



14TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2026 LGBTQ+ FILMMAKERS

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Chelsea, NY — The 14th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival will be presenting **3 Narrative Features, 4 Documentaries, 2 Indie Episodics, 6 International Shorts, 3 Narrative Shorts Shot in NYC , and 19 US Shorts, totaling 33 films made by LGBTQ+ filmmakers.**

The Official List of Films is below, which also includes the Run Time, Genre, Country of Origin and Director(s).

CFF will hold its fourteenth edition both in-person at **Regal Battery Park** October 14-18 (in-person) and online on FilmFestival+ (<https://filmfestivalplus.com>), also accessible through AppleTV) from October 14-31, 2026.

NARRATIVE FEATURES

FREEDOM RENEGADE by Bo Pressly
49 min | Experimental | United States | 2025

LEMON BARS by Gabriella Bartley
15 min | Drama | United States | 2025

ONE DAY IN SEDONA by Monique Sorgen
90 min | Romance, Comedy, Rom Com, Indie | United States | 2026

DOCUMENTARIES

ELVIS ROCKY AND ME: THE CAROL CONNORS STORY by Alex Rotaru
74 min | Historical | United States | 2026

MY GENDER IS BLACK by Terry Blade
20 min | Historical | United States | 2026

REALLY ME by Andy Yardy, Andrea Groenink
74 min | Drama | United States | 2025

UNWANTED by Eva Cohen
72 min | Environmental, Food, International | United States | 2025

INDIE EPISODICS

WHAT REMAINS by N. Aech Hanratty, Sami Bass
14 min | Drama | United States | 2025

SPORKARTOON by JB Ghuman Jr
40 min | Animation, Series, Art, Experimental, Educational | United States | 2025

US SHORTS

300 FEET by Michelle Vezilj
12 min | Fantasy, Drama, Musical | United States | 2025

ASHES: HAI IRO NO YUKI by Jessica Barr
17 min | Drama | United States | 2025

BETTA FISH by Louvinia Robinson
15 min | Drama | United States | 2026

BETWEEN THREADS by Kelsy Cabell

7 min | Drama | United States | 2026

CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING by Carley Alexa Lovito

14 min | Drama, Coming of Age, Comedy | United States | 2025

CHINGU? DOOST. by Ariana Parsa, Eumin Lee

13 min | Drama | United States | 2025

DON'T FK UP** by Prakhyat Chouta

17 min | Comedy, Drama | United States | 2026

HILL BOY by Eilythia Penati

8 min | Drama | United States | 2025

INSHALLAH by Sibel Damar

19 min | Romance, Drama | United States | 2026

INSIDE THESE WALLS by Melissa Fisher

18 min | Drama | United States | 2025

LEO LETS IT RAIN by Lynnsey Ooten

12 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

MOUTHFEEL by Max Tullio

13 min | Drama | United States | 2025

THE DUMBLETONS by Wendell Laurent

14 min | Action, Comedy | United States | 2026

THE GATES by Jared Rushanan

17 min | Drama, Sci-Fi | United States | 2025

THE SHADOW by Kirtana Banskota

20 min | Drama, Thriller, Psychological | United States | 2025

THE UNSAID by Jasmin Prophete

11 min | Drama | United States | 2025

VIKTORI by Ben Carlos Cardona

15 min | Drama, Sport | United States | 2026

WHEN ROBERT MET JUDITH by Yaniv Rokah
15 min | Drama | United States | 2026

INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A SUNNY DAY IN LONDON by Jialu Liu
13 min | Drama | United Kingdom | 2025

BEA by Ziv Mamon
19 min | Drama | Israel | 2025

LEOPARD by Dan Abramovici
11 min | Comedy, Drama, Action, Horror, Fantasy | Canada | 2025

POPPY by Julia Schönstädt
16 min | Drama, Social, Women, LGBTQ+, Lesbian | United Kingdom | 2026

REAL by Ana Grethel Solis
10 min | Sci-Fi, Dark Comedy, Romance, Dramedy, LGTBQ | Panama | 2025

VITAL by Amir Zargara
15 min | Drama | Canada, Iran | 2025

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

Chelsea Film Festival Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes Aaron Pierce, Ari Tan, Barry English, Bonnie Rose, Doris Casap, Jason Weinberg, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Maria Soccor, Sofia Sondervan, Richard Gladstein, and Tricia Brook.

Our Mission: Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-

taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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