

Banks sponsor 'Best of the Year' Strand at 24th London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, BNY Mellon, Barclays Capital, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Nomura, Royal Bank of Scotland group and UBS are pleased to announce their joint sponsorship of the 'Best of the Year' Strand of films to be screened during the upcoming 24th London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (LLGFF).

The Festival runs from March 17 until March 31, 2010 at BFI Southbank.

All the sponsoring companies are members of the Interbank Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Forum; each Forum member is a Stonewall Diversity Champion and has its own LGBT professional network.

The 'Best of the Year' Strand brings together the best LGBT film titles from the year just past as selected by the BFI. This year the Strand celebrates great new works by well-known directors Ang Lee and Tom Ford, and an energetic Bollywood movie.

"The Interbank LGBT Forum is proud to support the London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Our involvement underlines our industry's commitment to LGBT professionals in the workplace" said Stefano Nappo, Chair of the Interbank LGBT Forum Committee, on behalf of the sponsoring banks.

The London-based Interbank LGBT Forum brings together 11 of the world's leading banks to:

- create an open and inclusive forum for LGBT employees within the banking community to meet and discuss issues impacting LGBT employees in their day-to-day work environment.
- enable the sharing of best practices between the employee networks of the member banks to assist them in cultivating an environment that is inclusive and supportive of LGBT employees.
- provide a forum for developing an appropriate collective response to LGBT issues that benefits each of the member banks and reflects positively on the industry's commitment to LGBT communities.
- promote and encourage networking opportunities for the members of the employee networks of those banks.

"We are delighted to welcome back the Interbank LGBT Forum to the BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival as sponsors of our Best of Year programme. It's a winning equation where we both see great benefits and help the bottom line into the bargain" commented Brian Robinson, Senior Programmer for the 24th LLGFF.

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