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Welcome to QCinema's 17th Annual Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival. What a year 2015 has been for the LGBT community and the artists and filmmakers for Q17 have risen to the task. They have achieved the wonderful work of portraying our lives and where we are in 2015 on the big screen in a big way. No longer is the primary struggle to exist openly, but now it is also living life as LGBT individuals and families with the transcending universal struggles: love, marriage, family, friendships, betrayal, mystery, work and the list goes on. What an exciting time to be alive and part of the LGBT independent film industry when their community impact has never been greater or more necessary. Here's to Q17. We hope you like our new brand, enjoy our new venues and love our ground breaking films. Cheers!

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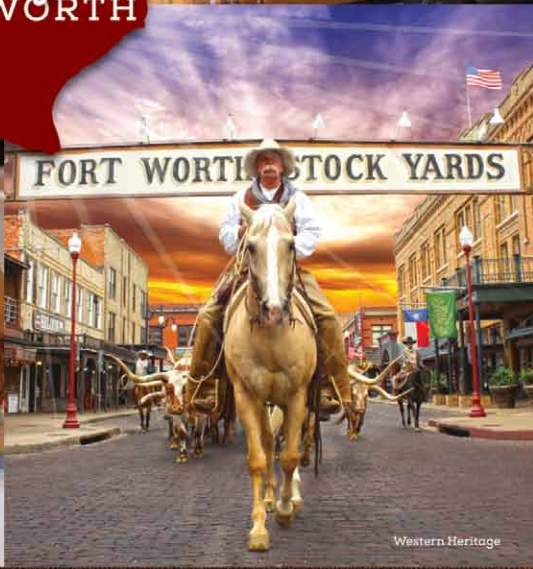


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Q Cinema has been in full force since Q16 last October. In November we partnered with other community organizations to bring you five films: **Broken Heart Land** with UNT; **For the Bible Tells Me** and **Every 3 Seconds** with AOC followed by a Q&A with director **Daniel Karslake** and the Regional Premier of **The Circle** and Texas Premier of **Life Partners** with Lone Star Film Festival. The screening of **Life Partners** was followed by a Q&A with the director **Susanna Fogel** and Producer **Jordana Mollick**. We partnered with **Amphibian Stage Productions** to host our annual one-day Lesbian Film

Festival in April. This included four feature films: **Bumblef*ck, USA** directed by **Aaron Douglas Johnston**; **Margarita** directed by **Laurie Colbert** and **Dominique Cardona**; **Concussion** written and directed by **Stacie Passon**; and **Cloudburst**, the hilarious lesbian road movie directed by **Thom Fitzgerald** and co-starring Oscar-winning actresses **Brenda Fricker** and **Olympia Dukakis**.

We kicked off our monthly series, Double Take Movies at The Modern with our Q16 Audience Choice Award and Best Comedy winner, **BFFs** followed by our Q16 Best Documentary winner,

Queen's & Cowboys: A Straight Year on the Gay Rodeo. We wrapped up the series at The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth with the anniversary screening of our Q14 Audience Choice Award, **Raid of the Rainbow Lounge**, which was also the **Official DVD Release** reception. **Mayor Pro Tem Espino** presented a proclamation from the City of Fort Worth prior to the screening and a Q&A followed the screening with **Mayor Pro Tem Espino**, previous councilman **Joel Burns**, Fort Worth **Assistant Police Chief Kenneth Dean**, Fort Worth LGBT police liaison **Corporal Tracey Knight** and director **Robert Camina** facilitated by QCinema's artistic director, **Kathryn Omarkhail**. In August we partnered with **TCGPWA** to bring you **The Art of Gay Entertainment** at the historic **Rose Marine Theater** featuring Burlesque, Queerlesque, Drag Kings and Drag Queens hosted by **Tessy** aka **Tim Smith** and headlined by the infamous and 3 time winner of **Texas Entertainer of the Year, Tasha Kohl**. The season wrapped up at **Amphibian Stage Productions** with our Q17 Sneak Peek featuring live music by **Garden Party** and performances by **Miss QCinema (Kristina Star)** and **Frida Monet** aka **Mark Mayr**.

Like us on Facebook at [/QCinema](#) or sign-up at [qcinema.org](#) for the **QReview** if you are interested in providing feedback, volunteering or just keeping up with our year-round film festival activities.



Mayor Pro Tem Espino proclamation presentation from Mayor Price at the DVD release and screening of **Raid of the Rainbow Lounge**, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

2014 FESTIVAL WINNERS

- Audience Choice** *BFFs*, Dir. Andrew Putschoegl
- BEST COMEDY** *BFFs*, Writer/Producer/Co-star Tara Karsian & Andrea Grano
- BEST OVERALL** *The 10 Year Plan*, Dir. JC Calciano
- BEST DOCUMENTARY** *Queens & Cowboys*, Dir. Matt Livadary
- BEST ENSEMBLE** *Crazy Bitches*, Dir. Jane Clark
- SHAWN A MOORE PRIZE** *DEL SHORES: NAKED. SORDID. REALITY.*

SCHEDULE & INFO

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 8

6 p.m.

Game Face

8 p.m.

**Opening Night Centerpiece:
Kiss Me Kill Me**

10 p.m.

**Opening Night VIP
After Party**

Ridglea Theater Lounge

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 9

4:45 p.m.

Case Against Eight

7 p.m.

**While You
Weren't Looking**

8:30 p.m.

**Friday Night Centerpiece:
In the Grayscale**

10:30 p.m.

Party with the Stars
7th Street Art Gallery

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 10

10:30 a.m.

Filmmakers' Brunch*

1:30 p.m.

Youth Short Films Program

2:45 p.m.

**Christine at the
Crossroads**

4:30 p.m.

We Do

6:30 p.m.

Sex, Death and Bowling

8:30 p.m.

**Closing Night Centerpiece:
S&M Sally**

10 p.m.

VIP Party with the Stars
Park Hill Private residence**



Kiss Me Kill Me

TICKETS

General Admission

\$15

Matinee

\$10

Opening Night, Closing Night films & reception

\$20

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* VIP Party with the Star is at a private residence for pass holders

**Filmmakers' Brunch is a private event for sponsors; to attend, email Kathryn@qcinema.org

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One of the best parts of the independent film festival experience is not only the films that you may not see anywhere else or on the big screen, but the opportunity for one-on-one time with the people who make the films happen. The extraordinary talents and vision behind each film is amazing. Pass holders may enjoy a private **PARTY WITH THE STARS** Friday night and our sponsors will also have the opportunity to join these fine filmmakers for brunch on Saturday.



Kyle Hasday



Matt Stewart



David Michael Barrett



Flavio Avles



Rebecca Rice



Charlie Vaughn



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Opening night meet newcomers **Kyle Hasday** and **Matt Stewart** (collectively hazart), who are the directors of short film **Still a Rose**, and **David Michael Barrett**, screenwriter and producer of **KISS ME KILL ME**. You may be familiar with David's writing and producing works such as the Indie comedy, *Such Good People*, starring Michael Urie, Randy Harrison and Lance Bass as well as *Bad Actress*, an award-winning Indie comedy that screened in festivals worldwide before selling to Strand Releasing. All three filmmakers will participate in the Q&A on opening night. Friday night join five of our special guests at **PARTY WITH THE STARS**. Saturday **Flavio Avles**, writer/director of the short film **Tom in America**, will join local filmmaker, **Rebecca Rice**, writer/director/producer of, **We Do**. Rebecca is an award-winning veteran filmmaker whose projects include: *Stealin' Home* (1995, winner of 3 festival awards), *FLMKR* (1999, Cannes Forum selection), *Segregated Sunday* (documentary short, 2000) and *Join the Food Chain!* (PSA, 2004, Gracie Award, Lone Star Emmy Nominee) just to name a few. Her projects have featured the celebrity talents of Terry Bradshaw, Linda Gray, Peggy Fleming, Robert Wagner, Cheryl Ladd, Sharon Gless and Pat Summerall. Rebecca lives in Richardson, Texas, with her partner. Enjoy a Q&A with Rebecca and Flavio after the screening. **Charlie Vaughn** had his festival debut with QCinema in 2009. It was the World Premiere of *Flight to Sinai* and won our Shawn A. Moore Award. Some of his works that followed include *Heterosexual Jill* directed by Michelle Ehlen that QCinema screened in 2014, and *First Period* which he directed and produced. Charlie is proud to have earned fans across the LGBT and mainstream spectrum. Charlie will wrap up Q17 with a Q&A after **S&M Sally**. "Having worked with Michelle on another feature was like watching an auteur at work. She wears many hats in a production, and it's awe-inspiring."

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY RIDGLEA THEATER



Game Face

GAME FACE

6 p.m. Thursday, October 8

Game Face shows the inspiring journey of LGBTQ athletes on their quest of finding their true selves and acceptance in society. This award winning film tells the parallel story of transgender MMA fighter Fallon Fox, and gay college basketball player Terrence Clemens. By showing coming-out stories of various athletes practicing different sports, this doc will cover a wide spectrum of issues and topics. It will break stereotypes and show that these people have a passion and love for their respective sport, everything else is irrelevant.

Dir. Michiel Thomas | 2015 | Belgium | 95 min

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Kiss Me Kill Me

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE
KISS ME KILL ME
 8 p.m. Thursday, October 8

Kiss Me Kill Me is an Alfred Hitchcock/Agatha Christie-style “Who-done-it” set in a little town called West Hollywood. While confronting his unfaithful boyfriend, Dusty blacks-out. When he comes to, his boyfriend has been murdered and he’s the prime suspect. Enjoy this **David Michael Barrett** (in attendance) mystery thriller starring Van Hansis, Gale Harold, Brianna Brown, Yolanda Ross, Jai Rodriguez and Allison Lane.

Dir. Casper Andreas | 2015 | USA | 96 min

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Still a Rose

Preceded by the short:

STILL A ROSE

An adaptation of ‘Romeo and Juliet’ seen through the modern and relevant lens of equal love. The film, the only one of its kind, uniquely intercuts between gay/lesbian/straight couplings of the star-crossed lovers in Shakespeare’s original prose. *Equal Love In Unequaled Prose*.

Dir. Kyle Hasday & Matt Stewart (collectively hazart) | 2015 | USA | 13 min

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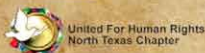
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RIDGLEA THEATER **FRIDAY**

THE CASE AGAINST EIGHT

4:45 p.m. Friday, October 9



The Case Against Eight

A behind-the-scenes look inside the case to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriage. Shot over five years, the film follows the unlikely team that took the first federal marriage equality lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Dir. Ben
Cotner and
Ryan White**

| 2013

| Belgium

| 109 min

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While You Weren't Looking

WHILE YOU WEREN'T LOOKING

7 p.m. Friday, October 9

South Africa led the world with its all-embracing Constitution, granting homosexuals unprecedented freedoms and rights. This feature, produced by the Out In Africa Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, takes a look at South Africa through the lives and experiences of a cross section of Cape Town queers. Dez and Terri, a mixed-race couple married 20 years and adoptive parents, they are the trailblazing lesbians of the New South Africa. But, have these freedoms guaranteed them happiness? Asanda, their 18 year old adopted daughter, is the poster child for South Africa's diversity but describes

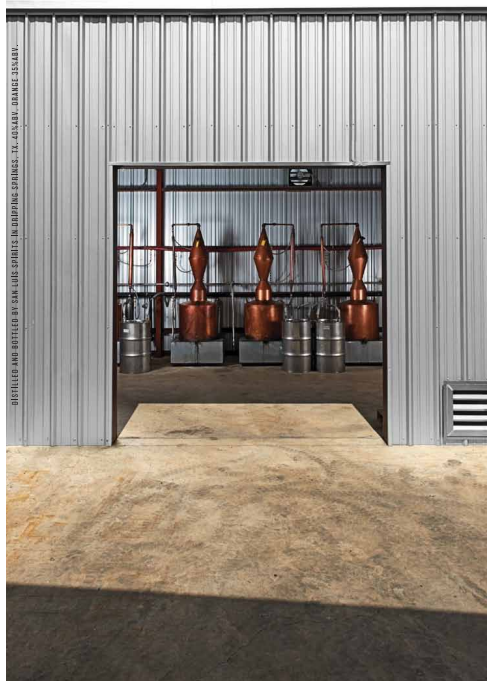
herself as "an experiment," being made up as she goes along. She meets Shado, an enigmatic Tommy Boy from Khayalitsha, a township on the edge of Cape Town, and a different picture of the New South Africa emerges. Beautifully shot on locations in and around Cape Town in 24 days, with a stellar South African cast and a lineup of great local music and the work of South African artists on display.

Dir. Catherine Stewart | 2015 | South Africa | English with some subtitles | 76 min

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In the Grayscale

IN THE GRAYSCALE

8:30 p.m. Friday, October 9

Bruno (35) is an architect who has perfect life: He is married, he has a son, a nice house, a nice car, and an architectural firm, not famous for its best designs but it pays the bills. Bruno has a deep sense of unease. He decides to leave his wife to be alone and have time to find himself. A businessman offers him to build an iconic landmark in the city of Santiago. Motivated by this professional challenge, Bruno feels he can find a twist in his life by a vocational route. He starts working with a young history teacher named Fer (29) who is agile, energetic, captivating and gay. It is the beginning of an unexpected, intense and passionate romance, leaving Bruno full of contradictions. At this point he must make decisions for his future. The biggest learning experience is that innocence and simplicity are perhaps the best way to get up again.



Claudio Marcone's feature debut explores a side of innocence and sexuality between two people who are genuinely attracted to each other. The story captures love as vibrant and spontaneous; a deep emotion that knows no boundaries.

Dir. Claudio Marcone | 2015 | Chile | English subtitles | 101 min

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YOUTH SHORT FILMS PROGRAM

1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 10



QORDS

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A short documentary about QORDS, a Southern summer camp that builds queer community through music. NORTH TEXAS PREMIERE

Dir. Carrie Hart and Rick Dillwood | 2015 | USA | 24min

TOMORROW

New Year's Eve 1999 finds college-bound Clark and Trevor concerned about the future of their friendship, and a request for Clark to be Trevor's wingman ensures things will never be the same again. NORTH TEXAS PREMIER

Dir. Leandro Tadashi | 2014 | USA | 13 min



Tomorrow



Charlie

CHARLIE

No one ever listened to Charlie, until he stopped talking. *Charlie* is the story of a young man who goes hysterically mute. Starring Shawn Ryan (*Bones*), Jim O' Heir (*Parks and Rec*), Mo Collins (*MADtv*), and Golden Globe Nominee Andrea Marcovicci. US PREMIERE

Dir. Shawn Ryan | 2015 | USA | 23 min



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Christine at the Crossroads

NORTH TEXAS PREMIERE

CHRISTINE AT THE CROSSROADS

2:45 p.m. Saturday, October 10

Christine nervously scribbles notes on paper as she anxiously waits for someone in a coffee shop. She is a twenty-five year old real estate agent. Detached from her husband and rebuffed by her mother for her romantic desires. It's not until Christine meets Jen at work that her repressed sexuality reawakens. She finds herself falling for Jen. As her passion for Jen grows, so does her detachment from her husband. Following a night infused with sexual fantasies, Christine decides she must confess her feelings to her beloved. Even though the feelings are mutual, Jen is resistant to engage while Christine is married. Jen encourages Christine to talk to her family about her true feelings. Christine faces a defining moment; should she break free or continue to live an unfulfilled life? Christine finds the courage and in it, finds her freedom. Romantic Drama. Contains sexual situations.

Dir. Heather Smith and Ernie Smith | 2015
| USA | 55 min

Preceded by the short:

LAST GIRL

Life is not the same after a holiday with Jesper and there is no avoiding the truth now.

Dir. 2015 | Denmark | English subtitles | 13 min



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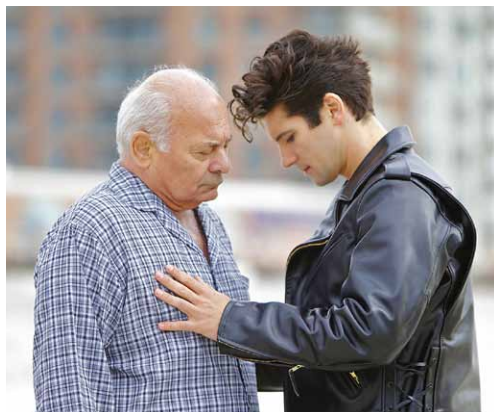
WE DO

4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 10

What does it mean for LGBT couples to finally possess full marriage rights? And why does it matter? “We Do” reveals the stories of three LGBT couples, their journeys for legal recognition of their relationships and the impact that the pursuit of marriage equality has on their lives.

Dir. Rebecca Rice | 2015 | USA | 57 min

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Tom in America

Preceded by the short:

TOM IN AMERICA

For 50 years, Michael and Betty have been united by one guiding principle: no secrets. But when a provocative Tom of Finland doll triggers Michael’s long-buried desires, Betty discovers that secrets have been part of their life all along. With long-held mysteries thrust into the open, the foundation of their marriage and the path of their golden years is suddenly rocked. Now, they must redefine their future, and decide if it is one their love can survive. SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

Dir. Flavio Alves | 2015 | Brazil, USA |

16 min

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Sex, Death and Bowling

SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

SEX, DEATH AND BOWLING

6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 10

Eli McAllister, our eleven-year-old hero, is on a quest. He is also setting out to win The Fiesta Cup, a local bowling tournament. Joining him is his famous fashion designer uncle, Sean McAllister. Sean hasn't spent time with his family – specifically his father – for years.

But now he has come home to bid farewell to his older brother, Eli's father. Thrown into the tournament as his ailing brother's substitute, Sean clashes with his father as old wounds are opened. But instead of reliving the past, they pull together to bowl their best for Eli who stands to lose so much. Funny, sweet and soulful – *Sex, Death and Bowling* takes us on a journey to learn that the secret to life is loving what you have – even if it is just a split. Comedic Drama starring: Adrian Grenier, Bailey Chase, Selma Blair, Drea de Matteo
Dir. Ally Walker |2015 |USA | 96 min





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S&M SALLY

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Dir. Michelle Ehlen | 2015 | USA
 | 78 min

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S&M Sally



Sock Puppet

Preceded by the short:
SOCK PUPPET
 An ode to an ex girlfriend and to five fingered love. With puppets. TEXAS PREMIER
Dir. Naomi Fearn & Marc Seestaedt | 2014 | Germany
 | 3 min



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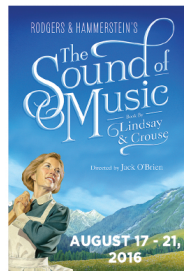
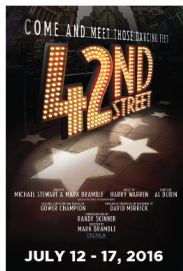
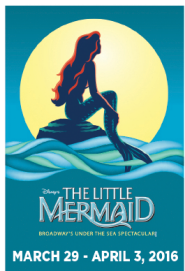
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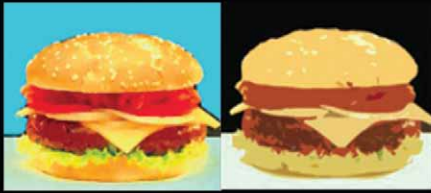
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Message from the Honorary Chair
Joseph DeLeon, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth



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JOHNATHAN MARTIN JURICEK NOVEMBER 20, 1967 – FEBRUARY 11, 2015



For over 20 years Johnathan has been an active member of the Fort Worth Community. Most recently, for the past five years he served as treasurer for TGRA Fort Worth Chapter. Prior to that he has always been heavily involved in rodeo, including being leader of the security committee since back in 1998. Johnathan has over the years attended and donated to almost all TGRA fundraisers, even when he should

have stayed home... and everyone knows we had many of them. He is a meticulous treasurer and we knew how much money we had raised almost as soon as the last note from the last number faded away. He is committed, funny, stubborn, generous, strong and a fighter.

“Cowboy up” is his motto, and one he truly lives by. We are all the more richer for knowing him.

JERRY “BIG MAMMA” CASSIDY

“Mama” as he was more fondly known as, was a larger than life personality within our Fort Worth, Tarrant County LGBT Community. A no nonsense kind of man, he spoke his mind freely.

Over the years he was at the heart of the Gay Scene. As the doorman of The Other Place, he met and befriended many people. As manager of Magnolia Station he kept the party going for generations to come. His final years as owner of Club Changes enabled him to support our community more in a way he had not been able to before.

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David Apolonio Hernandez and **Joshua Adam Rogers** met online in 2004 and began dating July 2004. They were asked to carry the opening banner for the Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade during the Parade's 25th anniversary in 2006 after two years together.

Ten years later on July 12, 2014 they had a wedding ceremony in front of friends and family in Fort Worth, Texas. After the ceremony, they were legally married on July 14th, 2014 in Queens, New York.

In March 2015 the FWST began allowing same-sex couples whom were legally married in recognized states to submit wedding announcements. David and Josh were the first to have their wedding announcement included in the paper.

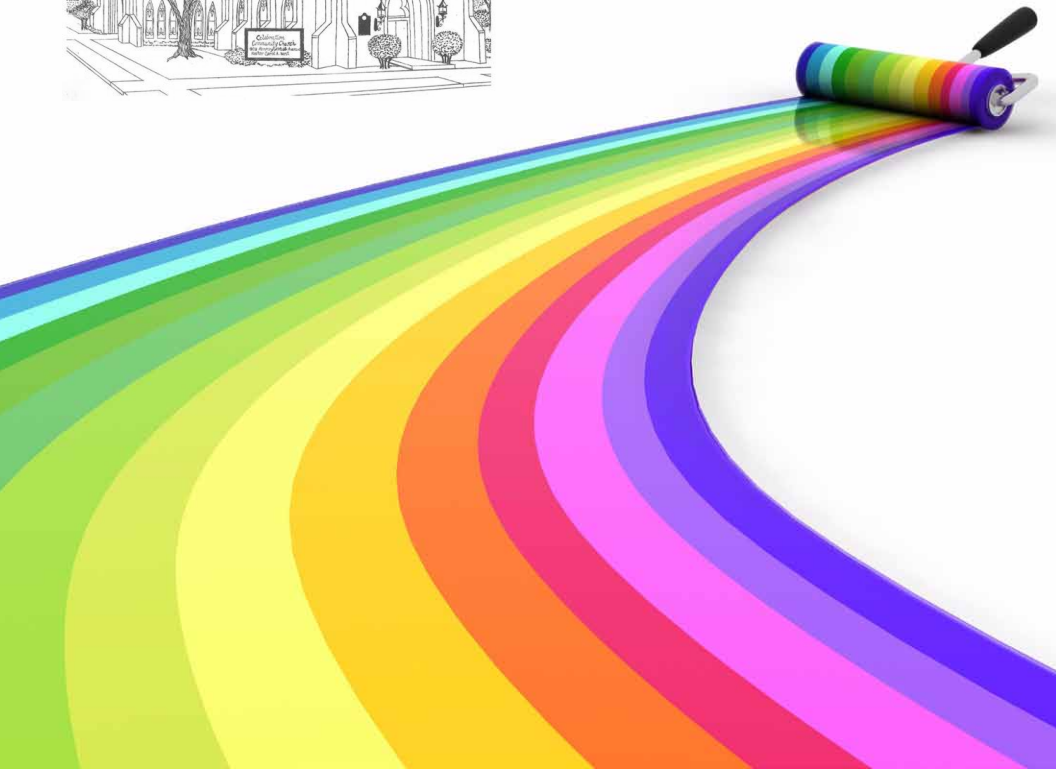
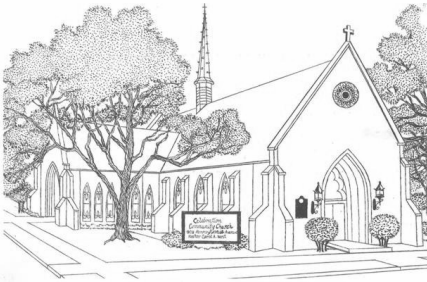
David's Uncle Leonard passed away in 1989 of AIDS so his Mother and Father, Alice and Thomas Hernandez, were very sensitive to their son's needs and were immediately accepting. Don and Gena Rogers were raised in a strict Southern Baptist Community so were not as



enlightened. After time and reflection they learned to embrace and love Josh and David as a member of the family. They joined PFLAG in 2012 and truly found their calling.

After hearing their story, PFLAG National requested to publish their journey in the amicus brief submitted to the US Supreme Court in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges. The story was also published in The Advocate. Josh, David, and their families are truly honored by this recognition.

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BEN SMITH

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DAVID TAFFET

David Taffet grew up in Yonkers, NY and he has lived in Dallas since 1979. Taffet has been a writer for the Dallas Voice since 2008 and a freelance writer since 1989 when he began writing a monthly travel column for them 10 years. Since 1990 he has been co-host of the KNON-FM Lambda Weekly, the first and longest running LGBT talk show on the air. In 2005, he began hosting a daily talk show for the short-lived Q TV, an LGBT network based in Haltom City. Q TV predated Logo. He has also appeared in popular TV series and films such as *JFK*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Prison Break*, *Walker - Texas Ranger*, *Inspector Mom* and *Friday Night Lights*, often times as a news reporter.

He is proudest of his performance as a rapist in the Indie film *Crushed*. He was honored in 2013 with the Raymond Kuchling Humanitarian Award at Black Tie Dinner. He has served on boards to include Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Foundation for Human Understanding (Resource Center), Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (Equality Texas), Congregation Beth El Binah and the regional board of the Union for Reform Judaism.



MADISON DEVEROUX

I have been an active member of TGRA for about 5 years serving as secretary for 2. In 2013 I was crowned Miss Gay TX State. That year we dedicated our reign to raising money for the GDMAF. We raised nearly 10,000 for this great organization. Currently I am Miss TGRA 2015 and it has been an honor to serve my community and our state. Last year Fort Worth TGRA raised over 14,000 for our community and every dime went back local charities like the AOC, Cancer Care and HELP. I never realized the scope of what charity work can do until you see it put to work. I know that I can tell people I am proud of what I do for our community and hope that by doing so I set examples for others. I have been blessed with

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Terry Covington

Covington attended his first rodeo 41 years ago with his grandmother in and his love and passion for the Rodeo was born that night. In the early '90s he joined the Fort Worth Chapter of TGRA. Immediately he saw his need to be part of the bigger picture. His motivation has been to raise money for multiple charities benefitting children, our community and many others as possible. In TGRA he has traveled all over Texas, the US and Canada fundraising for charities and promoting Gay Rodeo. He has held many charity titles such as Mr. TGRA 2015 and 1997, Mr. Yellow Rose, Mr. GPW 2012 and Mr. Snowflake. His leadership roles include State President

of TGRA, Fort Worth TGRA president, secretary, State Representative, State Contestant Rep Rodeo Director multiple times and currently Mr. TGRA 2015.



Curtis Smith

Smith has been pastor of Trinity MCC for 14 years, Board Member of QCinema and a counselor at AOC having worked 9 years in AIDS organizations. He asserts Trinity MCC is currently the only faith-based group to offer the "Twogether in Texas" pre-marriage course to same gender couples and is said to have officiated the first legally recognized same-sex marriage in the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. However, Smith engaged in "pray away the gay" aka conversion therapy prior to coming out later in life. Since then his life has been dedicated to the LGBT community via working to heal spiritual abuse sufferers, Would Jesus Discriminate chair; officiating same-sex marriages; TCGPWA and PFLAG; community wide panels mediating after the transgender protest of *Ticked Off Tr@**ies with Knives* and the public viewing of *Prayers for Bobby*.



Kathryn Omarkhail

Kathryn is originally a Southern Belle from Mississippi with a passion to promote dignity and respect for all. She is a clinical social worker, saving lives employed as a manager and assessment clinician. She also moonlights conducting adoption social studies. Kathryn has served her community the past two years as president of her neighborhood association, Fairness Fort Worth board member for three years, Code Blue COP (Citizens on Patrol) for 10 years and as a committee member of many LGBT organizations. She became QCinema's COO and artistic director in 2012. In the past she served as director for membership, fundraising, advertising and special guests. In 2007, she moved from behind the scenes to on the screen in a feature documentary, *Truths & Transformations*. Kathryn is known to many as the paragon of virtue.

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October 2, Friday

Rhonda Mae's – Wall of Food Show, 8 p.m., Club Changes, Hosted By: Wall of Food Committee, RhondaMae1@aol.com

October 3, Saturday

Pride Parade, "Color Our World With Family Pride". 12 noon, Line Up @ 10 a.m. Downtown – Fort Worth. Hosted By: TCGPWA, parade@tcgpwa.org

Pride Street Festival, 12 noon–6 p.m., General Worth Square, Downtown – Fort Worth. Hosted By: TCGPWA, festival@tcgpwa.org

October 4, Sunday

Pride Picnic, 12 noon–6 p.m., Trinity Park Arts Pavilion. Hosted By: TCGPWA, picnic@tcgpwa.org

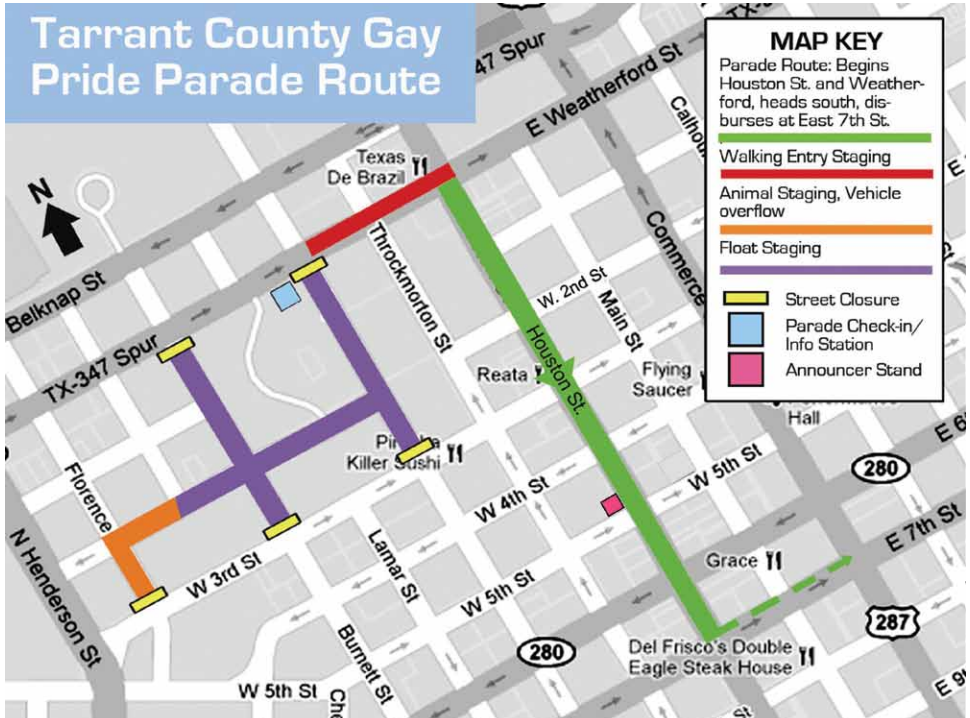
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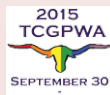
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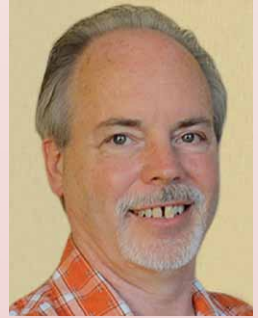
FROM THE TCGPWA PRESIDENT



To all of our Guests of Fort Worth Texas,

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Personally, Thank You to all that have come out and gave support to the organization this year. For all the Corporate and Community Partners and members, Thank You too. To the Love of my life and head cheerleader, Tony, you give me the go power to make each day a new one. Thanks to the Coronado Family for all the support and love you give me too

Thank You to those whose kind words of support and gratitude have given me strength.

Have a great time this year and remember that we all Celebrate Family Pride All Year Long.

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