

# TWIN CITIES FILM FEST

**ANNOUNCES MNMICRO FILM FESTIVAL**

***A Celebration of Local Culture & Heritage Through Free Film Screenings***

**First Micro Film Festival to Celebrate Pride Month – Sunday, June 23**

**St. Louis Park, Minn. (June 13, 2024) –** The Twin Cities Film Fest announces the MNmicro Cultural Film Festival designed to showcase four of Minnesota’s local culture heritages. Each single day festival will feature five free film screenings.

The first MNmicro Film Festival will be held on June 23, 2024 to spotlight the LGBTQ+ community during Pride Month. Future cultural focuses take place during their respective months of national celebrations: Indigenous (November 2024), Black History (February 2025), and Asian American Pacific Islander (May 2025).

TCFF was one of 86 recipients from a pool of over 350 applicants to receive a grant for the MNmicro Film Festival celebrating Minnesota’s cultural heritage. The Cultural Heritage awards support a wide range of activities throughout the entire State of Minnesota to preserve and honor the state’s cultural heritage by providing education and student outreach on cultural diversity, supporting the development of culturally diverse humanities programming, and empowering communities in building identity and culture. This work is funded in part by the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) with money from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Tickets for the upcoming PRIDE micro film festival are FREE. Reserve your tickets while supplies last at [twincitiesfilmfest.org/mnmicro-film-fest-pride](http://www.twincitiesfilmfest.org/mnmicro-film-fest-pride).

**DATE:** Sunday June 23, 2024

**LOCATION:** Showplace ICON Theaters, Shops at West End – St. Louis Park, Minn.

**SCHEDULE:**

11:15 a.m. Registration opens

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Pride Celebration Mixer in TCFF Office - 1633 West End Blvd, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Noon **Not in My Lifetime** - free screening

1 p.m. **FREE CeCe!** - free screening

2 p.m. **This Obedience** - free screening

3:15 p.m. **Witch** - free screening

4:15 p.m. **Summer Solstice** - free screening

**Film Descriptions**

**Not in My Lifetime (12 p.m.)**

Directed by: Pam Colby

Synopsis: Not in My Lifetime is a 75-minute documentary that explores the effects of gay marriage equality legislation on artists, activists and politicians. The film’s narrative unfolds through the life story of Pam Colby, a storyteller and lesbian baby boomer from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/253313053>  
Reserve free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/922642126437?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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**FREE CeCe! (1 p.m.)**

Directed by: Jacqueline Gares

Synopsis: On her way to the store with a group of friends, Chrishaun Reed “CeCe” McDonald was attacked. In fighting for her own life, a man was killed. After a coercive interrogation, CeCe was incarcerated in a men’s prison in Minnesota. An international campaign to free CeCe garnered significant support from media and activists, including actress and executive producer Laverne Cox. Laverne uses her platform to explore the roles race, class, and gender played in CeCe’s case. CeCe emerges not only as a survivor, but as a leader. Documentarian Jac Gares pushes past everyday narratives of victimhood that surround the lives of trans people, to foreground the way CeCe and other trans people are leading a growing movement to critically interrogate and disassemble the prison industrial complex.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNjzvlI0VxM>  
Reserve free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/922667341857?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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**This Obedience (2 p.m.)**

Directed by: Dawn Mikkelson & Jamie A. Lee

Synopsis: Out Lesbian minister the Rev. Anita C. Hill fights the toughest battle of her life as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America grapples with her ordination, an act of “ecclesiastical disobedience” against the church policy that GLBT clergy vow celibacy. THIS Obedience is an emotional journey through the conflict between faith and love.

Reserve free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/922668254587?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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**Witch (3:15 p.m.)**

Directed by: Vanessa M. H. Powers

Synopsis: Aima tells her babysitter that the "Witch," created in a game of make-believe, will never stop chasing them. Imagination rules as they march toward their showdown with the evil Witch. The unreal becomes reality, and the consequences remain.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0AfvempU90>  
Reserve free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/921219932617?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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**Summer Solstice (4:15 p.m.)**

Directed by: Noah Schamus

Synopsis: Trans man Leo’s life is a jumble of auditions, acting classes, barista jobs, and situationships, all of which he hopes will amount to more. Unexpectedly, Leo’s college best friend, cisgender and straight Eleanor, calls Leo announcing that she’ll be driving through NYC, and offers to pick him up for an impromptu trip upstate. They embark on the weekend getaway, marking their first time spent together since Leo began transitioning. Reunited with new gender dynamics between them, and uncovering problems lurking behind Eleanor’s “well-meaning” façade, Leo and Eleanor navigate how their old feelings towards one another exist within this new context, forcing them both to confront buried secrets and emotions. A modern twist on the buddy comedy from a queer and trans perspective, this film is a celebration of friendship, resilience, and coming of age again.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/NXJFIGxKyT4>  
Reserve free tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/922671233497?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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## ABOUT TWIN CITIES FILM FEST

Twin Cities Film Fest (TCFF) is a Minneapolis-based 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization founded by Executive Director, Jatin Setia. We change perspectives, transform lives, and strengthen our communities by supporting and spurring on the art of filmmaking. TCFF’s vision is to cultivate immersive experiences that amplify communities of creation, celebration, and change. To learn more about TCFF, events, film submissions or to donate, visit [twincitiesfilmfest.org.](https://twincitiesfilmfest.org/)

## ABOUT KERASOTES SHOWPLACE THEATRES & KITCHEN

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## ABOUT THE SHOPS AT WEST END

The Shops at West End is an exciting mixed-use development located in the highly affluent suburb of St. Louis

Park, just minutes from downtown Minneapolis. Located at the intersection of I-394 & 100, The Shops at West End features restaurants such as CRAVE and THE LOCAL, and various retailers. For a complete list of West End tenants, please visit [www.TheShopsAtWestEnd.com.](http://www.theshopsatwestend.com/)

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