BLACK ALPHABET FILM FESTIVAL 2021

Friday, November 5 through Sunday, November 7

Reva & David Logan Center
915 E 60th St Chicago IL
Also streaming on Eventive
Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the Black Alphabet Film Festival 2021.

We would like to take this time to thank all of our guests, sponsors, volunteers, filmmakers, actors, directors, and producers for your continued support of our film festival. Without all of you, this festival would not have been possible. Special thanks to Eric Harper and George Brooks for their generous donations.

As we close out the year, we reflect on the separation COVID-19 has caused within communities around the world. After nearly two years of being apart, 2021 allows us to gather once again for in-person events. The can only be possible when our society follows the guidelines of the CDC, Departments of Health, and state and local recommendations. These include being vaccinated, wearing masks/face-coverings, and practicing social distancing.

To support these recommendations and requirements, this festival is requiring proof of vaccine for all participants and attendees, and requiring masks/face coverings while participating in the festival. We have also be provided reusable masks to all attendees to contribute to the control of the spread of this virus.

We understand that while the Black LGBTQ+ community is often disproportionately impacted by many societal issues, and COVID-19 is no exception. Help prevent loss in our community by getting vaccinated. Our festival partner, Chicago Department of Public Health is offering incentives for people to be vaccinated. If you know someone who has not been vaccinated, to take advantage of this program.

As part of our mission and vision, Black Alphabet will continue to focus our arts-based programming on wellness promotion and education. Our programming will be in support of our physical health, mental health, as well as our social health, which, if not addressed, can adversely impact our well being as much as poor physical health.

To that end, we are looking for volunteers to help the organization grow and develop programming to uplift our community, and improve the lives of those we love. Please reach out to us to find out where you can be of service and make a difference.

Once again thank you for your support.

The Black Alphabet NFP Board
Black Alphabet Presents

Erotic Paint-’n’-Sip

Featuring DeAngelo Jackson

Friday, November 5, 2021—6:00 pm
South Side Help Center - 10420 S Halsted St
Chicago, IL 60628

This paint-’n’-sip event accompanies the Black Alphabet Film Festival screening of “Being Black In Porn” on Sunday, November 7, 2021. DeAngelo will be present for a talkback session following the screening. “Sip” and all supplies provided.

Tickets to both events may be purchased at:
www.blackalphabet.org/events
# 2021 Film Festival

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A Love Letter to Brian, Lesley & Michelle

The result of human beings coming together, diverse in age, sexuality, race, and gender, talking with their bodies, minds, and souls, about Black lives. This is a film, a play, an experience, a concert dance, a work of art, a self-reflection, a protest.

Saturday, November 6th

A New Day In Mississippi

A short film chronicling the journey of the recent fight to remove the confederate flag that has represented the state of MS. The film highlights the support of AIDS Healthcare Foundation and other community leaders in the ultimate victory of removing the flag in 2020.

Saturday, November 6th

Acrimonious

A non-acrimonious, but sudden divorce wrenches Emeka out of a decade-long hiatus living the “middle-class” dream, landing him back in the childhood council house he hoped he’d left behind. It’s that Eliza Doolittle conundrum—once you’ve sort of become a "lady," is it ever really possible to fit into the flower market again?

Saturday, November 6th
Wear A Mask! Save Lives!

MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP YOUR FREE FACE COVERING

AVAILABLE AT THE FILM FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
ADODI Chicago is a Community of Men of African descent who affirm their African lineage and love of Men.

ADODI Chicago purpose is to foster and encourage the self-discovery, validation, empowerment and liberation of our diverse community of Same Gender Loving African American Men only.

ADODI Chicago
A brotherhood of Men who are of African descent that come together in fellowship.
ADODI Chicago - a community organization and a chapter of the international organization of ADODI

Mission
ADODI Chicago exists to affirm our African ancestry and love of Men. We ADODI Chicago foster and encourage individual self-discovery, validation of our lives, and empowerment of our souls through advocacy and liberation of our diverse tribal community of Men who love Men.

ADODI Chicago’s purpose is to create an environment that fosters and encourages the self-discovery, validation, empowerment and liberation of all of its diverse members.
Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC

No. VAERS data alone cannot determine if the reported adverse event was caused by a COVID-19 vaccination. Anyone can report events to VAERS, even if it is not clear whether a vaccine caused the problem. Some VAERS reports may contain information that is incomplete, inaccurate, coincidental, or unverifiable.

www.cdc.gov

Protect Chicago At Home

All Chicago residents eligible to be vaccinated at home and receive a gift
All Boys Aren’t Blue
In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. A post-screening discussion will follow.

Saturday, November 6th

Being Black In Porn
Being Black in Porn. The film highlights four gay men of color and their experiences in the adult film world. Through intimate conversations, the actors reveal the racism (being pigeonholed in servant or thug roles), stereotyping (expectations of Black actors to always have BBC and bottom), and inequity (being paid less than their fellow white actors) they’re subjected to in the industry that many other actors shy away from addressing. A post-screening discussion will follow.

Sunday, November 7th

Black Sheep
In this LGBT series, we follow the lives of three teenagers trying to find their way in this big bad world. These little lost sheep aren’t so innocent; their clothing a distraction from their bite.

Saturday, November 6th
**Buck**

Young Lynn opens the film with his mother nagging him to take his depression meds. He heads out expecting to have some fun with Richard his white lover. When he arrives to his boat he discovers that Richard’s invited a group of black men to join him.

*Sunday, November 7th*

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**Fierceness Served!**

The early 1980s in Washington DC was a time of phenomenal creative and political ferment. Within this setting, a Black LGBT renaissance emerged. At the center of this groundswell was the ENIKAlley Coffeehouse.

*Sunday, November 7th*

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**Flames**

Two childhood friends: Ahmad, a streetwise, college-bound scholar on the precipice of a new, bright future, and Sadik, a rehabilitated hooligan grappling with his identity, find themselves alone together before Ahmad’s graduation party in the woods. Soon, unresolved issues and old resentments ignite a forbidden blaze between them that must be doused if Ahmad is to have any chance of escaping the past.

*Saturday, November 6th*
UCC Community Center is to develop, implement and sponsor programs, activities, and special events to promote consciousness, cultivate pride, and help improve the quality of life of Same Gender Loving Men and Women, Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals and Transgender persons of African descent. UCC is committed to building awareness and pride in the diversity of the SGL-LGBT community. The Center will be a central resource to bring together History, Art, Music and Culture of the SGL-LGBT people of African descent in the city of Chicago and throughout Illinois.

Cultural, Literary, Educational, Historical, Civic, Community and Social Organization

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A PROUD MEMBER OF THE CENTER FOR BLACK EQUITY
Gemmel & Tim
Friends reminisce on the lives and deaths of Gemmel Moore and Timothy Dean, two black gay men who died at the hands of West Hollywood politico Ed Buck.

Sunday, November 7th

Kiia
Kiia speaks about the herb life, growing up in the South, and the importance of comfortable chairs.

Saturday, November 6th

Mama Gloria
Meet Mama Gloria. Chicago’s Black transgender icon Gloria Allen, now in her 70s, blazed a trail for trans people like few others before her. Emerging from Chicago’s South Side drag ball culture in the 1960s, Gloria overcame traumatic violence to become a proud leader in her community.

Sunday, November 7th
Based on many years of experience with interview candidates and personal consultations with job seekers, Ray Harrell has been able to guide many people through the complex processes of résumé development, job search and interviewing. This book, designed to be humorous as well as informative, provides tips from a human resources perspective to help those who are experiencing difficulty in their job and career search. Click on the image for more information.
Never Fall In Love With A Straight Girl

Kari, a masculine-presenting lesbian, and Shakerra, her bisexual ex-girlfriend, are moving out of their increasingly expensive townhome in gentrified NW, Washington D.C. With Shakerra being ready to move out and move on, Kari has a limited time to tell Shakerra her true feelings.

Saturday, November 6th

Oracle

Michael DeBow is a single father to a young queer teen, but when his son disappears, he seeks the help of a psychic to locate his missing son.

Saturday, November 6th

Outside The Aquarium

"Outside the Aquarium" is the new exhibition of protagonist Jonas. In his paintings he portrays his experiences as a black immigrant and part of the LGBT Community expressing his fears, loneliness and dreams for the future.

Saturday, November 6th
Perception

A simple touch isn't so simple when enacted by the wrong hands. If intention makes the difference between desirable and offensive contact, perhaps Devin's perception of Ty's actions is a little skewed, and his judgment is beyond cloudy.

Saturday, November 6th

Pure

On the eve of her cotillion ball, a young Black girl grapples with her queer identity and questions her purity.

Saturday, November 6th

Smoke, Lilies & Jade

Alex, a young Harlem Renaissance artist and writer, plays around at love and life until he meets Beauty, appropriately named, who makes no bones about his same-sex desires. Troubled and confused, Alex wavers on the brink of passion until a challenge posed by his girlfriend forces his hand.

Sunday, November 7th
Sydney
Sydney talks about her life as a black, queer activist.

Saturday, November 6th

Taffy
A young photographer hears the story of an older man.

Saturday, November 6th

With Wonder
Born out of Director Sharon Lewis’ own muted struggle with not fitting into neat racial/Queer/Christian boxes, With Wonder takes an intimate look at the journey of members of the Queer, Christian community of color and their attempts to answer the question: Can you be both Christian and Queer?

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SPONSORS

Our 2021-2022 season is made possible by the generous support of: