



21ST ANNUAL PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL  
**LESBIAN & GAY  
FILM FESTIVAL**

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# PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY FILM FESTIVAL

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## **PILGFF ANNOUNCES 21ST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE AND EVENTS**

**PITTSBURGH, October 8, 2006**—The Pittsburgh Lesbian and Gay Film Society presenters of the Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (PILGFF) announces the schedule for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Film Festival which will be held October 20 – 29, 2006.

The festival will be held at three venues this year. The Festival will utilize the Harris Theater, Downtown, SouthSide Works Cinema, located on the South Side and the Melwood Screen Room located in Oakland. In addition, PILGFF and the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust will co-present an “Evening with Tab Hunter” at the Byham Theater located in Downtown, Pittsburgh.

In 2006, PILGFF has added a variety on new events and programs. We have added six (6) new programs, have expanded our co-presenting of programs with other community groups (Persad and PATF), added a Sing-a-long (“Buffy, the Vampire Slayer”), a new LGBT Experiential program, a speak peak at a controversial film (“Shortbus”), co-presenting an event with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust (“An Evening with Tab Hunter”) and has added more community social after events allowing for more opportunities to bring the LGBT community together.

PILGFF has also added a free “Family Day” with the showing of the documentary “All Aboard”. Other free screenings include “My Girlfriend Did It” and our annual “Youth Program”.

PILGFF once again takes its commitment to the LGBT community seriously by holding several panel discussions and Q and A sessions to discuss topics of interest to the community. This includes a panel discussion on the Same-Sex marriage amendment, Domestic violence within the Lesbian Community and the results of mixing drugs and unsafe sex practices.

PILGFF will start off this exciting, event packed festival by holding a Kick-off event on October 8, 2006 to start the festival off on the right foot.

Advance ticket packages and Diva passes are available at A Pleasant Present, located at 2301 Murray Avenue, Banner Coin Exchange located downtown or at the Kick-off Event on October 8, 2006.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is sponsored by The Lambda Foundation, The Mellon Audience Fund, The Heinz Foundation and the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council.

The Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is an annual celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender writers, directors, actors, and their works, which is being presented by the Pittsburgh Lesbian and Gay Film Society. The film festival’s mission is to provide a unique cultural event in Pittsburgh, and the surrounding tri-state region, to create positive awareness and visibility for the LGBT community and its supporters.

PILGFF and PLGFS are non-profit, all-volunteer organizations. The 2006 film festival is October 20 through the 29. The film schedules, film descriptions, events, ticket outlets and venues are available at [www.pilgff.org](http://www.pilgff.org) or [www.plgfs.org](http://www.plgfs.org) ###

## 2006 PILGFF Schedule and Short Movie Descriptions

2006 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual PILGFF Kick Off Party

Sunday, October 8 – 7:00 PM – 10 PM

Nuance – 900 Western Ave – North Side

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### THE GYMNAST

#### OPENING NIGHT FEATURE

Friday, October 20, - 8:00 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

Opening Night Party to follow at Hot Metal Grille

Stylish and tender, this romantic drama explores the developing relationship between an acrobatic young woman and the Asian-American woman who performs with her.

### SHORTBUS

Opening Night Feature – Sneak Peak

Friday, October 20, 8:30 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

Opening Night Party to follow at Hot Metal Grille

When life gets rough, we all need somewhere to take refuge. For the chic New Yorkers in this film, the Shortbus provides a space for them to break out of their relationship ruts and engage in some Technicolor dreaming.

### ALL ABOARD! ROSIE'S FAMILY CRUISE

Saturday, October 21 -2:45 pm - Harris Theater

Free Screening! Its family day @ PILGFF!

For years, Rosie and Kelli O'Donnell, parents of four, dreamed of a society free of discrimination. A lesbian and gay community at sea, this engaging and delightful documentary takes us all on a voyage to a place free of prejudice where progressive attitudes about 'family' are truly set sail.

### SAVING MARRIAGE

Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 PM - Harris Theater - Family Day Event

Panel Discussion to Follow (Filmmaker, ACLU, Marriage Equality)

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in favor of a same-sex couple's right to marry, and from that day forward gay rights activists worked ceaselessly to protect the ruling from right-wing attacks. *Saving Marriage* captures the excitement and suspense of one battle in this long and ongoing war: an attempt to amend the state constitution to override the court's decision. From mass demonstrations to last minute lobbying phone calls to closely fought election campaigns, the battle unfolded all over the state for more than two years.

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### GYPO

Saturday, October 21 - 7:30 PM – Harris Theater - Girls Night Out – Images – 964 Liberty Ave  
(special discount with ticket stub)

Skillfully weaving three radically different perspectives of a working-class married couple and a young refugee, this thought-provoking and engrossing film embarks on a tale of familial struggle and hope in what the future holds.

### BOY CULTURE

Saturday, October 21 - 9:45 PM – Harris Theater - Boys Night Out – Images – 964 Liberty Ave  
(special discount with ticket stub)

Celebrate with us at Images after the movie. Drink specials with your movie stub!

Q. Allan Brocka (*Eating Out*) is back at the festival with this superb film, adapted from a much-loved novel about three roommates, hustling and the human heart.

### MY GIRLFRIEND DID IT – Free Screening

Sunday, October 22, 2006 3:00 PM - Harris Theater

This powerful and sensitive film defines the dynamics of women's same-sex abusive relationships, and examines the impact of oppression when addressing woman-to-woman battering. Women who have been in abusive relationships tell their stories, and offer testimony about the unique situations faced by women with same sex partners. Their fear of coming out, their particular difficulty finding resources in rural areas, the harm done to family and friends as well as the abused woman are all discussed. Experts also talk about the need for community education, community resources, more research on the issue, and the profound need for support for women battered by women.

Jointly Presented by PILGFF and PERSAD

As a part of the Week Without Violence Event

### METH

Sunday, October 22 - 4:45 PM include Q and A after film - Harris Theater

Crystal Methamphetamine, Candy, Tina, T. Meth is an explosive and unsettling examination of the euphoric highs and life destroying lows of crystal meth addiction within the gay community. It is a potent broadside on the dangers of meth use, exposing the drug's allure, its highly addictive nature and why its popularity is still soaring. Shown with: Time for Compassionate Change a World Premiere documentary created by PATF member David Brunner.

### FEEL LIKE A WOMAN: Women's Shorts Program

Sunday, October 22 - 7:15 PM – Harris Theater

Various Shorts that include: Costa Bella, Moving Out, Attack of the Bride Monster, Succubus, Open and His Name is Cosmo.

### ANY MAN'S NEEDS: Men/s Shorts Program

Sunday, October 22 - 9:15 PM - Harris Theater

Various Shorts that include: Arie, Murder's a Drag, Davy & Stu, Hitchcocked, A Trip to Prague, Colorblind, Hello, Thanks and Man Seeking Man

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### LIFE OF REILLY

Monday, October 23, 7:00 PM - Harris Theater

An adaptation of his acclaimed one-man show, Barry Poltermann & Frank Anderson's film details Reilly's often hilarious and sometimes heartbreaking background, revealing how a gay boy with a lobotomized aunt, an institutionalized father, and a racist mother ended up a Tony-award winner and a generational icon.

### LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP

Monday, October 23, 9:15 PM - Harris Theater

This charming romantic comedy tells the story of Glenn, a cynical yet still hopeful single man in Los Angeles searching for true love.

### CRUEL AND UNUSUAL

Tuesday, October 24 - 7:00 PM - Harris Theater

Five women in prison serve as the subjects not of a pulpy, campy midnight movie, but of a unique and thought-provoking glimpse at male-to-female transgendered convicts in men's penitentiaries.

### LGBT AVANT GARDE RETROSPECTIVE

Tuesday, October 24 - 9:15 PM - Harris Theater

Various New Experimental Programs.

### MOM

Wednesday, October 25 - 7:00 PM - Harris Theater

Take the witty, raucous 2005 festival favorite *The D Word*, add the slapstick charm of "The Odd Couple" and mix in a little road adventure of *Thelma and Louise* and you get *Mom* -- the year's quintessential dyke buddy movie!

### WHOLE NEW THING

Wednesday, October 25 - 9:00 PM - Harris Theater

A quirky, home-schooled 13-year-old gay boy goes to public school for the first time and develops a major crush on his English teacher.

### PICK UP THE MIC

Thursday, October 26 - 7:00 PM - Harris Theater

Queer Hip-Hop or Homohop -- no matter what label is attached to queer rappers, their explosive lyrics, pulsating beats and fervent talent is cementing today's message of gays and the hip-hop culture.

### EL CALENTITO

Thursday, October 26 - 9:15 PM - Harris Theater

A hilarious and historically accurate period piece set in the big-haired, shoulder-padded '80s, a young virgin finds herself immersed in a counter culture fueled by hot music and sexual expression beyond her wildest dreams.

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### CAMP OUT

Friday, October 27 – 7:00 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

A group of gay teens celebrate, question and reconcile their sexuality with their religion at an atypical Bible camp in this snappy, fast-paced documentary.

### BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER SING-A-LONG

Friday, October 27 - 9:15 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

Sing-a-along to the famous episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer musical episode: “Once More with Feeling.” This episode is becoming a cult rage across the country. Move over Rocky Horror Picture Show. Buffy is here and she’s kicking some musical ass in this episode. Come on out and sing your heart out. You know you want to.

### GENERATION Q on FILM: Youth Oriented Shorts Program

Saturday, October 28 - 5:00 PM - Melwood Screening Room

Various Shorts that include: Coach, Katie & Kasey, Begging for Change, JO FM and Sissy French Fry.

### LOVE LIFE

Saturday, October 28 - 5:00 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

Artfully told, Damion Dietz’s first drama is the erotic story of a married heterosexual couple who each have outside gay relationships.

### LOVING ANNABELLE

Saturday, October 28 - 7:00 PM – SouthSide Works - Girls Night Out – Hot Metal Grill

Rebellious Catholic schoolgirls, hidden secrets and a controversial romance all unfold in the newest addition to the lesbian cult classic canon, joining films like *The Children’s Hour* and *Mädchen in Uniform*.

### PHOENIX - WORLD PREMIERE!

Saturday, October 28 - 9:15 pm – SouthSide Works - Boys Night Out – Hot Metal Grill

Meet Chad Edward Bartley and Jeff Castle in person! Meet and Greet after Movie.

Dylan has a good job, a great pad and an exciting relationship with Ken, his sexy well traveled boyfriend who just might be “the one.” A great life, until Ken disappears right before Dylan’s 23rd birthday party. Dylan follows Ken’s trail to Phoenix, where he discovers his double life with the equally sexy and earthy Demetrius, who had no idea that Dylan existed. Dylan and Demetrius are forced together to discover what happened to Ken and what happened to their relationships with him.

### 20 CENTIMETERS

Sunday, October 29 - 4:45 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

An Almodóvarian musical with the flair and attitude of *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and the catchy music of Queen, Madonna and Dusty Springfield; this Spanish confection is one of the most inventive and entertaining movies of the year.

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EATING OUT 2: Sloppy Seconds - CLOSING NIGHT FEATURE

Sunday, October 29 - 7:15 PM - SouthSide Works Cinema

Closing Night Party to follow at The Cheesecake Factory

Get ready to laugh your pants off and ogle all the pretty boys at this sneak preview screening of the sequel to the 2004 festival hit.

**WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING AND PERSONAL APPEARANCES  
“AN EVENING WITH TAB HUNTER” AT THE BYHAM THEATER  
A Presentation of the Pittsburgh International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival  
In association with The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust**

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 pm

Byham Theater, Downtown

Hollywood’s first golden boy, Tab Hunter, shares his personal experiences as a 1950s-era Hollywood screen idol in “**An Evening With Tab Hunter**”. This exclusive, multi-faceted evening, featuring an onstage conversation with Tab Hunter and Eddie Muller, an audience Q&A, intimate book signing opportunity, and the World Premiere screening of a newly restored beach movie classic, *Ride the Wild Surf*.

*Admission to “An Evening With Tab Hunter” screening, onstage interview, Q&A and book signing is reserved seating, priced \$25, \$20, \$10. For questions about this event or for more ticket information, please contact the Box Office at Theater Square at (412) 456-6666, or visit <http://www.pgharts.org>.*

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Speak Peek Special – Opening Night Film – Shortbus – South Side Works – 8:30 PM

A special screen of the movie Shortbus will be shown as one of Opening Night Features. This movie has recently been released. See it before it is shown as a General Release in Pittsburgh. This movie has created a lot to stir because of the nature of the film so come and see what has created all the attention.

**OPENING NIGHT PARTY - Hot Metal Grille**

After the Opening Night Screening of The Gymnast join the party at the Hot Metal Grille located at 2829 East Carson Street. Join us from 10:00 PM until midnight for complimentary Hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and Cash bar.

**Family Day @PILGFF**

Come and enjoy the Free Screening of movie ALL ABOARD! ROSIE'S FAMILY CRUISE on Saturday, October 21, 2:45 pm at the Harris Theater.

Family Day continues with the showing of the documentary SAVING MARRIAGE on Saturday, October 21 - 5:00 PM at the Harris Theater. A panel discussion will follow the screening scheduled speakers include: Mike Roth, ACLU and a State Representative.

Girls Night Out – Saturday, October 21 after the showing of GYPO at the Harris Theater. Join us at Images at 965 Liberty Ave from 9:00 PM until 11:00 PM. You can enjoy a free drink with a ticket stub from the movie. Let the Girls Rule! It's finally our night out.

Boys Night Out - Saturday, October 21 after the showing of BOY CULTURE at the Harris Theater. Images at 965 Liberty Ave will be the place to let the boys let their hair down from 11:00 PM until midnight. Enjoy a free drink with a ticket stub from the movie. Lets party, after all it's the weekend!

Movie and discussion – On Sunday, October 22 at 4:45 PM. PILGFF will screen the movie METH and then show the World Premiere of the documentary Time for Compassionate Change created by PATF member David Brunner. A special Q and A discussion will be held after the movie.

A new Special event entitled **LGBT AVANT GARDE RETROSPECTIVE** will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 9:15 PM at the Harris Theater. This program contains various new experimental programs. So hold on to your hats and come see some exciting new programs.

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**Grls Night Out2** – On Saturday, October 28 - 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM – after the screening of the movie **LOVING ANNABELLE** we will hold Grls Night Out2 at the Hot Metal Grille located at 2829 East Carson St. Come join the fun.

**Boys Night Out 2** – On Saturday, October 28 – 11:00 PM – 1:00 AM after the showing of the World Premiere of the movie **PHOENIX** join as we meet Chad Edward Bartley and Jeff Castle in person at the Hot Metal Grille located at 2829 East Carson St. You know boys will be boys!

And last but not least – Join us at our Closing night party after our Closing night showing of **EATING OUT 2: Sloppy Seconds** on Sunday, October 29 at 7:15 PM. The Closing Night Wrap Party will be held from 9:30 PM until 11:00 PM at The Cheesecake Factory located at 415 South 27th Street. Desert, coffee and soft drinks will be served.

**All Festival Special:**

Images - \$1.00 off door charge with ticket stub during the film festival.

5801 Video Lounge - \$2.00 off any drink or **food order** with ticket stub during the film festival.

Holiday Bar - \$1.00 off any drink with ticket stub during the festival.

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## **PILGFF 2006 Film Festival Pass / Ticket Information**

Passes and Opening Night Gala Tickets are Available October 3, 2006, at:

### **Ticket Outlets**

*A Pleasant Present*

2301 Murray Avenue, Squirrel Hill

*Banner Coin Exchange*

347 Fourth Avenue, Downtown

### **Ticket and Pass Information**

#### **Opening Night Tickets: \$20**

Film and Gala Party. Valid only Friday, October 20, 2006

Film: ShortBus or The Gymnast, Opening night Party immediately following the screens at Hot Metal Grille.

#### **Closing Night Tickets: \$15**

Film and Awards Party. Valid only Sunday, October 29, 2006

Film: ShortBus or The Gymnast, Opening night Party immediately following the screens at Hot Metal Grille.

#### **Diva Pass: \$125**

Admission to all festival events including the Opening Night Film and Gala and Closing Night Film and Awards Party. Priority seating! Seats are not guaranteed in the event that you are late. Please arrive 1/2 hour before screening. Pass is not valid for Tab Hunter event.

#### **Screen Queen Pass: \$75**

10 admissions to all regular screenings for one or more persons. Opening Night Gala or Closing Night Film and Awards Party not included. Priority seating (after Diva pass holders). Seats are not guaranteed. Please arrive at least 1/2 hour before screening. Tickets not valid for Tab Hunter event.

#### **Cheap Thrills Pass: \$45**

6 admissions to all regular screenings for one or more persons. Opening Night Gala or Closing Night Film and Awards Party not included. Priority seating (after Diva pass holders). Seats are not guaranteed. Please arrive at least 1/2 hour before screening. Tickets not valid for Tab Hunter event.

#### **Single admission: \$8.00**

Same day, single admission tickets can be purchased only at the film's venue 15 minutes before the screening, after pass holders have been admitted. All sales are subject to availability. Not valid for Opening Night Gala, Closing Night Film and Awards Party or Tab Hunter event.

#### **Under 25 Discount Tickets: \$5.00 at the door.**

Same day, single admission tickets can be purchased only at the film's venue 15 minutes before the screening, after pass holders have been admitted. All sales are subject to availability. Not valid for Opening Night Gala, Closing Night Film and Awards Party or Tab Hunter Event.

We strongly suggest that you plan your festival schedule ahead of time and purchase your passes as early as possible. Passes and tickets NOT sold at the theater until October 20, 2006 and only during screening times of other PILGFF movies and depends on availability.

For more information, please call 412-422-6776 or visit our web site at [www.pilgff.org](http://www.pilgff.org)

*Checks should be made payable to: PILGFF*