



**VIRGINIA**

**QUEER**

**FILM FESTIVAL**

The first Virginia Queer Film Festival provides audiences access to films by, for, and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, and queer people. It's also a forum for LGBTQ+ filmmakers to share and discuss their work with audiences. Above all, the Festival fosters deeper community engagement by showcasing queer film programming, educational experiences, and social dialogue with a focus on Southern voices.

**JUNE 14 - 16, 2023 - OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY - VAQFF.ORG**



## **ABOUT THE VIRGINIA QUEER FILM FESTIVAL**

The Virginia Queer Film Festival provides access to films by, for, and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary and queer people as well as a forum for LGBTQ+ filmmakers to share and discuss their work with audiences.

Our inaugural three-day festival will take place take place in Norfolk, Virginia June 14 - 16, 2023, on the campus of Old Dominion University.

As we grow, we will curate themed screenings throughout the year and produce programs in partnership with other arts, cultural, and service delivery organizations in Greater Hampton Roads and eventually across Virginia.

## **OUR MISSION**

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## **OUR VALUES**

We see art as critical to vibrant communities, as an interpretive medium to communicate complex ideas, and as an empathetic tool for change.

We encourage joyful and uplifting shared experiences.

We advocate for the removal of barriers and the creation of platforms for a diversity of stories, voices and identities.

We embrace shared experiences and partnerships to create dialogue and foster community.

We foster a community that feels included and invested in our work and programs.

We demonstrate expression and practice of intersectionality, anti-oppression, and social justice in queer communities, arts, and education.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Virginia Queer Film Festival welcomes new partnership ideas with organizations that share an interest in the intersection of the film industry and LGBTQ issues.

We offer a wide range of unique sponsorship opportunities keyed to the annual festival as well as well as options for involvement at our other year-round events. Our goal is to connect individuals and companies with film industry leaders while also helping them share their brands with an affluent consumer.

LEVELS	OLD DOMINION \$10,000+	SHENANDOAH \$5,000	POWHATAN \$2,500	FAIRFAX \$1,000	RAPPAHANNOCK \$500	YORK \$250
<b>FESTIVAL PROMOTION</b>						
Filmmaker Award named for this level	X					
Logo on step and repeat	X	X				
Video recognition before each screening	X	X				
In-person recognition at our opening and closing ceremonies.	X	X				
Logo on official poster	X	X	X			
Logo on official trailer	X	X	X	X	X	
Logo in film catalog	X	X	X	X	X	X
Full page ad in film catalog	X	X				
Half page ad in film catalog			X	X		
Quarter page ad in film catalog					X	X
<b>YEAR-ROUND PROMOTION</b>						
Homepage ad banner on VAQFF.org	X					
Mention in press releases	X					
Feature in email newsletter to VAQFF subscribers	X					
Dedicated social media posts	4	4	2	1		
Logo and link on VAQFF.org	X	X	X			
<b>PASSES, PERKS, SWAG</b>						
All Access passes to screenings and events*	6 max	6 max	2 max			
Swag (tote bag, T-shirts)	6	6	2			
Tickets (one screening each)*	8	4				

\* Reservations required and based on availability.  
Custom sponsorships available. Email Eric Hause, director@vaqff.org.

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **THE FIRST VIRGINIA QUEER FILM FESTIVAL TO PRESENT ORIGINAL WORKS BY LGBTQ+ FILMMAKERS**

(Norfolk, VA) Hampton Roads will have a new Pride month event to add to the calendar in June 2023 when the first-ever Virginia Queer Film Festival will be held on the campus at Old Dominion University June 14-16. The Festival is designed to connect audiences with original films by, for, and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people and their families, and provide a forum for LGBTQ+ filmmakers to share and discuss their work.

The festival will kick off on Wednesday night, June 14, with an opening reception. Screenings will take place on June 15 and 16 at the University Theater and the Yetiv Theater on the campus of ODU. The Awards ceremony will be held Friday night at University Theater.

“This is the first film festival of its kind in Virginia and one of only a handful of LGBTQ+ film festivals in the South,” said Festival Director Eric Hause. “It’s our hope and mission to educate, entertain, and build deeper acceptance and understanding of the Southern queer experience. While we accept submissions from all filmmakers, we’re putting the focus on Virginia and Southern voices.”

In addition to education, the Festival is also implementing a Give Back Volunteer Program. Local LGBTQ+ service organizations can solicit volunteers to work one or more of the Festival screenings. The Festival will then donate a percentage of the proceeds from those screenings back to the organization.

The Virginia Queer Film Festival is a registered nonprofit Virginia corporation. The Board of Directors is comprised of seven individuals from the local LGBTQ and allied, and academic communities: Dr. Charles Ford from NSU; Andrew Garber; ODU LGBTQIA+ Initiatives; Eric Hause, OutWire757; Tanya Kaish Keller, Me Jane PR and Comms; Ron Newman, Film and Theatre Educator; David Nygaard, David Nygaard Jewelers; and Priya Vashist, MFA, ODU Department of Communication and Theatre Arts.

Visit the festival web site at [www.VAQFF.org](http://www.VAQFF.org). Films can be submitted through [www.filmfreeway.com/VirginiaQueerFilmFestival](http://www.filmfreeway.com/VirginiaQueerFilmFestival).

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## **WORKING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

VIP Filmmaker's Reception (invitation only)  
Time and location TBD

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023**

Opening Reception, Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries  
1075 W. 43rd Street, Norfolk  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

Screenings, ODU University Theater and BAL 1012 Theater, ODU  
3:00 – 10:00 PM (screening schedule TBD)

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023**

Screenings, ODU University Theater and BAL 1012 Theater, ODU  
3:00 – 5:30 PM (screening schedule TBD)

Awards Ceremony and Closing, ODU University Theater  
6:30PM – 8:30PM

After Party (time and location TBD)

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