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**7TH ANNUAL QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR FILM FESTIVAL
Community Partners Create Change**

San Francisco, CA – The 7th 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. **Community Partners** help to keep the Queer Women of Color Film Festival a FREE, accessible and vibrant community arts event.

Community Partner organizations comprise a diverse array of nonprofits whose work addresses issues relevant to our intersecting communities, from immigration to employment, from preventing violence to health, from raising children to marriage equality. We are pleased to announce two new projects created in partnership with two of our long-time Community Partners. This year, the Film Festival will premiere *THE GIFT OF FAMILY*, a collaboration between QWOCMAP Productions, Zuna Institute and NIA Collective. This film evocatively explores the everyday lives of Black lesbians raising children in the Bay Area. It compassionately illustrates the tensions inherent with the invisibility of queer Black women and the need for support from the larger Black community.

The Film Festival will also showcase a Public Service Announcement (PSA) produced in partnership with the Lesbian Health & Research Center. It celebrates the value of lesbian lives and encourages the community to take action because the health of our community is worth it. It is the first in a series of PSAs that will focus on health issues such as cancer, endometriosis, diabetes and high cholesterol.

Each year brings new partners to the Film Festival, broadening its impact and further enriching our relevance and relationships to our community. Many Community Partners come back year after year, strengthening their ties to QWOCMAP and other nonprofit groups. In this way, we realize one of our shared core values: deepening connections and building community. Community Partners' participation makes the Queer Women of Color Film Festival a *community* event. It engages audiences through compelling films to think critically about their relationship to identity and issues so as to galvanize social change.

