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LIGHTS! ACTION! CAMERA!
**FORT LAUDERDALE GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
UNPRECEDENTED WHIRLWIND OF FILMS AND EVENTS**

October 10 - 12, October 16 - 19

Presented by HBO, Merrill Lynch and The Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB/Broward Office of Film, Music & Entertainment, the 6TH Annual Fort Lauderdale Gay & Lesbian Film Festival ([FLGLFF](http://www.flglff.com)) promises to be a cornucopia of films, ranging from hilarious takes on LGBT relationships to compelling dramas and documentaries touching upon some of the more poignant aspects of coming to terms being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

FLGLFF 2014 has expanded to seven days, includes more award-winning and diverse films, and features special events and parties that elevate this Festival to a new level, making it one of the most highly regarded LGBT film festivals in the nation.

FLGLFF takes place Friday, October 10 through Sunday, October 12 and resumes Thursday, October 16 through Sunday, October 19.

"This year's FLGLFF promises to be the most spectacular one ever," said Mark Gilbert, Interim Director. "The Fort Lauderdale community has embraced FLGLFF, and we have responded by expanding to seven days, with 32 feature films and 18 shorts, along with special events and parties throughout the city."

The Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale serves as a beautiful backdrop for Opening Night films and events on **Friday, October 10**. The Filmmakers Soirée kicks off the evening at 6 pm, affording festival-goers the opportunity to mix and mingle with many of the filmmakers prior to the U.S. premiere of *Four Moons*, which will screen in the Horvitz Auditorium on the grounds of the museum.

Following the film, the Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB's Office of Film, Music & Entertainment hosts FLGLFF's Opening Night Grand Event, also at the Museum of Art. This elegant affair will feature flowing champagne and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, musical accompaniments by a harpist, percussion band and DJ, and a "Marie Antoinette Living Red Carpet." Attendees will also have the opportunity to meander through the museum to view the exhibition, *When the Stars Begin to Fall: Imagination and the American South*.

"Fort Lauderdale is home to a dynamic, diverse community, voted as a favorite destination for the LGBT market worldwide," said Noelle Stevenson, Film & Entertainment Commissioner, Broward Office of Film, Music & Entertainment at the CVB. "We are thrilled to play an integral role in the growth of FLGLFF, showcasing our city to film aficionados, visitors and staycationers and helping to make this a world-class event."

In a year that has seen momentous strides in LGBT recognition, LGBT films have also risen to prominence worldwide. FLGLFF is proud to announce that this year's roster includes two films that have been submitted to the Academy of Motion Pictures for 2015 Academy Award consideration in the Best Foreign Film category: The U.S. premiere of *The Way He Looks* (Brazil) and *The Circle* (Switzerland).

In addition to the Opening Night Filmmakers Soirée before the first screening and the Opening Night Grand Event following the film, FLGLFF has events and gatherings planned throughout the festival. Check online at www.FLGLFF.com for updates and details:

- Saturday, October 11 After Film "Gaythering," Rumors, 2426 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
- Sunday, October 12 Meet & Greet with *South Beach on Heels* Director and Drag Queens (TBA)
- Thursday, October 16 Centerpiece After Party, Stache Bar, 109 SW 2nd Ave. Fort Lauderdale
- Friday, October 17 Ladies Night, America's Backyard, 100 SW 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
- Saturday, October 18 Cocktails in the Courtyard, Cinema Paradiso, 503 SE 6th St., Fort Lauderdale
- Sunday, October 19 Closing Night Finale, Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel, 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Films will be shown at The Classic Gateway Theatre, 1820 East Sunrise Boulevard, and Cinema Paradiso, 503 SE 6th Street. Ticket information and a complete schedule of films and special events are available online at www.FLGLFF.com. For further information, call (305) 751-6305.

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DISCOUNTED HOTEL RATES: FLGLFF's partner hotels are offering discounted rates for out-of-town visitors or residents looking for a fun Staycation:

Royal Palms Resort and Spa, 717 Breakers Ave – A sleek, stylish and sexy luxury boutique hotel is an intimate oasis just one block from the beach. Amenities such as Bar, Grill, Spa and Fitness Center. \$89/night; two-night minimum. Standard King or Two Queen Bed rooms available. Visit www.royalpalms.com and use promo code: FILM

W Fort Lauderdale, 401 No. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd – With panoramic views of the surf, sand and sea, fortify your fantasies with the signature W bed, fully wired technology, the delightful Munchie Box, Bliss bath amenities and fabulous in-room entertainment. Visit www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FLGLFF and use promo code FLGLFF October 10 -12 - \$249/night; October 16 – 19, 2014 - \$249/night

Atlantic Hotel & Spa, 601 No. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd – Elegance highlighted by large balconies, in-room massages, a 10,000 square-foot European-style and fitness center, just steps from the ocean. October 10-12, 2014: Partial ocean view king studio: \$240.00 / City View King Suite: \$260.00
October 16-19, 2014: Partial ocean view king studio: \$218.33 / City View king Suite: \$236.67
For reservations, call Minter Bailey at 954.567.8055

ABOUT THE FORT LAUDERDALE GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

The Fort Lauderdale Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is committed to its mission: to enrich, entertain and educate the public and to encourage a sense of community through the presentation of international and culturally diverse film, video and other media that offer meaningful perspectives on the historic and/or contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience.



Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale