get a girlfriend. At the moment, she has none of the three. Join us for the funniest lesbian film of the last decade.

[HOT GUYS WITH GUNS](#)

WED 19 FEB, 9.00PM

An over-the-top 'private dick' mystery filled with laughs and hot L.A. boys, along with some very wild parties, a ruthless blond, and a dash of Nancy Drew. Imagine LETHAL WEAPON but with Danny Glover and Mel Gibson as younger, hotter ex-boyfriends and you get the idea.

[FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS](#)

TUE 18 FEB, 6.30PM - SOLD OUT

THU 20 FEB, 9.30PM

Kuba is a promising swimmer who spends his time training, refereeing his argumentative mother and clingy girlfriend, and getting blowjobs in the toilets. Then he meets Michal and soon their new friendship blossoms into love.

[PIT STOP](#)

FRI 21 FEB, 6.30PM

In this quiet, touching and beautifully shot film, two men nursing broken hearts eventually find each other in a small Texan town. Premiered at Sundance Film Festival.

Will sell out today!

[GERONTOPHILIA](#)

WED 19 FEB, 11.00AM

FRI 21 FEB, 9.00PM

A transgressive and touching story of the growing sexual relationship between a young nursing home attendant and an elderly man. Directed by bad-boy Bruce LaBruce. Afternoon tea with Aunty Mavis following Wed Feb 19 screening.



### [C.O.G.](#)

SAT 22 FEB, 9.00PM

In the first-ever screen adaptation of writer David Sedaris' work, the young author (played by Jonathan Groff from HBO's LOOKING) decides to work on a farm to get to know the real people of the USA. Very few tickets left!



### [GAY SHORTS](#)

SUN 23 FEB, 5.00PM

A selection of the most entertaining gay short films around, including the intimate and sexy IN THEIR ROOM: LONDON, BOYGAME (pictured), and hilarious film P.D.A. This is a session not to be missed!

[BEST OF GOLDEN WOOLFS](#) and [MIXED SHORTS](#) are also selling fast.

[VIEW ALL FILMS BY TITLE](#)

## MEMBERSHIP AND PASSES

We're confident there are loads of films you're going to love at the festival this month. See more and save money by purchasing a [festival pass](#).

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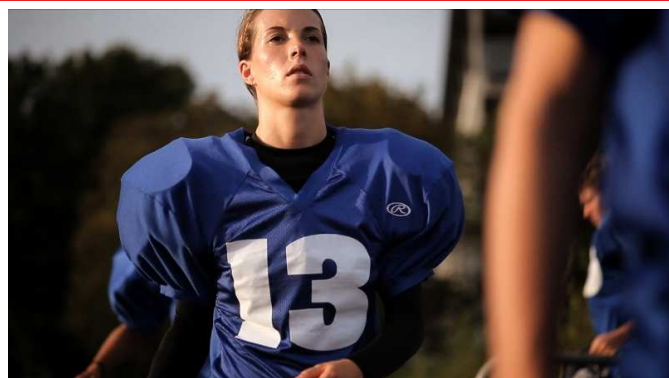
## JUST ANNOUNCED - THE MERMAIDS



We've just added a new 40 minute short film - [THE MERMAIDS](#) - that will screen before the film [CAMP BEAVERTON: MEET THE BEAVERS](#). This is a really fun and enjoyable movie - grab your tickets now and thank us later.

THE MERMAIDS follows the adorably dorky Nikki through every good lesbian girl's essential rite of passage - all female contact sports! Oh, and that inevitable crush on your beautiful coach. Will The Mermaids win the season title?

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## FIRST WEEKEND - LOTS OF GREAT FILMS



### FRIDAY 14 FEB

#### [FIVE DANCES](#)

A young dancer navigate New York's dance world in this touching coming-of-age drama. Starring Australian dancer Reed Luplau (formerly of Sydney Dance Company). A sexy, evocative and poignant tale of first love.

*"Filmed with rare sensuality. A beautiful emotional voyage."* Premiere

*"An extraordinary dancer, Ryan Steele dominates FIVE DANCES, the camera pivoting on his every sinewy stretch and turn."* Variety

#### [DUAL](#)

The Australian Premiere of DUAL is the perfect film for Valentines Day. Two young women are brought together by chance and wander the summer streets of Ljubljana, discovering each others' secrets and drawing closer together. Celebrated as the lesbian BEFORE SUNRISE.

*"A delicately crafted charmer of a film...While on the surface a love story, Dual is also a delicate drama about trying to make decisions and adjust to where you want to go in life."* Screen Daily

### SATURDAY 15 FEB

#### [RAINBOW KIDS - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST](#)

We are thrilled to be hosting a Rainbow Kids and Babies screening of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. This Disney classic is one of the most enchanting and entertaining movies ever made, and was the first animated film to be nominated for Best Picture. Come dressed up! We will have colouring books and Disney prizes to make this a great afternoon out for parents as well as kids.

All tickets \$10

*"A lovely film that ranks with the best of Disney's animated classics."* Variety

#### [VALENTINE ROAD](#) (pictured)

This fantastic film was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. In 2008, an openly gay

15-year-old was shot and killed by his classmate after asking to be his valentine. This incredible documentary calls into question the safety and acceptance of LGBTQI youth, whilst also looking into the fairness of the US educational and juvenile justice systems. We simply cannot recommend this film highly enough.

"Incredibly powerful." BuzzFeed

"Provokes both heartbreak and anger." Hollywood Reporter

#### QUICK CHANGE

In QUICK CHANGE Dorina is a beautiful transgender Filipino woman struggling in a relationship whilst raising her nephew and making a living administering illegal implants. Sourcing actors from the Philippine transgender and gay communities, the characters in this movie are beautiful, colourful and compelling. However beneath the attractive exterior of sculpted faces and bodies this movie takes a dark turn, exposing the dangerous side of a black market industry where the unregulated sourcing of implant materials and the lack of medical training threatens serious consequences. Comes straight from The Berlin Film Festival to our festival.

"Impressive... packs a solid emotional punch" Variety

#### **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

#### ALICE WALKER: BEAUTY IN TRUTH

This film is an insightful and sensitive portrait of the renowned writer, feminist and activist Alice Walker. Featuring interviews with Steven Spielberg, Danny Glover and Quincy Jones. Did you know that the writer of THE COLOR PURPLE dated Tracy Chapman, find out more in this stunning doco.

"The attractively made doc wil delight those who are passionate about Walker and connect some dots for those who know her mostly for THE COLOR PURPLE" The Hollywood Reporter

#### THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

The 20th anniversary screening of this Aussie classic is on this Sunday. Hugo Weaving, Guy Pearce and Terence Stamp play drag queens who christen a large bus 'Priscilla,' before driving it from the Imperial Hotel in Erskineville through the Australian outback where they encounter amazing sights, colourful characters and hostility from homophobic country town residents.

"Roaringly comic and powerfully affecting road movie." Rolling Stone

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