Online Festival Program

queer screen film fest 16-26 SEP 2021

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Beautiful Dreamer



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. AMY GLAZER I 15+

A writer who can't write becomes caught up in her best friend's surrogate drama in Amy Glazer's charming dramedy exploring the messiness of love, friendship, and parenthood in San Francisco.

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SWITZERLAND I SWISS GERMAN, TURKISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR.GITTA GSELL I 15+

A thought-provoking romantic drama exploring the clash between queer and traditional immigrant cultures, as well as the heartbreak that happens when people are prevented from making their own life choices.

Dear Tenant (親愛的房客)



TAIWAN I MANDARIN AND MIN NAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR. YU-CHIEH CHENG I 15+

With exceptional leads and stunning cinematography in contemporary Taiwan, *Dear Tenant* is a slow-burn tale of humanity, heartbreak and family, and is a must-see tearjerker.

Kiss Me Before It Blows Up



GERMANY I ENGLISH & ARABIC, GERMAN & HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR. SHIREL PELEG I 15+

When Maria and Shira land in Tel Aviv, cultural clashes, a disapproving grandmother, reappearing exes and family secrets await them in this comedy debut feature filled with warmth and laughter.

Lola (Lola vers la mer)



BELGIUM, FRANCE I FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR. LAURENT MICHELI I 15+

Young trans actress Mya Bollaers debuts in this tender and sensitive film playing the award winning role of 18-year-old Lola, an unapologetic and feisty teenager on the cusp of adulthood.

Summer of 85 (Été 85)



FRANCE I FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES DIR. FRANÇOIS OZON I 15+

Teenagers Alexis and David discover romance and infatuation in this stylish and sexy film with a splash of mystery. *Summer of 85* is a passionate tale of first love and obsession.

Tove



FINLAND, SWEDEN I SWEDISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR. ZAIDA BERGROTH I 15+

The heartwarming and quirky *Moomins* are the iconic creation of 20th century bisexual artist Tove Janssen. This biopic follows Tove's artistic journey as she carves out a space for herself and her creations.

ON DEMAND NATIONALLY

QUEERSCREEN.ORG.AU

AIDS DIVA: The Legend of Connie Norman



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. DANTE ALENCASTRE 115+ There is a link through time between movements and it is on Connie Norman, self-proclaimed AIDS diva and trans trailblazer's shoulders, among others, that today's activists stand.

Best of Comedy Shorts



IRELAND, UK, USA, GERMANY, SPAIN, WALES I ENGLISH, GERMAN & ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES 115⁺ It's 2021 and we are all in need of a good laugh! The award-winning films in *Best of Comedy Shorts*

films in *Best of Cornedy Shorts* have tantalised audiences the world over, and are back on our screens for more.

Front Cover



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. RAY YEUNG I 15+

A look back at Ray Yeung's (*Suk Suk*, MGFF21) romantic dramedy, *Front Cover*. Overflowing with humility and warmth, this highlight from Mardi Gras Film Festival 2016 is sure to charm audiences again.

Gay Shorts



BRAZIL, FRANCE, SPAIN, USA I ENGLISH, AND SPANISH, PORTUGUESE & FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I 18+

Take a journey from the dreamy to the sublime and sexy in *Gay Shorts*, a collection of award winning short films from around the globe.

Fanny: The Right to Rock



CANADA I ENGLISH I DIR. BOBBI JO HART 115+

This doco follows the members of the all-female Filipina American rock band Fanny, as they reveal their untold story of innovative music and ambition, fighting racism, sexism and homophobia in the 1970s.

The Circle (Der Kreis)



SWITZERLAND I SWISS GERMAN, GERMAN, FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES I DIR. STEFAN HAUPT I 18+

Our beloved Opening Night from Mardi Gras Film Festival 2015 is back for an encore. *The Circle* is the simultaneously heartbreaking and heart-warming true story of Ernst Ostertag and Röbi Rapp.

Signature Move



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. JENNIFER REEDER 115+ A hit at Mardi Gras Film Festival 2018, *Signature Move* is back. After a tequila-fuelled one-night-stand sparks a romance with Alma, Zaynab finds herself embarking on a journey of self-acceptance in this rom-com.

Lesbian Shorts



CANADA, DENMARK, UK, USA I ENGLISH, AND DANISH AND WELSH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES 115^+

Gorgeous, sexy, funny. You, of course! But also the eight films in the *Lesbian Shorts* package that takes us through the lives of a unique cast of queer female characters.

A Sexplanation



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. ALEXANDER LIU 118+ Gay filmmaker Alex Liu is sick of feeling ashamed around his sexuality and desires, so he's ready to interrogate everyone from his parents to the professionals. What will he discover?

Free Fall (Freier Fall)



GERMANY I GERMAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES DIR. STEPHAN LACANT 118+

One of Mardi Gras Film Festival 2014 hottest films is back. *Free Fall* is an emotional tour de force thanks in part to the on-screen chemistry and masterful performances of its two lead actors.

Wild Nights With Emily



USA I ENGLISH I DIR. MADELEINE OLNEK I 15

Cackle with laughter as *Wild Nights With Emily* resuscitates Emily Dickinson from the straight-washed depths of historical erasure and places her back in a gayer 19th Century. A hit at Mardi Gras Film Festival 2019.

Trans & Gender Diverse Shorts



IRAN, JAPAN, USA I ENGLISH, AND JAPANESE AND PERSIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES 115^+

Featuring films from the US, Japan and Iran, this inspiring range of films features authentic stories from the trans and non-binary experience and is a must-see shorts package.

Tickets \$12 / \$10 member Buy a pass and watch more for less!