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# **UPDATE ON MARDI GRAS FILM FESTIVAL 2014**



#### PAUL STRUTHERS, FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Queer Screen are thrilled to announce Paul Struthers as the new Festival Director for the Mardi Gras Film Festival. This isn't Paul's first taste of MGFF stardom, he was one of our 2012 poster-boys.

Paul comes to Queer Screen from many years in film distribution, exhibition, and sales in England and Australia, including four years with Sydney Film Festival. Paul was keen to take on the role of Festival Director, with the support of Sydney Film Festival, and he is excited to unveil the program for the festival's 21st anniversary.

"We've managed to uncover some excellent titles for next year's festival. There's a lot of great films around at the moment and I think everyone is going to have a lot of fun this February. I can't tell you much just yet, but keep an eye out for the first ten films we're announcing in just a few weeks." - Paul Struthers

### **TEASER FILMS**

We can't believe how fast the Mardi Gras Film Festival is approaching. We've been busy watching and securing some fantastic films, and we're almost ready to send you a teaser of the festival lineup. This December 4th Paul Struthers will announce ten of the films playing during the 2014 Festival before a screening of KILL YOUR DARLINGS. Pick up a copy of our teaser selection in the Sydney Star Observer from December 5th. Passes and tickets to some of these films will also be on sale.

#### TWO GREAT EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Queer screen have two great events to celebrate our teaser launch this December. First we have a preview screening of the new Beat Generation film KILL YOUR DARLINGS, starring Daniel Radcliffe. We are also excited to announce another popular trivia afternoon to be held at Warren View Hotel. See below for more details.

## 'KILL YOUR DARLINGS' PREVIEW SCREENING



Queer Screen are proud to announce a special preview screening of KILL YOUR DARLINGS thanks to Sony Pictures. Tickets are limited so purchase yours today.

Date: Wednesday 4 December

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: Event Cinemas George Street

Tickets: <u>Available Now</u>

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Before the movie Queer Screen's new Festival Director, Paul Struthers, will also announce ten of the films scheduled to play at the Mardi Gras Film Festival this February, and everyone in attendance will be able to take home a copy of the 2014 MGFF Teaser Guide before it is published in the Sydney Star Observer.

KILL YOUR DARLINGS, featuring Daniel Radcliffe, is an exciting new film about the stars of the Beat Generation.

Radcliffe portrays a young Allen Ginsberg at Columbia University where he meets aspiring writers William Burroughs, Jack Kerouac, and handsome classmate Lucien Carr. Ginsberg falls hopelessly in love with Carr, but Carr only has eyes for the rugged, straight Kerouac. When an older man, infatuated with Carr, is found dead in mysterious circumstances an investigation is launched that names the men as potential suspects.

Kill Your Darlings is classified MA15+

**BUY TICKETS** 

### **QUEER SCREEN TRIVIA RETURNS**



By popular demand our trivia afternoon is back!

Come join the Queer Screen team in the best beer garden in Sydney for a fun afternoon of fundraising for the upcoming 21st anniversary Mardi Gras Film Festival. We're heading to the Inner West's Warren View Hotel at Enmore for trivia, with wonderful prizes to be won and silent auctions galore.

There's no need to "phone a friend"... just bring them along to help answer the questions on news, movies, entertainment, history.... anything really!

If there's a group of you the maximum number on each table is 10.

\$20 on the door.

Grab your tickets now! Tickets are cheaper if you pre-purchase <u>online</u>.

**Buy Tickets** 

## 'MY QUEER CAREER' ENTRIES CLOSE THIS WEEK

Submissions are about to close for Australia's richest queer short film prize, My Queer Career. Get your entry in now.



Calling all AUSTRALIAN FILMMAKERS who are queer or have made a queer film. My Queer Career is one of the world's most prestigious awards for queer short filmmakers and is only open to locally produced work. The major prize includes \$3,000 cash and automatic inclusion in the international queer shorts competition, the IRIS PRIZE. Other prizes include in-kind production facilities and support to the value of \$10,000.

Submissions to My Queer Career close on 22 November 2013

More details

**ACON RED RIBBON APPEAL** 

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Volunteers are currently being sought for ACON Red Ribbon Appeal's street collection, which will take place in Sydney on Friday 29 November and Sunday 1 December.

#### **Sell Red Ribbons**

You can volunteer to sell ribbons on the street, you can bulk order ribbons and sell them to family and friends, or you can order a countertop box and sell ribbons to your customers or colleagues.

#### Buy Red Ribbons or Make A Donation

You can buy red ribbons online, on the street, or in participating shops and businesses. Or you can make a cash donation online. Throughout the month of November, donations can be made and Red Ribbon merchandise can be purchased online or in participating shops and businesses. For more information or to get involved, please visit: <a href="www.endinghiv.org.au">www.endinghiv.org.au</a>

More Details

## 'THE TROUBLE WITH E' CALL FOR EXTRAS



Do you want to be part of an awesome Australian film? Extras are wanted for a big club scene in the next great Lesbian and Gay feature film THE TROUBLE WITH E.

THE TROUBLE WITH E is about a beautiful, sexy DJ who is forced to run when she stumbles on a stash of cash. Can she keep the money, conquer her demons, AND get the girl?

WHEN: Thursday 28<sup>TH</sup> November 8.30am - 6pm

WHERE: Oxford Street club

CONTACT: <a href="mailto:extras@girlsown.com">extras@girlsown.com</a> if you want to join the party!

Keep up to date with the production by joining the film's <u>Facebook page</u>. Queer Screen are proud to support this fantastic Australian queer production.



Also remember that there is even more you can do to help:

- 1) Share this message via email or on social media.
- 2) Volunteer your time by clicking here.
- 3) Become a member by clicking here.
- 4) Donate goods and services for our fundraisers.
- 5) Introduce us to potential sponsors and advertisers.

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