



For the first time in a long time, a new collection of lesbian short films.



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Synopsis

Nine up-and-coming and established female filmmakers bring you a refreshing variety of shorts that look at all aspects of lesbian life and love, from contemporary scenarios of mistaken identity and bedroom hang-ups to period pieces concerning secret rendezvous and forbidden relationships. Sobering issues such as racial stereotypes and domestic violence are also touched upon, as are tales of wistful romance and teenage friendships boiling over into sexual desire.

The collection features work from acclaimed writers/filmmakers Guinevere Turner (*The L Word*, *Itty Bitty Titty Committee*, *American Psycho*) and Roberta Munroe (*How Not To Make A Short Film*), actresses Nathalie Toriel (*Finn's Girl*) and Lucy Liemann (*Moving Wallpaper*, *Reggie Perrin*) and British performance artists Bird La Bird, Dyke Marilyn and Split Britches.

A History of Lesbian Short Film distribution in the UK

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 ('Xena: Warrior Princess', 'Battlestar Galactica') and five more volumes of *Boys On Film*. Meanwhile, Millivres Multimedia released their own compilations, *Dinner Party Shorts* and *Desirables*, which in 2007 were acquired by Peccadillo.

Now, Peccadillo Pictures is planning to release a whole new wave of lesbian shorts, with several more already planned for release in 2010.



Wicked Desire - Dir. Angela Cheng (USA) 13mins
Starring Emma Angeline, Julia Weldon

The Crabb family in Texas are thrown a curve-ball when they discover that daughter Jessica is moonlighting under a secret identity at school. Through the eyes of younger sister Bee, we witness the attempts of the family to make Jessica 'normal'.

Official Selection, NewFest New York and Outfest Los Angeles Film Festivals



Below the Belt - Dir. Laurie Colbert, Dominique Cardona (Canada) 13mins
Starring Nathalie Toriel, Cara Pifko, Tanja Jacobs

Seventeen year old girls Jill and Oona explore their sexuality in between bouts of boxing and playfighting. Yet when Oona invites Jill back to her house, the sparring spills over into something much more intense.

Official Selection, Berlin and Toronto International Film Festivals

Winner, Audience Award, Inside/Out Toronto and Seattle LGBT Film Festivals



Congratulations Daisy Graham - Dir. Cassandra Nicolaou (Canada) 15mins
Starring Barbara Gordon, Brenda Bazinet

Seventy-year-old Daisy Graham is having a hard day. No one in her small town wants to let her forget about the big ceremony tomorrow, a ceremony at the local high school in her honour. But Daisy has more important things to think about than some ceremony - she's dug out her rifle, now all she needs is a box of bullets.

Winner. Best Female Short. Philadelphia LGBT Film Festival



Dani and Alice - Dir. Roberta Munroe (USA) 11mins
Starring Yolonda Ross, Lisa Branch, Guinevere Turner

Dani and Alice are coming to the end of a tumultuous relationship. As they prepare to leave their favourite girl bar, the ramifications of Alice's actions earlier in the night are brought up in a heated conversation behind the wheel of Dani's car, with tragic end results.

Winner, Best Drama, Planet Out International Film Festival



A Soft Place - Dir. Suzanne Guacci (USA) 10mins
Starring Margaret Donlin, Meredith Riordan

Two women conspire in a laundromat after finding themselves in a sticky situation. A bedroom tryst brought them together, but hubby's stained duvet threatens to tear them apart!

Official Selection, London and Turin LGBT Film Festivals



Private Life - Dir. Abbe Robinson (UK) 15mins
Starring Lucy Liemann, Jana Carpenter

Ruth Ackroyd leaves the monotony of her work at her father's textile mill on a Friday evening and secretly takes the train to Manchester. There, she meets a man on the platform, but all is not what it seems...

Best UK Short Film - Iris Prize Cardiff, Winner - PlanetOut Short Film Awards



Fem - Dir. Inge 'Campbell' Blackman (UK) 10mins
With Dyke Marilyn, Bird LaBird, Lois Weaver, Josephine Wilson, Killpussy

Portraying femininity from ancient mythology and popular cinematic culture, *Fem* subverts images of empowered women to experimental and lyrical effect, with a butch narration from Peggy Shaw of UK Lesbian Feminist Theatre Company 'Split Britches'.

Official Selection, Outfest, MixNYC, Copenhagen and Paris LGBT Festivals



Happy Birthday - Dir. Roberta Munroe (USA) 15mins
Starring Lisa Branch, Julie Goldman

A hilarious role-reversal tale of two couples, two birthdays and two sex toys! Abigail wants a dildo. Hannah wants a baby. Jack and Madeleine are happy with things just the way they are.

Winner, Best Short Film at Seoul LGBT and Melbourne Queer Film Festivals



Late - Dir. Guinevere Turner (USA) 7mins
Starring Suthi Picotte

Maggie has missed a date with a girl she really liked and will not return her best friend's phone calls. By looking around her apartment and listening to her phone messages, we learn why.

Official Selection, Frameline San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival