

38th CONNECTICUT LGBTQ FILM FESTIVAL

ALL FILMS ON THIS PAGE ARE IN-PERSON AT **CINESTUDIO** EXCEPT JUNE 28 AT THE CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 • 7:30 PM

OPENING FEATURE
+ AFTER PARTY

Four Mothers

DIR. DARREN THORNTON | 2024 | 89 MIN | IRELAND, UK | ENGLISH

This humorous and tender Irish charmer of a film follows a shy, commitment-phobic gay novelist living with his elderly mother. When his friends take off for Pride weekend in Gran Canaria, he finds himself caring for four eccentric, combative, and wildly different women.

OPENING SHORT: **DIE BULLY DIE**



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 • 7:00 PM

Duino

DIR. JUAN PABLO DI PACE & ANDRÉS PEPE ESTRADA | 2024 | 108 MIN | USA, ARGENTINA, ITALY | ENGLISH, SPANISH

An Argentine filmmaker, unable to finish editing a movie about his unrequited first love, receives an unexpected invitation to revisit his past, reconstruct his memories, and perhaps even find a new ending to the story.

OPENING SHORT: **TAPER**



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 • 9:30 PM

Sauna

DIR. MATHIAS BROE | 2025 | 105 MIN | DENMARK | DANISH, SWEDISH, ENGLISH

Johan has just started working as a receptionist at Adonis, Copenhagen's only gay sauna. When he falls for William, a transgender man, their love is put to the test by a society with rigid ideas about gender, love, and identity. **OPENING SHORT: PIETRA**



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 • 4:00 PM

RECEPTION
AFTER FILM

A Culinary Uprising: The Story of Bloodroot

DIR. ANNIE LAURIE MEDONIS | 2024 | 78 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

There were once more than 230 feminist restaurants, cafes, and coffeehouses throughout the U.S. and Canada. Bridgeport's Bloodroot is the oldest and longest lasting of them. Its fascinating story, and the extraordinary legacy of its pioneering lesbian founders, are revealed in this not-to-be-missed documentary. **OPENING SHORT: YOU WILL FIND LOVE**



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 • 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL VIEWING:
JUNE 23 – JULY 6

Row of Life

DIR. SORAYA SIMI | 2025 | 80 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

Renowned ocean rower and three-time Paralympian Angela Madsen attempts a solo, unassisted row across the Pacific Ocean, 2400 miles from Los Angeles to Hawaii. In this poetic story of bravery, resilience, and love, Angela and her wife Deb support each other's dreams while separated by a vast ocean. **OPENING SHORT: HEARTS OF STONE**



MONDAY, JUNE 23 • 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL VIEWING:
JUNE 24 – JULY 6

Mancrush Monday: Gay Shorts

Awkward dates, hopeless crushes, and of course, hot bodies and longing looks. I'm in. **Titles and details available online at OutFilmCT.org.**



TUESDAY, JUNE 24 • 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL VIEWING:
JUNE 25 – JULY 6

I'll Have What She's Having: Lesbian Shorts

Get ready to laugh with this year's selection of hilarious lesbian shorts. Don't worry, though, there's enough heart here to prompt a few tears too. **Titles and details available online at OutFilmCT.org.**



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 • 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL VIEWING:
JUNE 26 – JULY 6

Heightened Scrutiny

DIR. SAM FEDER | 2025 | 89 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

From the team that brought you *Disclosure* comes this timely snapshot of the state of transgender rights and justice in America. ACLU attorney Chase Strangio takes on both the Supreme Court and the court of public opinion, in one of the most critical legal battles of our times. **OPENING SHORTS: AMERICAN MAMAS & SORORITY**

CENTERPIECE
RECEPTION
AT 6:30 PM



THURSDAY, JUNE 26 • 7:30 PM

Baby

DIR. MARCELO CAETANO | 2024 | 107 MIN | BRAZIL, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS | PORTUGUESE

After being released from a juvenile detention center, 18-year-old Wellington finds himself alone and adrift on the streets of São Paulo. There he encounters Ronaldo, a mature man, who teaches him new ways of surviving. **OPENING SHORT: ILY, BYE**



FRIDAY, JUNE 27 • 7:00 PM

Lesbian Space Princess

DIRS. EMMA HOUGH HOBBS & LEELA VARGHESE | 2024 | 87 MIN | AUSTRALIA | ENGLISH

In this decidedly adult animated feature, a space princess is thrust out of her sheltered life and into a galactic quest to save her bounty hunter ex-girlfriend from the Straight White Malians. **OPENING SHORT: DON'T GO**



FRIDAY, JUNE 27 • 9:30 PM

Rains Over Babel

DIR. GALA DEL SOL | 2025 | 110 MIN | COLOMBIA | SPANISH

In a tropical-punk twist on Dante's *Inferno*, a group of misfits converges at Babel, a mythical club that doubles as Purgatory, where La Flaca—the city's Grim Reaper—presides. Here, souls gamble years of their lives, daring to outwit Death Herself. **OPENING SHORT: MAN>CODE**



SATURDAY, JUNE 28 • 7:00 PM @ CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER

Perfect Endings (13 Sentimentos)

DIR. DANIEL RIBEIRO | 2024 | 100 MIN | BRAZIL | PORTUGUESE

After a decade-long relationship ends, João finds himself at a crossroads. While trying to break into the film industry, he ends up directing amateur erotic films. With the support of loyal friends, João embarks on a dating journey, navigating modern romance and finding inspiration. **OPENING SHORT: THE EXCHANGE**

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DOCUMENTARIES

Sally!

DIR. DEBORAH ALICE CRAIG | 2024 | 90 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

Sally Gearhart was a charismatic radical lesbian activist, author, and academic who spearheaded the 1970s and 80s lesbian feminist movement, yet her remarkable contributions have been largely unrecognized. This documentary changes that. **OPENING SHORT: I STOLE YOUR ASHES**



Loving John

DIR. ROBERT ROOY | 2024 | 76 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

In this quirky film about death and dying, John Godinet, an irrepressible Pacific Islander and ultra-runner, is living with his husband Peter in rural Maryland. He's outrun abuse and discrimination, but now he has a new adversary: ALS. Fortunately, John has a survival strategy of humor and hilarity that has served him all his life. **OPENING SHORT: ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS**

The Big Johnson

DIR. LOLA ROCKNROLLA | 2025 | 95 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

Drag queen, rock star, LGBT activist, junkie, genius, escort ... and then a John Doe. How does such a notorious member of the New York club scene die as an unknown in DC? Was it murder? An accident? We may never know, but Dean and his Big Johnson changed New York City and all who knew him forever. **OPENING SHORT: JANUARY**



Janis Ian: Breaking Silence

DIR. VARDABAR-KAR | 2024 | 114 MIN | USA | ENGLISH

The story of lesbian singer Janis Ian's epic life journey, from her Jewish childhood on a chicken farm through the release of her disruptive album, "Breaking Silence." Based on a vast archive and personal recollections, this in-depth documentary balances intimacy with a sweeping historical and contemporary context. **OPENING SHORT: SILENCE = DEATH**



FEATURES

Odd Fish

DIR. SNÆVAR SÖLVI SÖLVASON | 2024 | 104 MIN | ICELAND | ICELANDIC, ENGLISH

In this endearing dramedy, two childhood friends receive an opportunity to keep their seafood restaurant open year-round. When one comes out as a trans woman, their long-standing friendship is tested, revealing new perspectives on life and identity. **OPENING SHORT: PACE**



begins to follow her whenever she is alone. What starts out as something fanciful and intriguing turns into a chilling confrontation with the unknown watcher. **OPENING SHORT: REMNANTS OF NOVA**

Drone

DIR. SIMON BOUISSON | 2024 | 110 MIN | FRANCE | FRENCH

Émilie is a new architecture student who works as a cam girl to make ends meet, a fact she keeps from everyone, even her girlfriend. One evening, a drone appears at her window and begins to follow her whenever she is alone. What starts out as something fanciful and intriguing turns into a chilling confrontation with the unknown watcher. **OPENING SHORT: REMNANTS OF NOVA**



We Are Faheem & Karun

DIR. ONIR (ANIRBAN) DHAR | 2024 | 81 MIN | INDIA | HINDI, KASHMIRI

Karun is a young security guard from southern India who is posted to a remote Kashmiri village in the north. One day, a young Kashmiri man with a disarming smile, Faheem, appears at the border checkpoint. So begins a romance that seems doomed right from the start. **OPENING SHORT: LEO**



Sudden Outbursts of Emotions

DIR. PAULA KORVA | 2025 | 97 MIN | FINLAND | ENGLISH, FINNISH, FRENCH, ICELANDIC

Jane is a travel agent who sells people on adventures, but in her own life she's happily settled down with her actor partner, Mikki. Jane believes their relationship is strong, which is why she's shocked when Mikki proposes they open it up. Jane agrees to attend a sex party and is surprised when she is drawn to another woman. **OPENING SHORT: FRIEND OF A FRIEND**

SHORTS PROGRAMS

TITLES AND DETAILS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT OUTFILMCT.ORG



Standing Strong: Trans/Nonbinary Shorts

With settings as varied as the fields of Mexico and the inky expanse of space, these films tell affirming stories that speak to the creativity and resilience of trans and non-binary people.



A Tapestry: BIPOC Shorts

These films of BIPOC lives represent every letter of LGBTQ. In stories from ancestral lands to lacrosse fields and everywhere in between, the lives of these vibrant BIPOC protagonists will give you hope.



Around the World in 2 Hours: International Shorts

Oh, the places we'll go! No spot is too remote in the search for love, from museums to dance studios to a bathtub or two. Get your passport ready for films that take you from Europe to South America, Asia to the Middle East.



To Make a Long Story Short: Short Docs

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction, as this collection of short documentaries reveals. From Desolation Canyon to the Montana state house, these stories of resilience and joy will inspire you.



Playing Favorites: Committee Selected Shorts

Just for you, committee members have arranged a yummy smorgasbord of their personal favorites from this year's submissions. Bon appétit!

Virtual lineup also includes *Row of Life*, *Heightened Scrutiny*, and the *Gay Shorts* and *Lesbian Shorts* programs. See film details and schedule listed on reverse.

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JUNE 20-28, 2025



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TICKET PRICES

All tickets available at www.OutFilmCT.org.

For in-person and online tickets. Passes can be used for virtual (Eventive) and in-person shows.

General Ticket	\$13
Senior Ticket.....	\$11
Opening/Closing Ticket.....	\$30 (includes parties)
Opening/Closing Senior Ticket.....	\$25 (includes parties)
Students	FREE with Student ID

ALL-ACCESS FESTIPASS (includes opening/closing night shows/parties)	
Individual	\$125
Household (2 person max in-person).....	\$200

5-SHOW PASS (excludes opening/closing night shows)	
Individual	\$50
Household (2 person max in-person).....	\$90

IN-PERSON VENUES:

CINESTUDIO • Trinity College, 300 Summit St., Hartford (860) 297-CINE (2463) • cinestudio.org/directions

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER (Saturday, June 28 @ 7 pm) 250 Columbus Blvd., Hartford • www.ctsciencecenter.org

FOR VIRTUAL VIEWING:

- Purchase a Pass (All-Access FestiPass or 5-Show Pass) if you'd like to get the best value! ('Friends of the Festival' will receive an email explaining how to claim their passes/tickets).
- Browse the 'Virtual Festival' schedule or the 'Film Guide' to pick out the films you want to see.
- Click the "Pre-Order Now" button to buy your tickets in advance.
- Some feature films and shorts programs that screen in-person at Cinestudio will be available online the day after the in-person screening and are available for 1 week after the festival ends (July 6).
- Watch the film on your computer/iPad, or connect to your TV via HDMI, AirPlay, Apple TV, Roku or Chromecast stick.

Audience Awards voting deadline is June 28th, so get your votes in!

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