

VENUES

1 VANCOUVER PLAYHOUSE 600 Hamilton St.	VPH
2 CINEPLEX ODEON INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE THEATRES 8 AND 9 88 W Pender St., 3rd Floor	IV 8 IV 9
3 VIFF CENTRE VANCITY THEATRE 1181 Seymour St.	VIFF
4 THE CULTCH - HISTORIC THEATRE	CHT





1895 Venables St.

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THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 10-20, 2023

QUEERFILMFESTIVAL.CA

VANCOUVER QUEER FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

FEATURE FILMS

SHORTS PROGRAMS

PARTIES



Available to screen online for 72 hours, starting 24 hours after the in-person screening time listed.

HURSDAY AUG



7:00 PM | VPH Opening Presentation: Stronger Together

Frank, funny, and fearless shorts from across the queer community and our many intersections to lift your spirits and ignite your imagination.

8:15 PM | VPH Opening Night Party

FREE with tickets to the Opening Presentation srceening! Dance, mingle, and enjoy performances from **Toddy**, **Twiggy Pucci Garçon**, **Mermaid Garçon** and **Milan Garçon**. Music by **DJ Softieshan**.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 11

| 6:30 PM | IV 8 | Before I Change My Mind

Robin befriends the school bully as his peers question his gender in this tender comedy.



6:30 PM | VIFF This Place

A poet and a new grad fall in love amidst family strife in Toronto.



7:00 PM | IV 9 **Lie With Me**

A novelist returns to his hometown in France and meets the son of his first love.



9:00 PM | IV 8 Three Tidy Tigers Tied a Tie Tighter

Three friends roam a dystopian São Paulo in a memory-wiping pandemic.



9:00 PM | VIFF Clashing Differences

A darkly funny satire about an all-white board in Germany struggling to diversify.



9:15 PM | IV 9 Shorts: Midnight Foreplay + Performance*

Seductive and scary tales to ignite your deepest fears and desires. *Maiden China



1:30 PM | IV 8 **Bittersweet Becoming**

Intimate documentary of Karla's transition later in life.



Filmmakers of the global majority explore home, family, and identity.

4:00 PM | IV 9 Egghead & Twinkie

Two teens go on a road trip to a lesbian dance party in Texas.

4:15 PM | IV 8 I LOVE YOU MORE

Shy teen Ben wants to escape his Kosovar town and meet his online boyfriend.

6:30 PM | IV 9 **Big Boys**

Young Jamie forms a crush on a family camping trip in this gentle comedy.

6:45 PM | IV 8 **Episodic: Fresh Starts**

A medley of wickedly amusing episodic pilots.

8:45 PM | IV 8 Girlfriends and Girlfriends

Zaida meets her ex's new girlfriend in this fun, frisky lesbian rom-com.

9:00 PM | IV 9 Drifter

SUNDAY

12:30 PM | IV 9

Out In Schools &

activists & artists.

2:00 PM | IV 8

2:30 PM | IV 9

3:45 PM | IV 8

Troublemakers 7.0

Shorts: Inner Riots

a crossroads of identity.

Five new short youth-made documentaries on local queer

Five stories of characters at

Shorts: Blood and Water

Shining new light on chosen

and biological families.

Moritz explores underground parties, sex, and drugs in Berlin.



AUGUST 12















AUGUST 13

in this watershed documentary.

THURSDAY

7:00 PM | VPH

Centrepiece Presentation:

6:30 PM | IV 9 Shorts: The Coast is Queer + Performances*

Local shorts by homegrown talent with familiar faces on screen & stage! *Mx. Bukuru, King Fisher.



One day in NYC, the ghosts of young trans guy Feña's past come knocking.

8:45 PM | IV 8 **Shorts: Cinema Non-Conforming**

For lovers of the boldly experimental and Cher's 1998 hit single "Believe."

9:00 PM | IV 9 **Shorts: Something About Him**

Meet-cutes, first dates, daytime solicitations, and surprise connections.







AUGUST 18

1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture

Sharon Roggio reveals the damaging mistranslation

behind the first mention of "homosexual" in the Bible

AUGUST 17







Shorts: Talkin' Bout a Revolution

SATURDAY

2:00 PM | IV 9

Queer, trans, and nonbinary individuals resist oppression and redefine power.

2:15 PM | IV 8 The life and strange surprising adventures of Robinson Crusoe

An experimental, queer, and anti-colonial retelling.

4:00 PM | IV 9 How to Tell a Secret

A hybrid documentary on living with HIV in contemporary Ireland.

4:15 PM | IV 8 A Queer's Guide to Spiritual Living

Four queer people on journeys in Muslim, Hindu, and Christian faiths.





7:00 PM | VPH

Closing Presentation: Runs In The Family

A feel-good family comedy starring a real-life father and son as a former con artist and trans drag performer, respectively.

8:30 PM | VPH **Closing Party**

FREE with tickets to the Closing Presentation screening!

Dance, mingle, and enjoy performances from **Continental** Breakfast, Kara Juku, & Genesis. Music by DJ Bella.

FRIDAY

6:30 PM | IV 8 Wolf and Dog

Three queer teens disrupt the Catholic community of São Miguel island.

6:45 PM | IV 9 The Mattachine Family

A drama on queer parenthood and family starring Nico Tortorella & Emily Hampshire.

9:00 PM | IV 8 Shorts: Slay 4 Me +

Performances*

A dazzling ode to ballroom and drag. *Bongganisa, Juan Alcuitas-Imperial

9:15 PM | IV 9 Shorts:

"It's Complicated"

Wittu and emotional shorts on the pleasures and pains of love.

9:30 PM | CHT Le Beau Mec

A restored 1979 film bridging European art cinema and hardcore pornography.









SUNDAY

AUGUST 20

Enjoy encore screenings of the 2023 award-winners and audience & staff favourites! The Award winners will be announced at the Closing Presentation on August 19.

1:45 PM | IV 9

Programmers' Picks: Shorts

2:00 PM | IV 8

People's Choice Award: International Feature

People's Choice Award: Canadian Feature

4:00 PM | IV 9 Narrative Change Award Winner

4:30 PM | IV 8

People's Choice Award: Shorts **6:30 PM** | IV 9

6:45 PM | IV 8

Programmers' Pick: Feature

20,000 Species of Bees A child explores her gender

among the women in the Basque Country.

4:45 PM | IV 9 It's Only Life After All

Documentary on queer folk rock duo and activists, Indigo Girls

6:30 PM | IV 8 **Three Headed Beast**

A unique relationship drama about non-monogamy told non-verbally.

7:30 PM | IV 9 Shorts: Treats, Tears & Truth-Bombs

Quirky satires and heartfelt dramas on queer relationships.

8:45 PM | IV 8 Queendom + Performance*

Trans performance artist Gena uses drag and fashion as protest in Russia. *Vixen Von Flex



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Questions?

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