



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN THE UK, A DVD COMPILATION OF GAY SHORT FILMS



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A History of Boys On Film

A long awaited compilation that showcases nine incredible short films and documentaries from all corners of the world, '**Boys on Film 1: Hard Love**' deals with a wide range of contemporary and fantastical topics, from falling in love with your straight best friend and growing old and gay gracefully, to undead crushes and wild gay rodeos. The first of a series of three volumes to be released in 2009, '**Boys on Film**' is picking up the baton from where a much loved but long since forgotten series of gay and lesbian shorts left off many years ago.

In 1993 Tom Abell's *Dangerous To Know* was the first distributor to release compilations of short films on the VHS Home Video format. Lesbian Lykra Shorts and **Boys on Film** introduced a number of new filmmakers to an international audience. Other territories were swift to follow and shorts compilations became a popular way of showcasing new talent who went on to become celebrated and successful filmmakers.

These compilations were followed by Lesbian Leather shorts – which included a short starring a very young Lucy Lawless ('Zena: Warrior Princess', 'Battlestar Galactica') and five more volumes of **Boys On Film**, one of which introduced Neil Hunter who went on to make 'Boyfriends', 'The Lawless Heart' and 'Sparkle'.

Sixteen years later and Tom, now managing director of Peccadillo Pictures, is resurrecting the **Boys On Film** series, bringing a diverse selection of new short films and presenting a new generation of filmmakers to the world.

Summer - Dir. Hong Khaou
Starring Peter Peralta, Jay Brown

It is said that if one succeeds in catching a falling leaf in mid-flight, then a wish will be granted. Leung and Will, two teenagers, venture into the woods to catch themselves a wish but Leung longs for something that Will isn't willing to give. A touching tale about the anxiety and excitement of a boy wanting to kiss his best friend.

Director Hong Khaou and actors Jay Brown and Peter Peralta available for interview

Gay Zombie - Dir. Michael Simon
Starring Ryan Carlberg, Brad Bilanin, Robin McDonald

A sexually confused zombie meets a boy and eats another in this hilarious yet touching tale about how much more the heart bleeds when undead love is not reciprocated.

Director Michael Simon and Brad Bilanin (Miles the Zombie) available for interview

Serene Hunter - Dir. Jason Bushman
Starring Eric Debets, Jonathan Stringat, Flannan Obé

Luc is more interested in sweaty hook ups than romance, cruising the busy streets of Paris for his next brief encounter. However, the cynical Luc can't avoid love entirely and eventually must decide between the thrill of the chase or settling into a solid relationship.

Le Weekend - Dir. Timothy Smith
Starring Omar, Fernando Peres

A young, cynical French film student armed with a Super 8 camera comes to London to experience the sights and sounds. He soon befriends a stranger who shows him a side of the city he never thought he would see.

Official Selection, London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

Director Timothy Smith available for interview

Cowboy Forever - Dir. Jean Baptiste Erreca
Starring Jones de Araújo, Ronald Rosa

Fictionalized from a true story, this docu-drama takes us on a journey through Brazil's Mato Grosso do Sul and into the lives of a pair of Brazilian gauchos, one of whom, Govinda, has an irrepressible attraction to fellow cowboy John.

Scarred - Dir. Damien Rea
Starring Chris Anderson, David Durham

The once handsome Rafi has a recently disfigured face that makes it difficult for him to meet other men. When a close friend introduces him to Joe, Rafi feels strangely drawn to the stranger. Yet he isn't sure why Joe doesn't seem to mind his scars and as Rafi knows only too well, appearances are deceiving...

Winner of the PlanetOut Short Movie Awards

Packed Lunch - Dir. Tim Hunter

Many swimwear designers, Speedo fanatics and its creator Peter Travis discuss why it is that gay men can't seem to get enough of these tight fitting trunks.

Speedo creator Peter Travis available for interview

Mirror, Mirror - Dir. John Winter
Starring Roy Billing

Joe's glory days as Jana, the glamorous drag queen, are well behind him. Sitting before his familiar vanity mirror, Joe faces the difficult decision of saying goodbye to his alter ego – but feisty Jana won't fade away without a fight.

Official Selection, Frameline International Film Festival

VGL Hung! Dir. Max Barber
Starring Marcus Proctor, Ashley Ryder

Bored and ignored, a magical website gives short and unattractive Terry the powers to transform himself into any hunk he desires. However, being handsome and hung doesn't make life any easier. Featuring many Eurocreme stars, this is a witty modern day fairytale about how ruthless the gay scene can be.

Director Max Barber available for interview