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2020 Films



The Rest Is Flowers

Dale Allen (Drama, United Kingdom)



When his best friend, Harry, is killed in a homophobic attack, a grief-stricken, closeted Jimmy prepares to give the eulogy at his funeral.

Dale John Allen (he/him) is a Manchester-based artist-filmmaker exploring queer identity and Bipolar Affective Disorder through autobiographical work. His award-winning short 'A Film About Love' inspired 'Don't Blame Jack,' released in 2020 with Peccadillo Pictures.



Factory Talk

Lucie Rachel & 1990s Chris (Poetic Drama, United Kingdom)



Factory Talk is an intergenerational conversation about identity, sexuality and masculinity in a rural factory.

Lucie Rachel (they/she) explores domesticity, gender, and sexuality through lens-based art, blending artist film and documentary. 1990s Chris (he/him) is a queer, working-class poet from Hereford whose work sparks conversations on queer identity, masculinity, and class.



The Side Effects of Normal

Mari Wrobi (Drama, USA)



An intersex person who was born with genital differences and was forced to undergo a genital “normalizing” surgery that they did not consent to as a child.

Mari Wrobi (they/them) is a queer, nonbinary, and intersex advocate from California. They work at Sacramento’s only LGBTQ youth shelter, advocate with interACT, and intern at the Gender Health Center. Mari educates nationwide on trans and intersex rights and performs poetry.



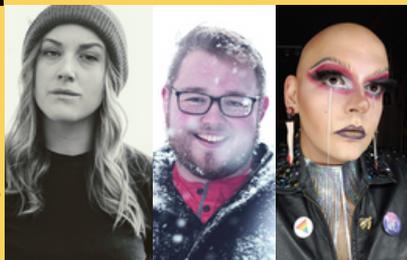
Staging Face

Steph Young, Jake Ivany & Vie Jones (Documentary, Canada)



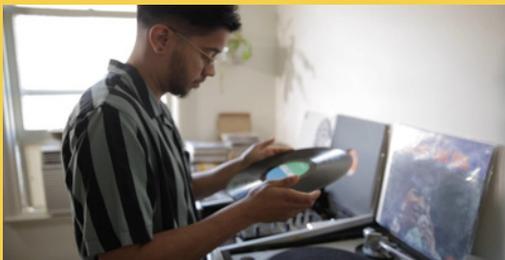
Under the spotlight, in front of a crowded room, drag performers are given permission to share our most authentic selves with almost certain acceptance.

Asterix Media is a K’jipuktuk (Halifax)-based collective dedicated to challenging dominant narratives and amplifying marginalized voices, with a focus on 2SLGBTQ+ experiences. Using filmmaking, performance art, and other creative forms, they reach audiences worldwide.



Continue to Live

Paolo Riveros (Documentary, USA)



Continue to Live tells the story of a majestic trans masculine being surviving and thriving in Los Angeles, California.

Paolo Riveros (he/him) is a transgender, visual artist from Lima, Perú. He began his career through photography, documenting the Los Angeles nightlife, which later developed into photojournalism, covering social justice movements.



Fighter

Meagan Brown (Documentary, Canada)



Fighter asks the tough, awkward, and infrequent questions about mental health to three generations of firefighters.

Meagan Brown (she/her) is an aspiring documentary filmmaker from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Passionate about people-driven stories, she infuses documentary elements in all her work and aims to increase engagement with documentary films overall.



Masc

Amilcar Javier (Drama, USA)



A young boy hides his emotions behind a Diablo Cojuelo mask in an attempt to appease his hypermasculine father and protect himself from his school bully.

Amilcar Javier (he/him) is an award-winning actor, writer, producer, and software developer based in New York City. A proud Hermano of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, he mentors youth in film and technology.



The Beautiful Black Man

Calvin J. Walker (Poetry Film, USA)



The Beautiful Black Man is a tonal poem that examines the generational trauma of black men. Mitchell comes from a family of growers, men who grow flowers in their hair.

Calvin J Walker (he/him) is an award-winning Dallas filmmaker and activist, creating acclaimed work in film, TV, stage, and digital. He tells stories on social justice, spirituality, and mental health, collaborating internationally. He is a husband and father of three.



Premiere



World Premiere & Festival

Voices With Impact will premiere the 10 short films made through its mental health production grant in two online premieres.

Mens Mental Health

Short films exploring Mens Mental Health



Speakers: Jon Elliott, Caroline Heldman, Jocelyn Lehrer, Matthew Solomon, & Seth Pickens.

LGBTQIA+ Mental Health

Short films exploring LGBTQIA+ Mental Health



Speakers: L'Oreal McCollum, Rebecca Blakey, & Jei Africa.

Online Festival



Colonialism & LGBTQIA+ Mental Health

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 10am PDT / 1pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening exploring Colonialism & LGBTQIA+ Mental Health.

Featuring: *The Beautiful Black Man* by Calvin J Walker.

Queerness and Mental Health

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 1pm PDT / 4pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening exploring behind the scenes of Queer Mental Health.

Featuring: *Factory Talk* by Lucie Rachel & 1990s Chris. Panelists: JOY GHARORO - AKPOJOTOR, LINDSEY DRYDEN, & ADEEL AMINI.

Facing Stage - Digital Drag Show!

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 4pm PDT / 7pm EDT



An interactive film screening and digital drag show exploring the importance of representation in queer spaces.

Featuring: *Staging Face* by Asterix Media and a Digital Drag Show!

Talking Tough

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 | 10am PDT / 1pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening exploring using poetry to tackle mental health stigma.

Featuring: Masc by Amilcar Javier & Factory Talk by Lucie Rachel & 1990s Chris.

Self-Care in a Selfless Profession

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 | 1pm PDT / 4pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening, where subjects from the documentary join to answer questions about their involvement.

Featuring: Fighter by Meagan Brown.

Interviewing With Heart

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 | 4pm PDT / 7pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening exploring interviewing documentary subjects.

Featuring: Fighter by Meagan Brown.

Queer Narratives

Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 10am PDT / 1pm EDT



An interactive panel and film screening exploring how people can find nourishment in their heritage. Panelists: Lucie Rachel, LAURA KIRWAN-ASHMAN, NOSA EKE & RICO JOHNSON-SINCLAIR.

Featuring: Factory Talk by Lucie Rachel & 1990s Chris.

Writing Complex Queer Characters for Film

Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 1pm PDT / 4pm EDT



An interactive workshop discussion and film screening exploring writing complex queer characters for film.

Featuring: The Rest is Flowers by Dale Allen, and Stud Life by Campbell X.

Intersex 101

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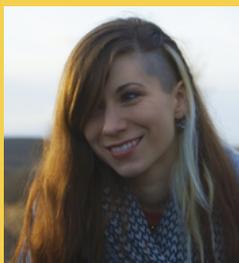


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Toxic Masculinity and LGBTQIA+ Experiences

Friday, June 26, 2020 | 10am PDT / 1pm EDT



An interactive panel and film screening exploring the intersection toxic masculinity and LGBTQIA+ experiences.

Panel: Amilcar Javier, ELVIN GARCIA & KEITH GARCIA.

Featuring: Masc by Amilcar Javier.

Masculinity and Mental Health Stigma

Friday, June 26, 2020 | 1pm PDT / 4pm EDT



An interactive panel and film screening exploring masculinity and mental health stigma across cultures.

Panel: Amilcar Javier, LUIS ALEJANDRO TAPIA, JASON ROSARIO & MARTIN NUÑEZ-BONILLA.

Featuring: Masc by Amilcar Javier.

Representations of Men of Color

Friday, June 26, 2020 | 4pm PDT / 7pm EDT



An interactive panel and film screening exploring representations of men of color in the media.

Panel: Calvin J Walker, Dr. Fahamu Pecou & Chad Eric Smith.

Featuring: THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK MAN by Calvin J Walker.

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