

## The 2004 Seattle Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

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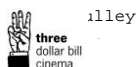
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The 2004 Seattle Lesbian Gay Film Festival opening feature *EATING OUT* is a hybrid sex comedy exploring themes of sexual orientation confusion and directed by Seattle native and festival guest Q. Allen Broka. Director Ekachai Uekrongtham will personally present festival Centerpiece *BEAUTIFUL BOXER*, which tells the story of Thai transgender boxer Nong Toom. Closing the festival this year is the heart-warming coming out story *DORIAN BLUES*, starring Michael McMillian of the WB Network's "What I Like About You".

Spotlight *APRIL'S SHOWER* is a light, romantic look at the meaning of family in our modern times. Producer Christopher Racster will be in attendance along with VIPs from the film.

Documentaries include local film *NOT STRAIGHT FORWARD*, which portrays lesbian dating in a reality show-style. *SUPERSTAR IN A HOUSE DRESS* chronicles the story of gender-bending Warhol factory personality Jackie Curtis. Joint presentation of *GAY PIONEERS/RAINBOW PRIDE* takes a look at the history of gay activism in the 1960s and the rainbow as a symbol of LGBT pride.

Special screenings include a rare archival presentation of *REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE* followed by a moderated Q&A session with screen writer Stewart Stern. We are also proud to present an anniversary screening the 1984 Oscar-winning *THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK*, which chronicles the life and death of the nation's first ever openly-gay politician, San Francisco City Council Member Harvey Milk.

With Halloween right around the corner, why not get into the spirit early? A number of films this year add a queer twist to the horror genre. *MAKE A WISH* is a tongue and cheek slasher style horror flick that follows the story of a group of lesbians on a camping trip. Director Sharron Ferranti will be in attendance. *HELL BENT*, set in a West Hollywood park, and a special screening of the 1970 classic *THE VAMPIRE LOVERS* will also be highlighted.

The SLGFF "FREE FOR FAMILIES" programs continue in 2004 with a free, 79 minute presentation of three films at the Capitol Hill branch of the Seattle Public Library. Films include *LET'S GET REAL*, a documentary about pre-pubescent bullying. *DID YOU KNOW THAT MR. MICHAEL IS GAY?* chronicles the story of one teachers experience coming out to his class that will include the appearance of Mr. Michael and director Ian David Aronson. And finally *WEIGHT OF THE WORLD: A STORY OF VOLUNTEERING* provides a peek behind the scenes of Seattle's Lambert House – a drop-in center and safe haven for local GLBTQ youth.