



**QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR MEDIA ARTS PROJECT**

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- Queer Women of Color Film Festival
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**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR FILM FESTIVAL  
Celebrating LGBTQ People of Color**

San Francisco, CA – The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival world premieres 38 new short films by Bay Area artists this June 10-12, 2011 at the Brava Theater in San Francisco.

This year's Film Festival ignites the intersections of identity and issues, as well as the past and present by putting special emphasis on queer women of color trendsetters and hell raisers across generations. And for good reason. Battles over same sex marriage and Don't Ask, Don't Tell have made international headlines. Too often people of color are perceived as straight and lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) people are perceived as white. Now is the perfect time to look at the stories that fall to the wayside.

This year's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Film Festival includes stories of a South Asian lesbian couple torn apart because of immigration status and Prop 8; queer Latinas fight back against street harassment in East Bay neighborhoods; Black lesbians share the joys and fears of raising children in a world that isn't post-racial or finished with homophobia; a Vietnamese genderqueer navigates the gendered world of employment. The Queer Women of Color Film Festival showcases the wholly transcendent experience of being a person on the margins who is soaring part survival in ways that are beautiful and powerful.

The Festival Focus, "**Igniting the Intersections**", will include a Featured Screening that will explore the lives and loves LGBTQ people of color. Festival Focus events also include a capstone Panel Discussion on Saturday, June 11 at 1:00pm. "**Thinkers and Troublemakers**", a roundtable of veteran queer women of color activists including former Black Panther and political prisoner Ericka Huggins, award-winning writer and playwright Jewelle Gomez, journalist and author Helen Zia, former political prisoner and "Most Influential Latina in the Bay Area" Olga Talamante and award-winning British South Asian filmmaker Pratibha Parmar.

**For Calendar Editors:**

**WHAT:**                    **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival**  
QWOCMAP presents a FREE three-day film festival  
**Festival Focus:** Igniting the Intersections – LGBTQ People of Color

**WHEN:**                    **June 10-12, 2011**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

Opening Night Screening  
***Finger Sucking Good***, 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-screening reception at 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

Panel Discussion  
***Thinkers & Troublemakers***, 1:00 p.m.  
Reception to follow

Centerpiece Screening  
***Soaring Past Survival***, 3:30 p.m.  
Pre-screening reception at 2:30 p.m.

**Festival Focus Event**

Featured Screening  
***Igniting the Intersections***, 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-screening reception at 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

Centerpiece Screening  
***Homegrown Gifts***, 2:00 p.m.  
Pre-screening reception at 1:00 p.m.

Closing Night Screening  
***Fierce Entanglements***, 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-screening reception at 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**                    Brava Theater, 2789 24<sup>th</sup> Street at York, San Francisco

**PRICE:**                    All Screenings and Receptions are **FREE**

**INFO:**                    [www.QWOCMAP.org/festival.html](http://www.QWOCMAP.org/festival.html)

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Film screeners and stills available upon request

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