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## MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL UPDATE



On behalf of Paul Struthers, Festival Director, and the Board of Queer Screen we would like to say a big THANK YOU for making this Mardi Gras Film Festival a huge success. We had a record 28 sold out sessions, and attendance was up 51% from 2013. Many films were upgraded into large cinemas and the Festival Bar was a great addition to the festival vibe. We can't wait to bring you an even bigger and better festival next year.

"The board and I are overwhelmed by the success of the 21<sup>st</sup> Mardi Gras Film Festival presented by Queer Screen," said Paul Struthers. "This was a team effort and we must thank our exclusive venue partner Event Cinemas George Street, our major partner LA Tourism, and all our patrons, volunteers and partners. In addition we would like to thank ACON, Stephen Cummins Film Trust, and City of Sydney. We look forward to Mardi Gras Film Festival 2015, and welcoming audiences to The Best of Mardi Gras Film Festival at Riverside and many more events throughout the year." Details on Riverside Parramatta are located below in this eNews.

Photos from throughout the festival are available at [The Aperture Club](#).

### Audience Award for Best Feature Film



WINNER: [REACHING FOR THE MOON](#)  
Directed by: Bruno Baretto

We thought our Opening Night film REACHING FOR THE MOON was something special - and clearly you did too. This wonderful film screened twice in the one night and both audiences were moved by this beautiful tale of epic love. We'll keep you updated on the release of this film within Australia.

### Audience Award for Best Documentary



WINNER: [OUT IN THE LINE-UP](#)  
Directed by: Ian Thomson

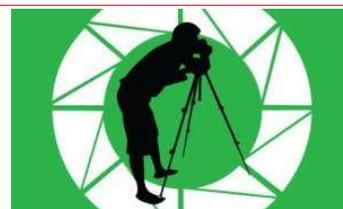
We're thrilled this great Australian production won the Audience Award for best documentary. Having the World Premiere of the film in a huge cinema was a very special experience and certainly one of the highlights of the festival.

Keep up with the film via their [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

### Mardi Gras Film Festival Raffle

We're also excited to announce the winners of the Raffle prizes.

## out and about travel



Norfolk Island luxury holiday for 2.  
Value \$2,500  
WINNER: Cathy Robin

AirBnb Accommodation Voucher  
Value \$750  
WINNER: Marius G

Private Photography Course for 4  
Value \$1,200  
WINNER: James Toh



Denoodle - Set of 4 limited edition framed prints, Value \$580  
WINNER: Felicity Barclay

Vision Personal Training  
10 Training Sessions, Value \$500  
WINNER: Claire Farrugia

Zigis Private cooking class for 4  
Value \$540  
WINNER: Mikala Dind

## THE BEST OF MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL AT RIVERSIDE PARRAMATTA



### THE BEST OF MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL RIVERSIDE PARRAMATTA 4 - 6 APRIL

We're pleased to announce The Best of Mardi Gras Film Festival at Riverside Parramatta, being held April 4 to 6. The five fantastic films are outlined below - this is your chance to catch up on some great films that you may have missed out on in the last two weeks. You can grab your tickets right now from the website, or via the Riverside Parramatta box office.



G.B.F.  
APRIL 4, 7.30PM

This coming-of-age comedy is packed full of laughs, pop culture fun and glorious camp. When comic book-loving teen Tanner is outed against his will as the only gay at his middle-American high school the popular girls start fighting it out to secure him as their Gay Best Friend. This film is suitable for 15+



### BORN THIS WAY

APRIL 5, 4.30PM

BORN THIS WAY is an unsettling but poignant depiction of the underground gay and lesbian community in the West African country of Cameroon. Both heart-wrenching and heart-warming, this moving documentary is an intensely personal insight into day-to-day life for some in modern Africa.



### PIT STOP

APRIL 5, 7.00PM

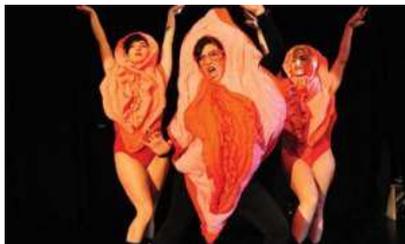
In this quiet drama two men nursing broken hearts find each other in a small Texan town. The emotional isolation of two men is captured in a subtle, optimistic and understated fashion. The men meet for a one-night-stand and face the possibility that they might just be meant for each other.



### VALENTINE ROAD

APRIL 6, 4.30PM

A staff favourite, this documentary brings a remarkably balanced look at the murder of a gay teen in 2008. The film delves deeply into the lives of the victim and the killer and asks: how could this happen?



### WHO'S AFRAID OF VAGINA WOLF

APRIL 6, 7.00PM

The funniest lesbian film in ages, this award winning and hilarious film is a breath of fresh air. Anna has three goals in life; make a feature film, lose 20 pounds and get a girlfriend. She currently has none out of three, and is determined this year to make them happen.

THE BEST OF MGFF AT RIVERSIDE PARRAMATTA

## AFTERNOON DELIGHT - 'ANY DAY NOW' SCREENING



Mardi Gras Film Festival favorite ANY DAY NOW is touring for Seniors Week. Tickets are free, or with a gold coin donation.

Afternoon Delight is a movie matinee and relaxed social afternoon for LGBTI seniors and their friends. Enjoy the feature film and a selection of short films selected by Queer Screen, followed by a delicious afternoon tea and access to local community health information. Presented by ACON in association with Queer Screen and supported by Seniors Week NSW.

Sunday 16 March

2pm – 5.30pm

The NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre,

37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills

For dates in Newcastle, the Northern Rivers, Albury, or Wollongong please visit the [website](#).

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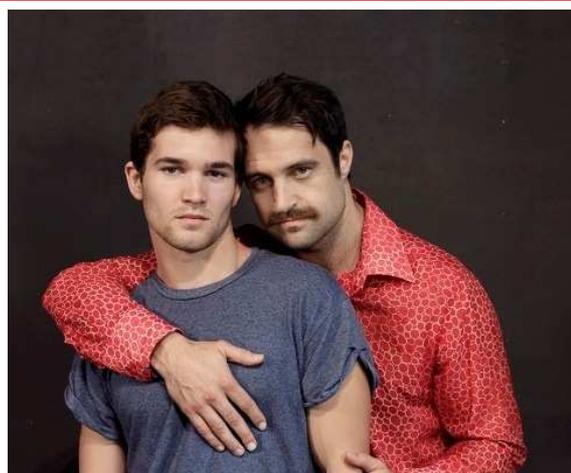
## FRIENDS OF DOROTHY - WATCH ON ABC TV



We held the World Premiere of FRIENDS OF DOROTHY last week. Now don't miss your chance to see this fantastic documentary on Sydney's gay life on ABC1 this Sunday 2nd March at 10:30pm. We loved the film and think you shouldn't miss it on the small screen.

[VISIT THE ABC SITE](#)

## DARLINGHURST THEATRE 'FALSETTOS'



### FALSETTOS

7 FEB – 16 MAR

Marvin has left his wife and son for a male lover. Meanwhile, Trina has shackled up with Marvin's shrink. Amongst this there's also a Bar Mitzvah to organise. Is it too much to ask for everyone to get along?

Mardi Gras favourite Stephen Colyer (*Torch Song Trilogy*, *The Paris Letter*) directs this Tony Award-winning musical about the original modern family.

Find out more and book tickets [HERE](#)

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- 4) Donate goods and services for our fundraisers.
- 5) Introduce us to potential sponsors and advertisers.