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Queer Screen's 30th  
**Mardi Gras  
Film Festival**  
15 February - 2 March 2023  
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Dear friends,

Queer Screen is thrilled to be partnering with Marché du Film for this year's Goes to Cannes program. Being the first Australian and first LGBTIQ+ film festival to participate is an incredible honour and we are delighted to be able to showcase some wonderful new queer works for you.

We have selected five projects, four Australian and one international. Of the four narrative features, two received completion funding from Queer Screen – *Sunflower* and *Closing Night*. *Triple Oh!* is the narrative debut of a multi-award-winning documentarian and our international selection comes from Canada and Pakistan, *The Queen of My Dreams*. We also have an incredibly timely documentary, *One Person Protest* from an alumni filmmaker.

We are very proud that we can play a part in bringing these works to a global audience.



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# Sunflower

Australia / 2023 / 80 min

## Synopsis

A seventeen-year-old boy struggles to understand and embrace his sexuality as he comes of age in the working class suburbs on Melbourne's edge.

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# Closing Night

Australia / 2023 / 82 min

## Synopsis

When his life falls apart, a young queer theatre actor, poised to play the lead in *The Glass Menagerie*, must reckon with his demons and fight for survival while trapped in a hotel room with a sinister presence.

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# Triple Oh!

Australia / 2023 / 45 min

## Synopsis

A dark comedy-drama following the lives of two ambulance paramedics, as they save lives in absurd medical emergencies. Their personalities clash and are tested when street-smart Tayls introduces by-the-book Cate to her unconventional policy of having sex when a patient dies.

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# One Person Protest

Australia / 2024 / 80 min

## Synopsis

An observational undercover documentary following 73-year-old human rights activist Peter Tatchell's daring mission to protest at the 2018 FIFA World Cup to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ injustice in Russia and Chechnya.

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# The Queen of My Dreams

Canada/Pakistan / 2023 / 95 min

## Synopsis

Azra, a queer Pakistani woman living in Toronto, is at odds with her conservative Muslim mother. The sudden death of her father in Pakistan sends Azra on a Bollywood-inspired journey through memories real and imagined, from her mother's youth in Karachi to her own coming-of-age in rural Canada.

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Based in Sydney, Australia, Queer Screen is the country's leading LGBTIQ+ screen culture organisation. We have been producing Australia's premiere LGBTIQ+ film festival Queer Screen's Mardi Gras Film Festival (Feb/Mar) since 1993. We also host a second festival Queer Screen Film Fest as well as offering completion funding, a pitching competition and Australia's richest LGBTIQ+ short film prize, My Queer Career.

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# Screening

Marché du Film

**Saturday 20 May 2023 at 4:30pm**

Venue: Palais K, J.L. Bory

1. Sunflower
2. Closing Night
3. Triple Oh!
4. One Person Protest
5. The Queen of My Dreams

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