

THURSDAY 6th

Free Program / UCSB Multicultural Center
Thursday, November 6 • 7:00PM

An eclectic group of films that covers LGBT issues from racial, religious, and sexual perspectives. These films are controversial, educational, and all fascinating.

Act of Faith

A timely look at being gay in the Muslim community. In the conflict between Islamic tradition and same-sex love, there are no easy answers. Best Documentary, PlanetOut.com Short Movie Awards.
Director: Dan Bree • USA/6 min/video

Sexo

A young Bolivian filmmaker holds nothing back when commenting on the intersection of sex, class, and race in his short film about pornography.
Director: Rodrigo Bellott • USA/9 min/video

Life on Christopher St.

Revisit the historic gay strip where the gay rights movement burst upon the world in 1969, and meet the street's newest denizens, the young Black and Latino hip-hop homos. "Acceptance" is the word among these fierce divas, hustlers, and homo-thugs.
Director: Maria Clara • USA/28 min/video



Isn't it Obvious?

The title comes from the answer 17-year-old Gwen Araujo gave to the men who questioned her gender before they brutally murdered her. Gwen's mother makes an impassioned plea for acceptance of gender-different people. This movie is a gift to the family and friends of Gwen Araujo.
Director: Michelle Prevost • USA/8 min/video

Simone's 24

Twenty-four hours in the life of a young mixed-race Latina lesbian bring conflict, growth, and self-discovery. Simone's intense experiences force her to confront the questions of identity, family, racism, sexism, homophobia, fear, and ultimately love.
Director: Jeanette Aguilar • USA/25 min/video

Admission: FREE

FRIDAY 7th

Opening Night / Fiesta 5 Theatre
Friday, November 7 • 7:30PM/10:00PM

Two movies that share a love of rock 'n roll and a whole lot more!

Prey for Rock & Roll / 7:30PM

Gina Gershon! Need we say more? This time the star of *Bound*—a Film Festival favorite of 1996—rocks in more ways than one in an incredibly strong performance full of that steamy sensuality we all have come to love and admire. Gershon plays Jacki, a tattoo artist, guitarist, and bisexual lead singer of the all-girl band Clam Dandy, who's just turned 40 and thinks it sucks. After struggling for years in the L.A. club scene, she's still waiting for the big breakthrough and still dreaming of a record contract. But Jacki is not a woman to be beaten down. Gershon does her own singing and guitar-playing, and her dynamism onstage is just as thrilling as her personal chemistry with co-stars Shakara Ledard and Marc Blucas (Riley from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*). Also stars Lori Petty.
Director: Alex Steyermark • USA/100 min/35mm



Britney Baby - One More Time / 10:00PM

When drag diva Robert Stevens won a Britney Spears look-alike contest (for real!) little did he know that destiny would pair him with two desperate—and desperately inept—filmmakers (Dude and Mike from *American Movie*), who would pass him off as the real Britney in the wackiest road film ever. And we mean ever! From Milwaukee to New Orleans, with a side-splitting stop at Lincoln's birthplace, it's a question of how long Dude and Mike can keep up the charade that Robert doesn't know he's a part of. The San Francisco festival calls this a deliciously ridiculous film that spoofs indie filmmaking, dragdom, and pop celebrity all at once. With nonstop laughs and a big, open heart, this is a feel-good movie not to be missed!
Director: Ludi Boeken • USA/83 min/35mm

Co-sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Business Association

Preceded by:

Target Audience

What happens when a teenage boy becomes the captive audience of a strange infomercial while his best friend sleeps nearby? You have to see this movie to find out. Late-night TV was never like this before!
Director: David Kittredge • USA/12 min/35mm

Admission: \$10.00

Seniors and students with valid I.D. \$7.50

Come in glitter or drag and get \$1.00 off your ticket!

SATURDAY 8th

Fiesta 5 Theatre
Saturday, November 8 • 2:30PM/6:30PM/9:00PM

Shorts Program / 2:30PM

A collection of funny, moving, and exciting shorts. There's something here for every member of the LGBT community.

Gaydar

What would you do if you had a device that told you who was straight and who was gay? Randy finds a weird-looking gaydar gun at a yard sale, and now he's set to find out if hunky Jack at the office plays on his team. Come and get your gaydar tuned up in this delightful comedy.
Director: Larry Lafond • USA/20 min/video
Invited guests: Lead actor Terry Ray & Director Larry Lafond



Give or Take An Inch

Last year, Lee Friedlander brought us the festival hit *The Ten Rules: A Lesbian Survival Guide*. This year she is back with an intriguing and accomplished new movie. Starring Amanda Bearse (*Married With Children*), this film explores the conflict of a lesbian mom who only wants a "normal" family life but has to come to terms with her transgender sister. Oh, did we mention the brother is gay, too? This is one interesting family!
Director: Lee Friedlander • USA/14 min/video

Click

With online cruising there's no guarantee of truth in advertising. You never know what you're going to find, and that's just what the two fellows find out in this touching short.
Director: Ilo Orleans • USA/6 min/video

Seventy

The director of last year's controversial short *Roberta Loved* reveals that it's never too late for a big surprise, not even on your 70th birthday.
Director: Q. Allan Brocka • USA/8 min/video

Between Two Women / 6:30PM

In a small mill town in northern England, Ellen, a dutiful wife and mother, watches her life play out in quiet desperation against a backdrop of gray skies, smokestacks, and factories, not to mention the rigid sexual hierarchy and repression of the late 1950s. A glimmer of hope enters her dreary, working-class existence when she meets her son's art teacher, Kathy. As the women's friendship becomes increasingly joyful but complex, and Ellen's marriage becomes strained, both women must confront something almost unthinkable for the times. This film captures a time and place in British history with exquisite clarity. The fine performances make *Between Two Women* a memorable, profoundly-moving drama as well as a poignant reminder of how things were not so very long ago.
Director: Steven Woodcock • UK/92 min/video



Preceded by:

Angels in America

A chance to see a sneak preview of one of the most important theatrical events of the year: Scenes from HBO's major production of Tony Kushner's award winning play, *Angels in America*, starring a powerhouse cast led by Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Emma Thomson, and Mary-Louise Parker.
Director: Mike Nichols • USA/8 mins/video

On the Outs

Paige is not ready to come out, but her girlfriend delivers an ultimatum. What happens next is hilarious, even though the lessons she learns on the way to self-discovery aren't always easy.
Director: Courtney Rowe • USA/24 min/video
Invited guest: Director Courtney Rowe

Admission: \$8.50

Seniors and students with valid I.D. \$7.50

Reception / 10:30PM

The Naked Wall, 907 State Street

Join us for a delectable dessert and wine reception, a chance to meet Film Festival Committee members, chat about the films, and meet directors while noshing on the best desserts in town!

Admission: \$5.00

Free to pass-holders. This is a fundraiser for next year's Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

D.E.B.S.

Tammy Lynn Michaels (from *Popular*) is one of four gorgeous high school girls/secret agents who take on notorious villain Lucy in the Sky (Clare Kramer, Glory from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), but maybe there's more going on than meets the eye in this nonstop action short, soon to be a full-length feature. D.E.B.S. wowed audiences at Sundance and the Berlin International Film Festival.
Director: Angela Robinson • USA/12 min/video

XX to XY: Fighting to Be Jake

"Hijacked by his own body" is how Jake, a young man born as a girl, describes the onset of puberty, when he began to develop breasts. He speaks candidly of his transsexual odyssey—the struggle to become the man he always knew he was and his quest to find true love. In English.
Director: Emily Atef • Germany/20 min/video

Pussies from Outta Space

Take one part silent movies, one part Ed Wood's special effects, add lesbians, modern art, and alien abductions to the mélange, and presto!—a hilarious and affectionate parody of every cheesy sci-fi thriller from Hollywood's Golden Age.
Director: Nanci Gaglio • USA/13 min/video

Gay Propaganda

An LGBT film lover's delight that presents eleven dazzling recreations of scenes from classic Hollywood films, as sometimes we wished they had been made. Remakes include *From Queer To Eternity*, *Reservoir Dykes*, *Taxi Lesbian*, *On Gay Golden Pond*, *Gay Moonstruck*, *The Gay Breakfast Club*, *The Gay Graduate*, *Hung Frankenstein*, and others.
Director: JD Disalvatore • USA/20 min/video

Invited guests: Lee Friedlander, Q. Allan Brocka, JD Disalvatore, and Meredith Kadlec.

Admission: \$6.00

Yossi and Jagger / 9:00PM

"Don't ask, don't tell" is not the policy of the Israeli army, where gays have been serving openly since 1985. But while the official policy might be open-minded, the shadow of homophobia still hangs on. A renowned gay Israeli director works his cinematic magic in this tender, lyrical fable of Yossi and Jagger, two young soldiers who fall in love. The supporting roles, male and female, mirror the attitudes of the broader Israeli society today, and against this backdrop the two young lovers have to struggle with their desire and the conflicting demands of their military lives. Starring Ohad Knoller and Israeli TV heartthrob Yehuda Levi in the title roles. In Hebrew with English subtitles.
Director: Eytan Fox • Israel/71 min/video



Preceded by:

L.T.R.

Michael and Riley, ages 20 and 21, are sure they've found true love. So sure that they invite a filmmaker to document their "Long Term Relationship"—two weeks into it. In hilarious mockumentary fashion, L.T.R. follows a coquettish young thing and his stoner boyfriend through their own private reality show, with all its unexpected twists and turns.
Director: Phillip J. Bartell • USA/16 min/video

This Car Up

Ever dream of meeting Mr. Right, of being in the right place at the right time? Making brilliant use of the split-screen technique, this short film from Minneapolis follows a chance encounter between a lawyer and a bike messenger—an encounter neither can forget.
Director: Eric Mueller • USA/16 min/video

Co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Jewish Federation & UCSB Hillel
Invited guest: Director Phillip J. Bartell

Admission: \$8.50

Seniors and students with valid I.D. \$7.50

SUNDAY 9th

Sunday, November 9 • 3:00PM/6:00PM/8:30PM

The Gift / 3:00PM



Fé Bland Forum, Santa Barbara City College

Panel discussion to follow video screening.

This powerful and sobering documentary is bound to spark controversy. It explores the phenomenon in the gay community of "bug-chasing," a deliberate attempt to contract HIV, and "gift-giving," the practice of intentionally exposing someone to HIV. Hear real men talk about bareback sex, [sero]conversion parties, and the complex concept that being HIV-positive just might be better than the uncertainty of living with the constant threat of becoming infected. Hear also a teenage bug-chaser's remorse, when the reality of his situation dawns on him. A panel discussion with Rafael Cosio, Director of HIV Education & Prevention at AIDS Project Central Coast, Ron Alexander, and several gay men who have first-hand knowledge of these issues will follow the movie. The panel will be moderated by therapist Lauren Wyeth, MFT.
Director: Louise Hogarth • USA/62 min/video

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Admission: \$5.00

Our farewell movies take us to Argentina, Spain, and Bulgaria. They are trips you won't want to miss!



Suddenly (Tan de Repente) / 6:00PM

Fiesta 5 Theatre

This completely engrossing and wonderfully crafted film draws you into its quiet, intimate rhythms. Maria is a lovelorn clerk in a Buenos Aires lingerie shop. When two dyke punks, called Mao and Lenin, kidnap her at knifepoint and hijack a taxi, you think you're in for a frightening drama. But—suddenly—it turns into a road picture and then—just as suddenly—a tender story of friendship. Shot in black and white, it recalls the early work of Jim Jarmusch (*Stranger than Paradise*), which it matches in deadpan quirkiness. Delightful and unpredictable, *Suddenly* is one of those films that lingers on. In Spanish with English subtitles.
Director: Diego Lerman • Argentina/90 min/35mm

Admission: \$8.50

Seniors and students with valid I.D. \$7.50

Bulgarian Lovers / 8:30PM

Fiesta 5 Theatre

It's *Queer as Folk*, Spanish style. Meet Daniel, a successful lawyer, and his outrageous, high-living friends, who enjoy all the delights Madrid has to offer. One night Daniel meets Kyril, an irresistible Bulgarian stud with a lot of baggage, to put it politely! Kyril's mysterious career and fiancée, Kalina, make Daniel's life complicated, but lead him to an adventure in the dark, immigrant underworld. This steamy, visually sumptuous thriller/comedy/film noir offers a fascinating peek into the world of erotic obsession. A delightful movie with which to end the festival. In Spanish with English subtitles.
Director: Eloy de la Iglesia • Spain/95 min/35mm

Co-sponsored by The Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Admission: \$8.50

Seniors and students with valid I.D. \$7.50

