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Presents Q Films 2009...*



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Long Beach, California, May 8-10, 2009 - [The Gay and Lesbian Center of Greater Long Beach](#) is proud to announce the 2009 Q Film Festival, which will take place May 8-10, 2009 at the newly renovated [Art Theater](#) on 4th St. in Retro Row of Long Beach.

The 4th Anniversary of the Q Film Festival presents features, short films, and documentaries focusing on issues within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. Each night will be hosted by local comedians Sandy Seacrest, Carlease Burke, and Lynda Montgomery.

Opening night will feature Amber Sharp's, "[Don't Go](#)," a new television series filmed in Long Beach which critics call a kind of Melrose Place meets L Word. Director and cast are expected to attend the screening and Q & A period. Showing later that evening is the feature film "[Tru Loved](#)" about Sixteen-year-old Tru who is uprooted by her lesbian moms from her comfortable gay-friendly home in San Francisco and moved to a conservative, suburban community in Southern California. While struggling with new relationships, Tru starts her school's first Gay-Straight Alliance. Pre and Post VIP parties will occur at The Center between feature films.

On Saturday, the day will begin with a workshop entitled "How to Make Your First Short Film" by talented local film maker, Camrin Pitts. Later, the festival will present Fun in Women's Shorts highlighting multi-award winning short "[La Corona](#)," translated as The Crown, a film about female murderers who ferociously compete for a beauty pageant crown while in prison. After that begins Fun in Men's Shorts highlighting John Keitel's "[Saving the Boom](#)" a story of one man's crusade to save the oldest gay bar in Laguna Beach from the wrecking ball. The director and cast will be with us for the screening and Q & A.

Sunday's line-up will include two documentaries about Marriage Equality including "For My Wife" and "The Constant Process." "For My Wife" chronicles the making of an activist. After the tragic death of her wife, Charlene Strong was thrust into the spotlight becoming a powerful voice for the equal rights of same-gender couples and their families, resulting in the passage of Washington State's historic Domestic Partnership legislation. "The Constant Process," written and directed by Douglas Hunter, a practicing Mormon, is a spiritual portrait of the life and theology of lesbian priest Susan Russell. The director and cast will attend the screening and Q & A.

Monday through Thursday, the film Eleven Minutes will be shown by The Art Theater.

The annual Q Film Festival is an opportunity for members of the community to get involved with The Center Long Beach and to meet other community members with similar interests. Volunteers are encouraged to call or visit The Center to sign up for committees and assist with logistics. Stay tuned to The Center's website at www.centerlb.org for upcoming details.

The film festival occurs during Pride Week. The Center Long Beach would like to thank Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride for all of their support and for everything they do for the LGBTQ community.

About The Center Long Beach

The Gay and Lesbian Center of Long Beach is located at 2017 E. Fourth Street in Long Beach. The Center was officially incorporated in 1980 as One in Long Beach, Inc. and has been providing a variety of health, social, advocacy, legal, and service programs to the LGBT community in the Long Beach area for three decades. The Center serves approximately 21,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender clients and constituents annually through 23 different programs and services.

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