



18th year of Reel Pride

(Fresno, California) Beginning Wednesday September 19th, Fresno Reel Pride celebrates its 18th year with a five-day festival of gay and lesbian films at the historic Tower Theatre and at its second venue the Starline Lounge. Advance tickets and festival passes are available online at www.reelpride.com or at the Reel Pride Box Office beginning September 1st. Tickets may also be purchased at the AAA office located at 5040 N. Forkner Avenue. Festival passes are available for \$60, \$80 and \$125 and include priority seating and access to special events. Individual screening tickets range from \$5 - \$10. Opening and Closing night tickets include post-party events and are available for \$20.

Reel Pride is the Central Valley's largest film festival and the sixth oldest gay and lesbian festival in the United States. Each year, the five-day event attracts thousands of LGBT and straight attendees to view some of the best alternative and independent short films, documentaries and feature films from around the world.

The 2007 festival program includes over 50 international award winning films representing five of the seven

continents. The film finalists were selected from a record number of film submissions and include entries from Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States.

2007 festival highlights include: Wednesday, September 19th

Reel Pride Film Festival opens on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 pm with the Opening Night Gala presentation of writer/director Jonah Markowitz's feature debut, Shelter. Starring newcomer Trevor Wright and veteran Brad Rowe (Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss), Shelter is a sexy, authentic and highly accomplished love story that mixes sex and surf against the backdrop of choice between dysfunctional family and the pursuit of one's dreams. After the film, opening night continues with a gala celebration.

Thursday, September 20th

Thursday opens at 6:00pm at the Tower Theatre with the larger than life "Bears." The film perfectly captures the lifestyle and spirit of those strong, kind and hairy men in their quest for the Mr. International Bear Contest. Director Marc Klasfeld gets unique access to regional Mr. Bear winners, including Mr. Golden State Bear (incl. footage shot at Fresno's The Den!).

Thursday night continues at 8:30pm with the delectable Nina's Heavenly Delights a wonderfully warm tale of cooking and caring set in Glasgow, Scotland. After her father's death, still closeted Nina takes up the curry challenge of her life to save the family restaurant and defend her family's culinary honor. Along the way she must deal with her resentful brother, grieving mother, and a little sister

more interested in dancing than cooking as the film winds its way toward a Bollywood dance competition with its own gay twist.



Friday, September 21st

Award-winning director Andrea Meyerson (the Laughing Matters series) profiles comic Kate Clinton - out, proud and hilarious for twenty-five years - in the documentary, Kate Clinton: 25th Anniversary Tour at 6:30pm. Standing at the forefront of the lesbian movement, Clinton's sharp, politically charged humor has made her a celebrated voice of enlightenment and empowerment and Meyerson's film weaves the onstage hilarity with offstage sincerity, as Clinton reflects on her long career.

With a top-notch cast, snappy dialogue, and a commitment to fun, Friday's Centrepiece film Four Letter Word is a hilarious gay romantic comedy as raunchy as it is entertaining. In this award-winning hit, director/writer Andreas and co-writer/star Jesse Archer (OUT Magazine, Boy Culture) welcome you to the Gayborhood, where everyone looks vaguely familiar with their clothes on, and, unless they're fresh meat, no one is separated sexually by more than three degrees. It's all here: nude yoga, fourgies, cheap drag queens and fag hags who love to comfort the boys in their big bosoms. Four Letter Word is an uninhibited and inquisitive sex comedy

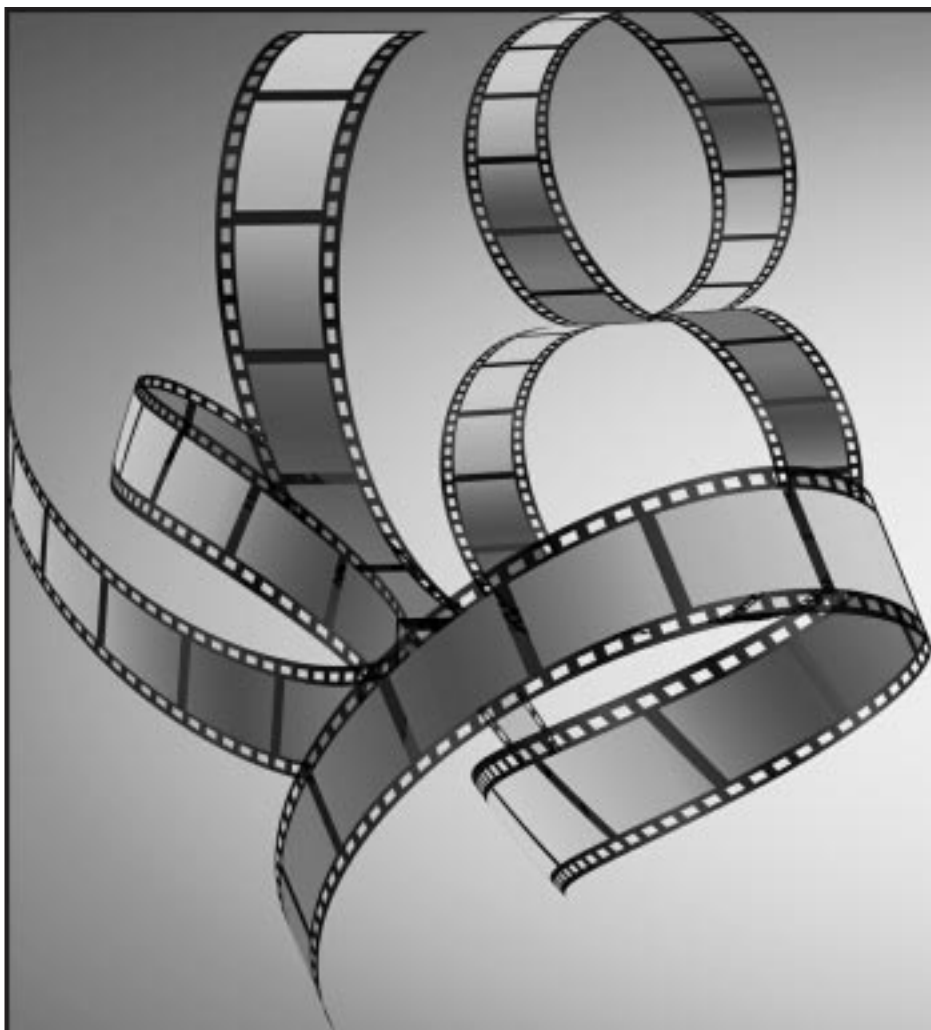
with a cast that's hot and not afraid to flaunt it.



Saturday's & Sunday's Film schedule to appear in next month's issue. For a complete schedule of films and advance tickets visit www.reelpride.com.

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Fresno REEL Pride Film Festival, September 19-23, 2007 at the Tower Theatre (815 E. Olive Av) and Starline Lounge (833 E. Fern Av) in Fresno, www.reelpride.com, (559) 488-6562.



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