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The Center Long Beach
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***The 2013 Long Beach QFilm Festival
Announces Complete Film Selections and Schedule.
Actress Lee Meriwether to attend as Special Guest on September 7th.***

Long Beach, California - The 20th anniversary, 2013 Long Beach QFilm Festival will take place September 6th-8th at the historic Art Theatre located at 2025 East 4th St. and the neighboring Center Long Beach, both on Long Beach's renowned "Retro Row." Submissions for this year's fest are now closed but will be accepted beginning in October for the 2014 festival via www.withoutabox.com.

Passes and tickets will be available for purchase beginning August 12th through the QFilm Festival page at www.qfilmslongbeach.com.

Long Beach's longest-running film festival since 1993, the QFilm Festival annually presents narrative features, documentaries and short films that embody the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community. Last year's event was the most successful yet with over 1,200 attendees, a 20% increase over the previous year, and featured several area premieres as well some of the most acclaimed features on the 2012 film festival circuit. Submissions are received each year from both student and professional filmmakers from around the world. Many filmmakers and cast members of the films to be shown will be present for audience discussions after each screening. Festival events will feature nightly parties and opportunities for attendees to meet and mingle with filmmakers, actors, critics and other industry professionals.

Actress Lee Meriwether, fondly remembered as the original Catwoman on the *Batman* TV series among other credits, will be a special guest of this year's festival on Saturday, September 7th. Ms. Meriwether appears in the feature film *Birthday Cake* as well as the short film *Remember to Breathe*, which will both be screening that day.

Three new and unique short film programs focusing on Drag, Queer and People of Color experiences and perspectives will be included this year. The complete 2013 QFilm Festival schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

7:00pm- REACHING FOR THE MOON (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre followed by Q&A with screenwriter Matthew Chapman.

8:00pm-10:30pm- Opening Night Party at the Center

9:30pm- G.B.F. (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre followed by Q&A with director Darren Stein and cast members.

11:30pm-1:00am- After Party at the Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

12:30pm- BIRTHDAY CAKE (West Coast premiere) at the Art Theatre followed by a special appearance by Lee Meriwether and Q&A with filmmakers and other cast members.

1:30pm- DRAGTASTIC! Short Films Program at the Center, featuring "Get Down Glenda," "Alaska is a Drag," "Jollie B. Fierce," "Heklina" and "Silver Stiletto." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

2:30pm- WOMEN IN SHORTS Short Films Program at the Art Theatre, featuring "Darkness," "Bunny Girl," "Bombshell," "Lez Be Honest," "La Santa," "Dos Almas," "Vecinas" and "Remember to Breathe." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

3:30pm- CORPUS CHRISTI: PLAYING WITH REDEMPTION (Advance Sneak Preview) at the Center followed by audience discussion.

4:45pm- MEN IN BRIEFS Short Films Program at the Art Theatre, featuring "Barry's Bespoke Bakery," "The Commitment," "Straight With You," "Barbie Boy," "24 Hitchhikers," "Grotto," "P.D.A." and "Silver Stiletto." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

5:30pm- FIRST PERIOD (Long Beach premiere) at the Center followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

7:00pm- THE PUNK SINGER (California premiere) at the Art Theatre

8:00pm-10:30pm- Saturday Night Party at the Center

9:00pm- I AM DIVINE (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre followed by Q&A with director Jeffrey Schwarz.

11:00pm-1:00am- After Party at the Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

11:30am-1:00pm- Brunch at the Center

1:00pm- HOMEBOY (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre preceded by short film "Kiss Me" and followed by Q&A with filmmakers and participants.

1:30pm- HETEROSEXUAL JILL (Long Beach premiere) at the Center followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

3:00pm- VALENTINE ROAD (Southern California premiere) at the Art Theatre

3:30pm- PEOPLE OF COLOR Short Films Program at the Center, featuring "Darkness," "A World for Raul," "O Pacote," "Kiss Me," "Dos Almas," "La Santa" and "Jollie B. Fierce." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

5:00pm- INTERIOR. LEATHER BAR. (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre preceded by short film "Adults Only" and followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members. (Due to explicit content, no one under 18 years of age will be admitted.)

5:30pm- QUEER SHORTS Short Films Program at the Center, featuring "Happy," "What I Love About Being Queer," "Claudio, Maura y Yo," "Rough Trade," "A Night in the Woods," "Who Am I Happy" and "Deflated." Followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

7:00pm- WHO'S AFRAID OF VAGINA WOLF? (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre followed by Q&A with filmmakers and cast members.

8:00pm-10:30pm- Closing Night Party at the Center

9:00pm- GETTING GO: the go doc project (Long Beach premiere) at the Art Theatre

Jury awards will be given to worthy films in several categories. All net proceeds from the festival will benefit The Center Long Beach and its important community outreach programs. We are grateful to those filmmakers and current sponsors who are supporting this effort. Sponsors of the 2013 QFilm Festival include: The Film Collaborative; Wolfe Releasing; Tasteful Cakes; jetBlue; Hyatt Regency Long Beach; Barefoot Wine & Bubbly; Blue Moon Brewing Company; Anderson Real Estate Group; Guerra Law Office; Keir Jones, State Farm Insurance; Planned Parenthood Los Angeles; Kahlo Design; ACLU of Southern California; State Senator Ricardo Lara; The Rage Monthly; Go Gay Today; Gay Entertainment Directory (GED) and GetOut LB.

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About The Center Long Beach

The LGBTQ Center of Greater 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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