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***The 2014 Long Beach Qfilm Festival
Announces Major Features Lineup***

Long Beach, California - The 2014 Long Beach Qfilm Festival will take place September 12th-14th at the historic Art Theatre located at 2025 East 4th St. and the neighboring LGBTQ Center of Long Beach, both on Long Beach's renowned "Retro Row." Submissions for this year's fest are now closed but will be accepted beginning in October for the 2015 festival via www.withoutabox.com.

Passes and tickets will be available for purchase beginning in August through the Qfilm Festival page at www.qfilmslongbeach.com.

Long Beach's longest-running film festival since 1993, the Qfilm Festival annually presents narrative features, documentaries and short films that embody the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community. Last year's event was the most successful yet with over 1,500 attendees and featured several West Coast, Southern California and area premieres as well some of the most acclaimed features on the 2013 film festival circuit. Nearly 200 submissions were received this year by both student and professional filmmakers from around the world. Many filmmakers and cast members of the films to be shown will be present for audience discussions after each screening. Festival events will feature numerous parties and opportunities for attendees to meet and mingle with filmmakers, actors, critics and other industry professionals.

The 2014 Qfilm Festival will open at the Art Theatre the evening of Friday, September 12th with the Long Beach premiere of "**Appropriate Behavior**," an NYC-based comedy about the romantic misadventures of a bisexual Iranian-American woman, and the Los Angeles area premiere of "**My Straight Son**" ("**Azul y No**

Tan Rosa”), an award-winning Venezuelan drama in which a gay man struggles to connect with his teenage son from a previous relationship. An Opening Night party will take place between screenings at the LGBTQ Center of Greater Long Beach, located directly next door to the Art Theatre. All festival parties will take place at the Center.

Other narrative and documentary features selected to screen on Saturday and Sunday (screening times and venues will be announced in August) are: the U.S. premiere of **“Happy End?!”**, a German drama-comedy about two women who connect while one is sentenced to community service; **“Letter to Anita,”** Andrea Meyerson’s eye-opening documentary about prominent lesbian educator and activist Dr. Ronni Sanlo; **“Cupcakes,”** a delightful comedy with music by acclaimed, gay Israeli filmmaker Eytan Fox (“Yossi & Jagger”); **“Out in the Night,”** which explores the harrowing true story of seven African-American lesbian women confronting racial and sexual injustice; **“Boy Meets Girl,”** the charming tale of a love triangle with a trans woman at its heart; **“Blackbird,”** starring Academy Award winner Mo’Nique and Isaiah Washington in a poignant look at a young gay man’s coming of age in the deep South; **“Transvisible: The Bamby Salcedo Story,”** an examination of the unique experiences of trans immigrant women; and **“Tru Love,”** a sweet May-December romance between two women fighting their families and the odds to be together.

Additional features as well as a variety of great Men’s, Women’s and Queer short films will be announced in early August. The festival will come to a close the evening of Sunday, September 14th.

Jury awards will be given to worthy films in several categories. All net proceeds from the festival will benefit The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach and its important community outreach programs. We are grateful to those filmmakers and current sponsors who are supporting this effort. Sponsors of the 2014 Qfilm Festival include: Wolfe Releasing; Nick Chavez Beverly Hills; Anderson Real Estate Group; Carrie Rickard, MD; Tito’s Handmade Vodka; Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce; Senator Ricardo Lara; Congressman Alan Lowenthal; The Rage Monthly; GED and GoGayToday. Additional sponsors and underwriters are being sought, and program ad space is available. Please contact Christina D. Rios Bennett at (562) 889-2826 or cbennett@centerlb.org for information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities. For more information on the Art Theatre, please visit www.arttheatrelongbeach.com.

About The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach is located at 2017 E. Fourth Street in Long Beach. The Center was officially incorporated in 1980 as One in Long Beach, Inc. and has been providing a variety of health, social, advocacy, legal, and service programs to the LGBTQ community in the Long Beach area for three decades. The Center serves approximately 25,000 clients annually through 23 different programs and services.

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