

24th BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival On Tour

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Following an exceptional two-week run at BFI Southbank, a selection of highlights from the **24th BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** – including the Closing Night Gala – will visit key venues across the UK and Ireland.

Once again the Festival exceeded all expectations, with a programme of 208 films from 29 countries attracting more than 28,000 visitors to screenings, on-stage talks, workshops and discussions. **LLGFF on Tour** creates an opportunity for audiences across the country to share some of that festival magic.

The titles selected for the Tour are (with one further title awaiting confirmation):



Children of God: The LLGFF Closing Night Gala film is a politically bold and beautifully photographed film by **Kareem Mortimer** that examines identity and sexuality in the Bahamas and stars **Johnny Ferro**, **Stephen Tyrone Williams** and **Margaret Laurena Kemp**.



Plan B: Bruno (**Manuel Vignau**) attempts to win back his ex-girlfriend (**Mercedes Quinteros**) in Argentinean director **Marco Berger**'s debut feature, but things take an unexpected turn when he befriends her handsome new boyfriend (**Lucas Ferraro**).



The Fish Child: The second feature from **Lucia Puenzo**, the award-winning director of *XXY* is a gritty and erotically charged lesbian crime thriller packed with suspenseful plot twists, each one shifting the balance of power, to illuminate another layer of corruption, with **Inés Efron**, **Mariela Vitale** and **Pep Munné**.



Give Me Your Hand: Antoine and Quentin (played by real-life twins **Alexandre** and **Victor Carril**) are handsome twins who travel from France to a funeral in northern Spain and learn some hard lessons about life and each other in **Pascal-Alex Vincent**'s evocative tale.



And Then Came Lola: The debut feature from **Megan Siler** and **Ellen Seidler** stars **Ashleigh Sumner** as Lola, a flaky photographer with three chances to save both her girlfriend Casey (**Jill Bennett**) and Casey's design career from the clutches of rich and predatory dyke Danielle (**Cathy DeBuono**), but only if she can make it across San Francisco in time.

In addition we're delighted to announce that LLGFF is teaming up with **Peccadillo Pictures** to re-introduce short films to the touring programme. As part of their 10th anniversary celebrations, Peccadillo will present two shorts programmes. **Jane Lynch** from *Glee* stars in our *Here Come the Girls* programme* and **Elliot Tittensor** from *Shameless* heads up the *Boys on Film* programme**.

LLGFF on Tour starts at **Courtyard Hereford** on **24 May** and will continue until October across the UK at venues including **Edinburgh Filmhouse; Watershed, Bristol; Phoenix Square, Leicester; Derby Quad; Cornerhouse, Manchester; Broadway, Nottingham; Stoke Film Theatre; Showroom, Sheffield; Cinema 3, Canterbury; GAZE** in Dublin; **GFT** in Glasgow (6 June – 12 July); **Eden Court** Inverness and **Forum, Northampton**.

Full venue and screening details will be made available on the website www.bfi.org.uk/llgff as they are confirmed.

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Notes to Editors:

* Shorts in *Here Come the Girls*: *Memoirs of an Evil Stepmother*; *Henna Night*; *Wicked Desire*; *Falling for Caroline*; *Private Life*; *Little Black Boot*. Running time 94 minutes.

** Shorts in *Boys on Film*: *Candy Boy*; *Protect Me From What I Want*; *Dish :)*; *Breath*; *Lucky Blue*; *My Name is Love*. Running time 98 minutes.

Now in its 24th year, the LLGFF is the UK's third-largest film festival, celebrating the best in queer world cinema with a huge range features, documentaries, events, short films and archive material. The Festival continues explore and reflect the diversity of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender culture from around the globe and in addition to the wealth of UK talent on show, there were outstanding contributions this year from Denmark, Sweden, Canada, Argentina, Israel, Brazil, New Zealand and the USA.

There were more than 380 visiting filmmakers and professional delegates, including *Ander* director, Roberto Caston, experimental legend Barbara Hammer, filmmaker Alessandro Avellis, Rufus Wainwright, director of *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister* James Kent with cast members Maxine Peake, Anna Madeley, Christine Bottomley, and Michael Culkin, Canadian filmmaker Jamie Travis, avant-garde performer David Hoyle, writer and director Rikki Beadle-Blair and Lynda Topp one half of the Unstoppable Topp Twins.

The programming team for the London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival is led by senior programmer **Brian Robinson** with **Jason Barker, Michael Blyth, Nazmia Jamal, Emma Smart** and **Kyle Stephan**.

The LLGFF Special Supporters are **Clare Balding, Lea DeLaria, Stephen Fry, David Furnish, Paul Gambaccini, Sir Elton John, Isaac Julien, Bryony Lavery, Sir Ian McKellen, Phyllis Nagy, Pratibha Parmar, Patricia Rozema** and **Sarah Waters**.