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| **Out Film CT Announces Lineup for 33rd Annual Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival,****﻿October 2-10, 2020** |

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| **Virtual Festival to Include Over 100 Films Plus 3 Drive-In Events at Parkade Cinema in Manchester, CT** |

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| Still from *Cicada,*winner of the 2020 Jury Prize for Best Feature Film for the 33rd Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival. |

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| **September 21, 2020/Hartford, Conn. – Out Film CT,** which produces Connecticut's longest-running screen festival, announced today the full slate of films for the **33rd Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival running** **October 2 through 10, 2020.**Adding to the excitement of a virtual showcase of **nearly 120 features, documentaries, and shorts films**, the festival has added **three feature film events at the Parkade Cinema Drive-In in Manchester, CT.**Festival Director **Shane Engstrom** states, "As in recent years, we received hundreds of submissions from LGBTQ filmmakers from across the United States as well as around the globe. In keeping up with the massive cultural shifts this year with the pandemic and the Black Lives Matters movement, we have assembled our most diverse and inclusive festival ever plus launched a virtual platform to allow everyone across Connecticut and surrounding states to enjoy the best of LGBTQ cinema safely."*Highlights of the 33rd Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival include:***Feature Films*** **Festival opener *Stage Mother****,*a heartfelt and hilarious comedy, tells the story of a conservative choir director who unexpectedly inherits her deceased son's drag nightclub. (Virtual opening Friday, October 2 at 7pm; Drive-In screening Friday October 2 at 7:30pm.
* ***Cicada,*the Connecticut LGBTQ Festival 2020 Jury Award winner for Best Feature Film,**followsa young bisexual man as he comes out to the world and develops an intense relationship with a man of color struggling with deep wounds of his own. (Virtual opening Saturday, October 3 at 7pm)
* ***For They Know Not What They Do****,*a powerful documentary on the intersection of conservative politics, religion, and the fight for LGBTQ rights, is the **2020 Jury Award winner for Best Documentary Feature**. (Virtual opening Monday, October 5 at 7pm)
* **Festival Centerpiece film *Ahead of the Curve****,*2020 Jury Special Mention for Documentary,chronicles the beginnings and rise of the landmark lesbian magazine *Curve*. (Virtual opening Wednesday, October 7 at 7pm; Drive-In screening Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30pm)
* The moving drama ***Two of Us*,** 2020 Jury Award Special Mention for Feature Film, details a relationship between two older women that have kept their love secret for decades. (Virtual opening Thursday, October 8 at 7pm).
* New Zealand's ***Rūrangi***, an emotional story of a trans man returning home to the family farm, is told in five 20-minute segments. (Virtual opening Saturday, October 10 at 7pm)
* **Festival closer** ***Breaking Fast*** finds two gay men in West Hollywood - one a practicing Muslim and the other an "All-American boy" - tentatively moving toward a relationship. (Virtual opening Saturday, October 10 at 7pm; Drive-In screening Saturday, October 10 at 7:30pm)

In addition to several other feature-length films and documentaries, the 33rd Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival will include a greatly expanded slate of short films. In addition to **Gay (two programs), Lesbian (two programs), Trans/Non-Binary, Youth**, and **International shorts**, there will be all-new programs of **Drag/Cross-Dressing, Bisexual, Queer People of Color, and Documentary** shorts. There will also be an inaugural program of **"Connecticut Connections" shorts**featuring films with filmmakers, actors or locations associated with the Nutmeg State.**Ticket Prices:*** **Individual tickets:** $8 for individuals; $12 for households (for features, documentaries, or shorts programs)
* **Individual Drive-In Features**: $20 per car. Space is limited and advance purchase necessary.
* **5-Show FestiPass** (access to 5 features, documentaries, and/or shorts programs): $30 for individuals; $45 for households. Drive-In features not included.
* **All Shorts FestiPass** (access to all 12 shorts programs, not valid on full-length features or Drive-In films): $40 for individuals; $60 for households.
* **All-Access FestiPass**: $100 for individuals; $150 for households. Includes access to all virtual programs and Drive-In features.

Another innovation for 2020 is that tickets will be good for each virtual program at the stated start time and will be available for viewing up to at least 72 hours later. The complete lineup of features, documentaries, shorts, and Drive-In events, as well as tickets and FestiPasses, can be accessed at [**OutFilmCT.org.**](http://www.outfilmct.org/)**About Out Film CT**Out Film CT’s mission is to entertain, educate and promote community through the exhibition of LGBTQ film. A volunteer, nonprofit cultural organization, Out Film CT is dedicated to presenting outstanding LGBTQ cinema and other theatrical events throughout the year, culminating in the nine-day Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival. Connecticut’s largest LGBTQ cultural event holds a special place in our state’s cultural landscape, bringing the community together to introduce, celebrate and rediscover the ideas and values that make the LGBTQ community unique. Out Film CT also presents the monthly Queer Thursdays film series in partnership with Cinestudio, usually shown on the second Thursday of each month.### |

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