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The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach  
Presents...

***The 2016 Long Beach QFilm Festival  
Full Feature and Short Film Lineup Announced.  
John Waters' HAIRSPRAY on the beach to kick fest off on August 25.***

**Long Beach, California** - The 2016 Long Beach QFilm Festival will take place September 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, less than one month from now, at the historic Art Theatre located at 2025 East 4<sup>th</sup> St. and the neighboring LGBTQ Center of Long Beach, both on Long Beach's renowned "Retro Row." Passes and tickets are now available for purchase through the QFilms festival page at [www.qfilmslongbeach.com](http://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 rich diversity and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) communities. More than 1,500 people attend each year to savor a mix of West Coast, Southern California and local premieres as well some of the most acclaimed features on the film festival circuit. Numerous 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. All screenings take place in the Art Theatre.

For the second year in a row, a free LGBTQ Movie on the Beach will kick off the final days leading up to the festival. John Waters' 1988 classic *Hairspray* will screen at dusk (approximately 7:30 pm) on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Alfredo's Beach Club, 5100 Ocean Blvd. along the shoreline. The musical-comedy stars Ricki Lake in her screen debut plus an all-star supporting cast that includes Divine, Debbie Harry, Sonny Bono, Jerry Stiller and Pia Zadora. Food and drink will be available for purchase. All are welcome to attend and bring beach

chairs or blankets to sit on. The screening will also feature a sneak peak at QFilms' 2016 festival programming.

The complete 2016 QFilm Festival selections and schedule follows. Additional Q&A talent is TBD and all talent availability is subject to change.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00pm- JEWEL'S CATCH ONE (Long Beach premiere) followed by Q&A with subject Jewel Thais Williams and director C Fitz.

8:00pm-10:00pm- Opening Night Party at The Center

9:15pm- SHARED ROOMS (Los Angeles area premiere) preceded by short film "The Radical Fairy Prince" and followed by Q&A with writer-director Rob Williams and cast members.

10:00pm-1:00am- After Party at Hamburger Mary's on Pine Ave.

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00pm- WOMEN WHO KILL (Long Beach premiere)

8:00pm-10:00pm- Friday Night Party at The Center

9:15pm- KISS ME, KILL ME (Los Angeles area premiere) followed by Q&A.

10:00pm-1:00am- After Party at Hamburger Mary's on Pine Ave.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

10:30am- QUEER & TRANS PEOPLE OF COLOR SHORTS program featuring "Afuera," "Xavier," "Gaysians," "Transcend," "Whittier Boulevard," "Vessels" and "NUOC." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

12:00-4:00pm- Film Industry Professionals Open House (also open to All Access Pass Holders) at Filmmakers' Gallery in Long Beach

12:45pm- WOMEN IN SHORTS short film program featuring "Wedlocked," "Persistence of Memory," "Partners," "Prudence," "Angelino Heights," "Vamonos" and "Never a Cover." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

2:45pm- THE REVIVAL: WOMEN & THE WORD (Long Beach premiere) followed by an exclusive reception for members of Black Lesbians United at The Filmmakers' Gallery.

5:00pm- RETAKE (Long Beach premiere) followed by Q&A with writer-director Nick Corporon and cast members Tuc Watkins and Devon Graye.

7:15pm- BRUISING FOR BESOS (Long Beach premiere and fully closed captioned) followed by Q&A with ASL interpretation.

8:00pm-10:00pm- Saturday Night Party at The Center

9:30pm- KIKI (Long Beach premiere).

10:00pm-1:00am- After Party at Hamburger Mary's on Pine Ave.

12:00am- THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW at the Art Theatre (requires separate ticket purchase)

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am- RAISING ZOEY (Long Beach premiere) preceded by short film "Dawn" and followed by Q&A with director Dante Alencastre and subjects Zoey Luna, Ofelia Barba and Leticia Barba.

11:30am-1:30pm- Brunch at The Center (Free with festival pass or ticket to RAISING ZOEY or MEN IN BRIEFS)

12:30pm- MEN IN BRIEFS short film program featuring "Tremulo," "Burning Soul: The Raising of the Flag," "Bed Buddies," "Seeking: Jack Tripper," "Me + You" and "Boys on the Rooftop." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

12:30-3:30pm: QFilms Open House at the Filmmakers' Gallery, 2238 E. Broadway

2:45pm- ANGRY INDIAN GODDESSES (Los Angeles area premiere)

5:15pm- FREE CECE (Long Beach premiere) followed by Q&A with director Jacqueline Gares.

7:15pm- FIRST GIRL I LOVED (Long Beach premiere) followed by Q&A with writer-director Kerem Sanga and producer Ross Putman.

7:30pm-9:00pm- Closing Night Party at the Center

9:30pm- PARIS 05:59: THEO & HUGO (Long Beach premiere)

10:00pm-12:00am- After Party at Hamburger Mary's on Pine Ave.

Jury and Audience 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 2016 QFilm Festival include: Hyatt Regency Long Beach, TGIS Catering, Anderson Real Estate Group, UPS, St. Mary Medical Center Foundation, EP Productions, Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Barefoot, Tito's Handmade Vodka, and Nick Chavez Beverly Hills. Additional sponsors and underwriters are being sought, and program ad space is available. Please contact Porter Gilberg at (562) 434-4455 ext. 245 or [porterg@centerlb.org](mailto:porterg@centerlb.org) for information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities. For more information on the Art Theatre, please visit [www.arttheatrelongbeach.com](http://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 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 dozens of programs and services. [www.centerlb.org](http://www.centerlb.org)