

CINEMAROSA

queens only queer film series

PRESS RELEASE
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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QUEER INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES, PRESENTS A VERY SPECIAL SCREENING FOR LGBT FAMILIES WITH THE PRESENTATION OF AWARD WINING DOCUMENTARY *"That's a Family,"* AND THE VERY "SWEET" EPISODE OF *"Postcards from Buster: Sugartime"* ON SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2006 AT THE QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 3:00 to 5:00 PM. FREE ADMISSIONS!

The event is organized in partnership with *Gay Parent Magazine* (www.gayparentmag.com) and sponsored by *Circle of Support* (www.circleofsupport.org).

(Queens, NY – June 1st, 2006) – Queens' first and only independent film-video series dedicated to present local, national and international works of fiction, documentary, and experimental focusing on the lives and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) peoples and communities, presents a special program dedicated to LGBT families and friends on Sunday, July 16, 3:00 PM with the screening of award winning documentary *"That's a Family,"* directed by Dir. Debra Chasnoff, and the very "sweet" episode of *"Postcards from Buster: Sugartime"*, Dir. Jyllian Gunther.

"That's a Family!" is a film for kids about family diversity. A highly entertaining documentary that breaks new ground in helping kids see and understand many of the different shapes that families take today. The children who star in the documentary take viewers on a tour through their lives and speak movingly about their unique family experiences, explaining the lives of various families with parents of different races or religions, divorced parents, single parents, gay or lesbian parents, adoptive parents or grandparents as guardians. The presentation of this film has been possible by Women's Educational Media, producer and distributor of films and educational resources on issues ranging from environmental concerns to affordable housing to preventing prejudice.

(www.womedia.org) The double screening also includes *"Postcards from Buster: Sugartime"*

following the animated 8-year-old Buster Baxter as he travels across the country experiencing the rich and varied cultures that make up the United States. He records real kids in video "postcards" which he sends to his friends back home. In "Sugartime!", Buster travels to Vermont where he

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learns about maple sugaring and dairy farming while visiting with a family of children who have two moms. The series is designed to help 6-to 8-year olds understand and respect differences and learn to live in a multicultural society.

After the screenings there will be a panel, Q&A session with Angie Acain, Publisher and Editor of *Gay Parent Magazine*, Greg Miller from Circle of Support and other Queens Based LGBT parents. Light refreshments for parents will be served. While kids enjoy sodas and ice cream pose with your family for a take home portrait. The event is organized in partnership with Angie Acain, editor of *Gay Parent Magazine* and sponsored by Greg Miller from *Circle of Support*.

For more information and detailed schedules of events as well as press materials visit www.cinemarosa.org

As **Queens Only Queer Film Series**, CINEMAROSA's mission is to create a cultural hub in Queens, screening a diverse range of Queer Independent Films, presenting media events, and spreading news of interest and in relation to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities of this borough. The project fosters the integration of diverse LGBT communities through the creation of cultural film media programs where Queer Artists can present their works and speak about their experiences with the audience. Though CINEMAROSA encourages Queer Media Creators to become active in the artistic movement of the NYC area, it does not exclude any other person working on issues and themes that relate to the LGBT experiences.

CINEMAROSA was created and is under the direction of film-video-media maker, Hector Canonge who declares that the film series "is an independent, non for profit initiative whose objective is to bring to the borough of Queens queer cinema to educate and create, in the near future, a film center where LGBT artists can create their projects and screen them." Since its inception in 2004, CINEMAROSA has prompted dialogues, debates, and Q&A sessions with participant directors and the audience. Canonge adds that "as events get organized, the goal is to reach the disperse LGBT communities of Queens and beyond and also to educate the general public with material that best reflect a positive attitude towards lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders."

Since its second season, all screenings and presentations are Free of Charge to the public and take place at the Queens Museum of Art, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park. As part of its mission, CINEMAROSA co-produces events like *Queerin' Queens*, an annual LGBT cultural celebration organized by the Queens

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Museum of Art and publishes PiNK an online e-newsletter, dedicated to review cinema, music, books, and performing arts catered to LGBT audiences.

DIRECTIONS:

Subway: Via #7 Train to Flushing. Exit at Willest Point Avenue/Shea Stadium. Descend the platform on the park side and walk through the park to the museum, which is located next to the Unisphere.

Queens Culture Trolley: The Trolley provides a bridge between local business, cultural institutions and the public. The service runs on Saturdays and Sundays and departs from the museum between 12pm and 5pm.

By Bus: Q48 to Roosevelt Ave and 111th Street. Walk south through park (toward Unisphere); Q23, Q58 to Corona Ave and 51st Ave. Walk east through park.

Partner:

Gay Parent Magazine is the oldest, free, nationally distributed publication dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parenting (LGBT). In September 1998, Gay Parent magazine (GPM) was first launched online at www.gayparentmag.com. Within two hours email from enthusiastic readers began pouring in. Gay Parent magazine print followed two months later, November 1998. GPM print is published bi-monthly and distributed across the U.S.A. mainly through gay community centers and bookstores. Gay Parent magazine's focus is to support and empower LGBT parents and to support LGBTs wishing to become first time parents.

Since 1998, Gay Parent magazines has been recognized by the LGBT community as well as by the mainstream through media coverage such as Philadelphia Gay News, LesbianaNation.com, New York's Newsday, and the Honolulu Advertiser. Publisher, Angeline Acain was nominated Grand Marshall for the 8th Queens County Annual Pride Parade in June 2000 and marched in the parade with her partner Susan and their daughter. In 2003, the first issue of New York Gay Parent Guide was published. Different from nationally distributed Gay Parent magazine, the guide is distributed only in New York state and focuses on LGBT parents living in New York and the tri-state area. In 2006 the guide's name was changed to Gay Parent magazine - New York.

Sponsor:

Circle of Support is an innovative program designed to enhance access and support for foster, kinship and adoptive parents in local communities. As part of a Circle of Support group members meet regularly with other foster and adoptive parents to discuss topics that are important to you and other participants. During the meetings members can also learn about and share resources that can help families in everyday life by providing access to emotional and material support. ###