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## QUEER SCREEN FILM FEST, THE NEWTOWN SESSIONS, 19-22 SEPTEMBER 2013



We are proud to announce the birth of a new film festival: our own very first **QUEER SCREEN FILM FEST (the Newtown Sessions)**.

We've been listening to our members and audience who lament that they have too much in the calendar during Mardi Gras, therefore we are back by popular demand with a stand alone four day event to brighten up our queer screens in September during the [Sydney Fringe Festival](#).

We also know many of our members have been craving a little more of an inner west focus, so the Queer Screen Film Fest will see us setting up camp with some of our favourite partners on Kings Street: the Dendy Newtown Cinemas and the Newtown Hotel.

The Queer Screen Film Festival will also be another important part of our fundraising calendar, helping us raise the much needed funds for an amazing program for our 21<sup>st</sup> Mardi Gras Film Festival in Feb 2014.

Stay tuned for the full Queer Screen Film Fest program release [SOON](#).



### Opening Night Film: Alain Guiraudie's "Stranger by the Lake"

We could not be more excited about announcing our new film festival's Opening Night movie! Thanks to Madman Entertainment, we managed to secure *Stranger by the Lake* to screen at Dendy Newtown, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

*Stranger by the Lake* comes directly from wins at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival, including the coveted Queer Palm Award and Best Director in the Un Certain Regard.

Tickets and full program to be announced soon.

A 2013 French drama film directed by Alain Guiraudie, *Stranger by the Lake* centres on a cruising spot for men, tucked away on the shores of a lake. Franck falls in love with Michel, an attractive, potent and lethally dangerous man. Franck knows all of this, but wants to live out his passion anyway. Watch the trailer [here](#).

[More details...](#)

## "BEHIND THE CANDELABRA" SPECIAL EVENT SCREENING on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

Behind the Candelabra, 1st August 2013, 6:00PM. Event Cinemas, George Street, Sydney



Join your Queer Screen friends for a special event screening of *Behind the Candelabra* at Event Cinemas, George Street.

The Event Cinemas George Street team are pulling all the stops to make this a fun and special night. You wouldn't want to miss out!

- **6PM start** with complimentary canapés
- **Mini markets** and lucky door prizes
- **Best Dressed** competition prizes
- **Entertainment** by Felicity Frockaccino, Nikita Van Der Kamp and Menage A'Trois from The Midnight Shift Hotel.

Don't forget to come and say hello at our Queer Screen stand, kindly made available by Event Cinemas, George Street.

Tickets are just \$23\* and are on sale now at [www.EventCinemas.com.au](http://www.EventCinemas.com.au) or at the George Street box office and include VMAX ticket, pre-event & entertainment. [Watch the trailer here](#). You can RSVP on the Facebook page for this event [here](#).

[More details...](#)

## RIVERSIDE QUEER SHORT FILM FESTIVAL on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013



Come and watch a collection of great shorts curated by Queer Screen for this fun Western Suburbs event. In collaboration with the ACON, The Paramatta Queer Forum and Riverside.

Movies, Q&A with filmmakers, meet & greet and a BBQ in the courtyard. Saturday 10th August, 7pm

All tickets \$10 (transaction fees may apply). Sausage Sizzle \$3.

Buy tickets online [here](#).

[More details...](#)

## "CONTINENTAL" SCREENING. SYDNEY PREMIERE on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013



Come along with us to support our friends at the [Possible Worlds Film Festival](#) and catch the Sydney Premiere of *CONTINENTAL*, a documentary about a gay bathhouse with an illustrious history. On at **Dendy Opera Quays** on **14 August 2013**

*Continental* is a riveting examination of a lively and controversial gay club where men went to have sex before gay sex was legal. The bathhouse went on to transcend sexual identity and act as a beacon to the hip, beautiful and infamous. It became the keystone of a sexual revolution.

The screening is followed by a **Q&A with special guest, Steve Ostrow**, founder of the Continental bathhouse.

Tickets are just \$16/\$13, including a free drink on arrival. Book [here](#). Possible Worlds Film Festival runs from 8-18 August 2013 and travels to Canberra from 21-23 August 2013. Full program [here](#).

[More details...](#)

## \$21,000 for QUEER SCREEN's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

This year **QUEER SCREEN** is turning 21 and we need your help to mark our coming of age in suitable style!

Thank you so much for your help so far. Good to feel the love with donation still coming. We raised just **over \$18,000**. THANK YOU! We are ever so close to our goal, but can always do with more. Help us lighting up those other candles that will get us to the best 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party: Mardi Gras Film Festival 2014. **Please donate now!**



Please [click here to donate](#) and keep the love flowing and the film reels spinning!

**QUEER SCREEN is a registered charity with DGR status and every donation over \$2 is tax deductible.**

No amount is too small or too great.

Please forward this to your friends and to businesses that may benefit from a last minute tax deduction!

We **THANK** each and every one of you for assisting in any way that you can.

This year we are offering our **TOP 100 Club** (donations of \$100 or more) and **True Love Patrons** (donations of \$500 or more) a fantastic opportunity to be acknowledged on our website and festival programs (if so desired).

with **LOVE, Queer Screen.**

We accept donations via EFT, Paymate, over the phone or via post.

A digital e-receipt will be sent to you by email, or post if preferred.

Please contact our volunteer Administration Team at [admin@queerscreen.org.au](mailto:admin@queerscreen.org.au) or leave a message on +61 2 9332 4938 for more information or to make a donation over the phone (note that the office is not fully staffed outside the festival season).

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