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THE MANY SIDES OF PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES NEW FESTIVAL DATES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (February 16, 2021) — MOCA Jacksonville is pleased to announce The Many Sides of Pride® Film Festival presented by the LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida, to take place at MOCA Jacksonville June 3 – 6, 2021. The film festival will feature the best in LGBTQ film as well as films directed by members of the LGBTQ community to celebrate their diverse impact on the world of cinema.

Over the course of 4 days, MOCA Jacksonville will present 8 films highlighting the diversity of LGBTQ stories and storytellers. Programming will include presentations from filmmakers, panel discussions with members of Jacksonville’s LGBTQ community, and moderated post-film conversations. Film screenings will include new films such as “Hurley” (2019) and classics such as “The Adventures of Pricilla, Queen of the Desert” (1974), as well as a Short Film Showcase featuring “Buck” (2020), “Happy Birthday Marsha” (2017) and “Scorpio Rising” (1963). Programming will be offered both virtually and limited in-person viewing with CDC guidelines in place to make for a safe viewing experience for guests. All programs are free to the public.

“The Many Sides of Pride Film Festival is an opportunity for us all to celebrate the extraordinary contribution of the LGBTQ community to cinema,” says MOCA Director Caitlín Doherty. “MOCA Jacksonville is grateful to partner with the LGBTQ Community Fund in providing this cultural event for all to enjoy safely both in person and at home.”

In 2020, The LGBTQ Community Fund provided a grant to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville, a cultural institute of UNF, to create and produce this inaugural event. The festival was originally set to open in June of 2020 but was rescheduled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

“We are exceptionally proud to host this showcase of talented films and filmmakers, and believe The Many Sides of Pride Film Festival will further illustrate the contributions of the LGBTQ community,” said Dr. Joe Barton, chair of the advisory board of the LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida. “We look forward to an exciting event and we hope it will open the door for more meaningful dialogue within the greater community.”

Interview opportunities are available with festival organizers, sponsors and museum leadership.

Please see link below for images:

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ABOUT MOCA JACKSONVILLE

Founded in 1924 as the Jacksonville Fine Arts Society, MOCA Jacksonville is a private nonprofit visual arts educational institution and cultural institute of the University of North Florida located in the historic Western Union Telegraph building in the heart of downtown. MOCA Jacksonville serves the community and its visitors through its mission to promote the discovery, knowledge and advancement of the art, artists and ideas of our time. For more information including hours of operation, admission prices and upcoming exhibitions and programs, go to mocajacksonville.unf.edu

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ABOUT THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY FUND FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA

The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida was established at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in 2014. It offers individuals and organizations a way to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning community in Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns and Baker counties. Gifts to the LGBTQ Community Fund are used to make grants that support community organizations and institutions, so they can better serve the local LGBTQ community. To date, the LGBTQ Fund has made nearly \$1 million in grants to organizations in Northeast Florida. For more information, go to www.jaxcf.org/lgbtq

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