

2016 CONNECTICUT LGBT FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 @ 7:30 PM



ME, MYSELF AND HER (IO E LEI)

Dir. Maria Sole Tognazzi, 2015, Italy, 98 min, In Italian with English subtitles
Something isn't quite right in Marina and Federica's relationship and it might take more than a new mattress to make it work. After five years together, they share the same apartment, elevator, and face cream. They laugh, they fight, they put up with each other's families, but even so, they're not sure if they're still a couple or not. In this charming and lighthearted romantic comedy, they try to figure it out.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW
THE LITTLE DEPUTY
INSTANT KARMA
THE FIRST SESSION

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION
FOLLOWS THE FILMS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 @ 3:00 PM



AN ACT OF LOVE

Dir. Scott Sheppard, 2015, USA, 87 min
An Act of Love tells the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer, an unwitting advocate in the fight for equal rights within the United Methodist Church. His ministerial credentials were revoked in December

2013 after he officiated his son's same-sex wedding. While gay marriage has become secularly legal, some religious institutions are still conflicted. The United Methodist Church's top legislative body is scheduled to meet at a conference May 10-20, 2016 to debate the church's stance on gay marriage, making this a very timely documentary that's not to be missed.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
XAVIER (U.S. PREMIERE)
MINI SUPREME

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 @ 7:30 PM



SUMMERTIME (LA BELLE SAISON)

Dir. Catherine Corsini, 2015, France, 105 min, In French with English subtitles
It's 1971 and change is in the air. Farmer's daughter Delphine moves to Paris to break free

from the shackles of her agrarian life and enjoy a taste of freedom. Carole is a Parisian who lives with her boyfriend Manuel and is actively involved in the feminist movement. When Delphine and Carole meet, their lives turn upside down. But Delphine's father turns ill and she must return to the family farm. Carole surprises her with a visit, which changes their lives forever.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILM:
GOLDEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 @ 9:30 PM



SPA NIGHT

Dir. Andrew Ahn, 2016, USA, 93 min, In English and Korean with English subtitles
A young Korean-American man works to reconcile his obligations to his struggling immigrant family with his burgeoning sexual desires

in the underground world of gay hookups at Korean spas in Los Angeles. This family story explores the elusiveness of personal identity and relationship to family traditions in the contemporary world.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
PIPE DREAM
DISSONANCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 @ 3:00 PM



SUMMER NIGHTS (LES NUITS D'ÉTÉ)

Dir. Mario Fanfani, 2014, France, 100 min, In French with English subtitles
This lush and beautiful film is set in France in 1959. Michel has a secret: every weekend he

disappears to a second home to become Mylène, under the watchful eye of Flavia, an experienced cross dresser. The house is transformed into Villa Mimi, a rallying point for a small community of gender-bending friends.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
THE FRIEND FROM TEL AVIV
EVA (NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 @ 7:30 PM



WOMEN HE'S UNDRRESSED

Dir. Gillian Armstrong, 2015, Australia, 95 min
This fascinating documentary is a tribute to legendary Hollywood costume designer Orry-Kelly, who won multiple Academy Awards

for his work on such classics as *An American in Paris* and *Some Like It Hot*. It explores Orry-Kelly's life as an openly gay man in the 30's and 40's and his secret relationship with Cary Grant.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
CAGED
EVERYONE IN BETWEEN
DAWN

MONDAY, JUNE 6 @ 7:30 PM

MEN'S SHORTS NIGHT

A troubled teenager uses paint color sample cards to express his feelings. Meanwhile, a gay sauna is overrun by zombies, while an intrusive extrovert hooks up with an introvert and then tries to figure out if they have a future together. Then a young man falls in love with his rival during an audition for the school play. After three friends camp out they face surprises the next morning. A guy has a crush on his best friend but there may be a girlfriend in the way, but it's even more complicated for the Georgian opera singer who must choose between a traditional, arranged marriage and the man he loves. Confused? You won't be once you watch the Men's Shorts program!

- TRUE COLOURS •
- SAUNA THE DEAD - A FAIRY TALE •
- NO STRINGS • NOAM •
- MORE OF LAST NIGHT •
- WEIRD IS WHO'S NOT WEIRD •
- ZAZALAND • THE WEIGH IN •



TUESDAY, JUNE 7 @ 7:30 PM

WOMEN'S SHORTS NIGHT

An unexpected visit from a mother-in-law during breakfast, a window dresser uses a creative display to send her ex a message, a mother-daughter relationship Singapore style, casual romance in the age of social media, waking up in someone else's bed with no recollection of last night, a gender-bending Cinderella story with the roles of Cinderella and the Prince reversed, a young woman's double life comes crashing down, an elderly woman living a quiet life visits her old apartment and sees her past. What's going on? Is vagina really the warmest color? You won't know unless you watch the Women's Shorts Program!

- DIME • VAGINA IS THE WARMEST COLOR •
- BAGGAGE • TO MUM (LOVE, ME) •
- TRENDING • THE KISS • MX. PINK •
- LATE EXPECTATIONS • BETTY •



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 @ 7:30 PM

CENTERPIECE RECEPTION @ 6:00 PM



STRIKE A POSE

Dirs. Ester Gould & Reijer Zwaan, 2016, Netherlands/Belgium, 83 min
In 1990, seven young male dancers - six gay, one straight - joined Madonna on her most controversial tour. It was the chance of a lifetime and a life-altering experience. On stage

and in the iconic film *Truth or Dare*, Madonna and the dancers showed the world how to 'express yourself.' Now, 25 years later, they reveal the truth about life during and after the tour. *Strike a Pose* is a dramatic tale about overcoming shame and finding the courage to be who you are.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
WHEN AIDS WAS FUNNY
INTRINSIC MORAL EVIL
TREMBLING
TWERK B*TCH YOU A BOTTOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 @ 7:30 PM



THAT'S NOT US

Dir. William Sullivan, 2015, USA, 97 min

A delectable romantic comedy filled to the brim with drama from three couples - gay, straight, lesbian - *That's Not Us* is an intimate portrait of a group of twenty-somethings as they travel to a beach house to enjoy the last days of summer. But what should be a fun beach weekend becomes an exploration of what it takes to sustain a healthy relationship and make love last.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
SLEEP AWAKE
MA/DDY
MORE THAN GOD

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 @ 7:30 PM



HENRY GAMBLE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Dir. Stephen Cone, 2015, USA, 87 min

The pastor's son Henry Gamble is turning seventeen, and an eclectic mix of church leaders, Christian youth and some of Henry's un-churched classmates attend his birthday pool party. The potentially explosive group of swimsuit-clad party guests will force church members to confront issues of sexuality and acceptance.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
RAISING RYLAND
SCHLEIERHAFT
THE ORCHID

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 @ 7:30 PM

@ SPOTLIGHT THEATRES



CLOSET MONSTER

Dir. Stephen Dunn, 2015, Canada, 90 min

Treading a daring line between the comic and the surreal, this is a fresh, imaginative take on the traditional coming out/coming of age tale. Its hero, Oscar (Connor Jessup) is a cute, conflicted teenager who, at the age of eight, witnessed a hate crime that affected him deeply. As he grows up, he struggles with his dawning sexuality and homophobic father. For comfort and advice he turns to his "spirit animal," his pet hamster Buffy—who talks to him in the voice of Isabella Rossellini! When he becomes obsessed with Wilder, his hot co-worker at the hardware store, Oscar can't deny his urges any longer.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
LUNCH (WORLD PREMIERE)
LADY OF THE NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 @ 7:30 PM

@ WADSWORTH ATHENEUM



S&M SALLY

Dir. Michelle Ehlen, 2015, USA, 80 min

The creative genius behind *Butch Jamie* and *Heterosexual Jill* is back again with another hysterical look at one quirky lesbian's ongoing search for true love. Jamie and Jill explore the underground world of S & M - both in clubs and within the privacy of their own bedrooms. Meanwhile, their friends David and Lola compete to see who is cool enough to go through with a threesome. Hijinks ensue.

PRECEDED BY SHORT FILMS:
THE ESCAPE HATCH
CLOWN SERVICE

CLOSING NIGHT PARTY @
THE WADSWORTH ATHENEUM
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SUN JUNE 5	MON JUNE 6	TUES JUNE 7	WEDS JUNE 8	THURS JUNE 9	FRI JUNE 10	SAT JUNE 11
<p>3:00PM FEATURE PRESENTATION: SUMMER NIGHTS (LES NUITS D'ÉTÉ)</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: THE FRIEND FROM TEL AVIV EVA</p> <p>7:30PM FEATURE PRESENTATION: WOMEN HE'S UNDRESSED</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: CAGED EVERYONE IN BETWEEN DAWN</p>	<p>7:30PM MEN'S SHORTS NIGHT: TRUE COLOURS</p> <p>SAUNA THE DEAD - A FAIRY TALE NO STRINGS NOAM</p> <p>MORE OF LAST NIGHT WEIRD IS WHO'S NOT WEIRD ZAZALAND THE WEIGH IN</p>	<p>7:30PM WOMEN'S SHORTS NIGHT: DIME</p> <p>VAGINA IS THE WARMEST COLOR BAGGAGE TO MUM (LOVE, ME) TRENDING THE KISS MX. PINK LATE EXPECTATIONS BETTY</p>	<p>7:30PM CENTERPIECE RECEPTION @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>FEATURE PRESENTATION: STRIKE A POSE</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: WHEN AIDS WAS FUNNY INTRINSIC MORAL EVIL TREMBLING TWERK B*TCH YOU A BOTTOM</p>	<p>7:30PM FEATURE PRESENTATION: THAT'S NOT US</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: SLEEP AWAKE MA/DDY MORE THAN GOD</p>	<p>7:30PM FEATURE PRESENTATION: HENRY GAMBLE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: RAISING RYLAND SCHLEIERHAFT THE ORCHID</p>	<p>7:30PM PROGRAM @ SPOTLIGHT THEATRES</p> <p>FEATURE PRESENTATION: CLOSET MONSTER</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: LUNCH LADY OF THE NIGHT</p> <p>PROGRAM @ WADSWORTH ATHENEUM FEATURE PRESENTATION: S&M SALLY</p> <p>SHORT FILMS: THE ESCAPE HATCH</p> <p>CLOWN SERVICE CLOSING NIGHT PARTY @ THE WADSWORTH ATHENEUM AFTER THE FILMS</p>

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