



QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR MEDIA ARTS PROJECT

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QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR FILM FESTIVAL AND THEIR DJs SET IT OFF

San Francisco — Historically, the lesbian and gay dance party offered one of the few spaces where queer people could openly socialize. From the rent parties of the Harlem Renaissance to the Stonewall Inn, which inspired the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement and the annual Pride March. These gatherings not only served as a vital space for community building, they were also filled with hope and magic. This year, Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP), in celebration of their 6th annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival, is proud to continue this tradition. The Film Festival will host three nights of after parties to raise funds for QWOCMAP programs, in partnership with celebrity queer DJs and the nation's foremost lesbian publication, *Curve Magazine*.

In addition to the FREE Queer Women of Color Film Festival, which includes film screenings, filmmaker Q & A's, and pre-screening receptions, the 3 nights of parties offer an opportunity to celebrate the evening with filmmakers and audiences. Moreover, as the Queer Women of Color Film Festival draws crowds that line the block and fill the theatre to capacity, these events give everyone the chance to celebrate together and get down. Additionally, the after parties will raise money to support QWOCMAP and its mission, to provide a FREE annual film festival and FREE filmmaking workshops to queer women of color and trans people of color. Exceptionally talented queer women DJ's will lead crowds through their seamless mixes and sensuous moves. They have generously donated their time and talent because they love QWOCMAP.

On **Friday, June 11**, the Opening Night party sponsored by *Curve Magazine* with Bay Area's very own, DJ Olga T & DJ Wepa. DJ Olga T's well-known passionate energy and signature style infuses Gospel and Deep House with Hip Hop and Dancehall/Reggae. DJ Wepa translates her love for jazz and old school into sets of magnetic beats, rhythms and grooves. The Opening Night party will be held at the fabulous Medjool Restaurant, with a large dance floor, mezzanine terrace and delicious small plate and drink specials. Located in the heart of San Francisco's

6th ANNUAL QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR FILM FESTIVAL, JUNE 11-13, 2010

Mission District, Medjool eagerly awaits 400 beautiful QWOCMAP supporters, to party with *Curve Magazine*, DJs Olga and Wepa and filmmakers well into the night. Last year, DJ Olga and DJ Wepa created one of the best queer community parties. It was hot, good, clean fun for the LGBT community and their family, friends & allies.

On **Saturday, June 12**, a trio of exceptionally talented queer music makers, DJ Ryan & DJ Black & DJ Cupcake lead the after party at the multi-cultural bar and performance/event space, Bollyhood Café. DJ Ryan will add her smooth vocals over the rhythms of soul and hip hop with love and passion for spinning. Legendary DJ Black, who travels the world mentoring other LGBT DJs, adds “hella gay” flavor to this very special Festival Focus evening of the Queer Women of Color Film Festival. Given the 2010 Festival Focus on queer Native American, Indigenous, First Nations women, DJ Cupcake (Acomah Pueblo), will add a special melody to the evening as she holds it down with “dirty, filthy, you-know-you-want-it” music.

On Sunday, June 13, is Closing Night offers a celebration at the eclectic San Francisco staple, the Monkey Club, with beats from DJ Eman and DJ Lunaceptive. Spinning Hip Hop, R&B and Latin beats DJ Luna brings dance moving melodies. DJ Eman’s passion for sound will close the last night of the Queer Women of Color Film Festival on just the right note.

The public is welcome and invited to attend the upcoming FREE 6th annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival and every after party throughout the weekend.

What: 6th Annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival After Parties

When & Where & Who:

Friday, June 11, 2010; 10:30 pm

Curve Opening Night Party; Featuring: DJ Olga T & DJ Wepa

Medjool Restaurant - 2522 Mission Street @ 21st St, San Francisco; (\$10 - \$20)

Saturday, June 12, 2010; 10:00 pm

After Party; Featuring: DJ Ryan & DJ Black & DJ Cupcake

Bollyhood Café - 3372 19th Street @ Mission St, San Francisco; (\$5 - \$20)

Sunday, June 13, 2010, 8:00 pm

Closing Night Party; Featuring: DJ Eman & DJ Luna & special guest

Monkey Club - 2730 21st Street @ Bryant St, San Francisco; (\$5 - \$20)

~About Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project~

The free annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival is one of many artistic programs that Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP) offers to queer women of color and the larger community. QWOCMAP creates, exhibits and distributes new films that authentically reflect the lives of queer women of color and address the vital social justice issues that concern American communities.