



25th BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

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Shortlist for the 2011 Derek Oyston Film Prize announced

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London, Thursday 31 March 2011:

CHE, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, working with the BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival for a third year, announce the official shortlist for the 2011 Derek Oyston Film Prize.

CHE judge Ian Stewart said, 'A generous bequest from deceased gay Tynesider Derek Oyston funds the £2000 Film Prize, which is awarded with a framed diploma during the LLGFF. We are delighted to be working again in partnership with the Festival organisers, in the runup to this year's landmark, 25th anniversary London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.'

Films eligible for the Prize should be at least 45 minutes long, screened at the LLGFF, and reflect the campaigning ideals of CHE. A panel of three CHE activists review the films and work with Festival programmers to select the prize winner.

For 2011, the Derek Oyston Film Prize shortlisted films are:

Jan's Coming Out

A lively documentary about a 50 year old woman's coming-out, and interviewing lots of lesbians about their lives.

Lost in the Crowd

Looks at homelessness among LGBT youth in New York, with an emphasis on Trans issues.

We Were Here

A documentary about the Aids crisis in San Francisco, presenting the stories of five different individuals.

***Sex Drags and Rock 'n' Roll* and**

Put This on the Map

Two distinctive short films about queer youth activists.

Making the Boys

Explores the history of the groundbreaking play and subsequent film, *The Boys in the Band*.

***Mutantes* (Punk Porn Feminism)**

Documentary exploring the pro-sex movement over the past three decades featuring interviews with activists, sex workers and performers.

2009's inaugural Derek Oyston Film Prize was awarded to *Darling: The Pieter Dirk Uys Story*. Pieter Dirk Uys is a renowned performer and HIV educator in South Africa.

2010's prize went to *Kuchus of Uganda*, about the appalling homophobic discrimination being faced by Ugandan LGBT people.

Campaign for Homosexual Equality is a democratic voluntary organisation, working

since 1969 to change the attitudes and laws that make life difficult for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. More information can be found at: www.c-h-e.org.uk.

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