

LGBTQ+ History Month

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Resource Pack





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The theme for LGBTQ+ History Month 2023 is 'Behind the Lens'. The aim of 'Behind the Lens' is to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's hard work and contributions to the production of film and cinema from 'Behind the lens'. The roles that are being celebrated include directors, producers, actors, screenwriters and beyond.

Film, television and media can educate, empower and inspire. It can make you laugh, cry, or leave you speechless. But importantly, is its ability to raise up marginalised voices and experiences to a global audience.

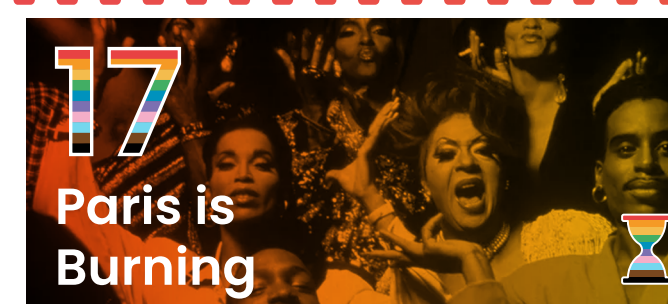
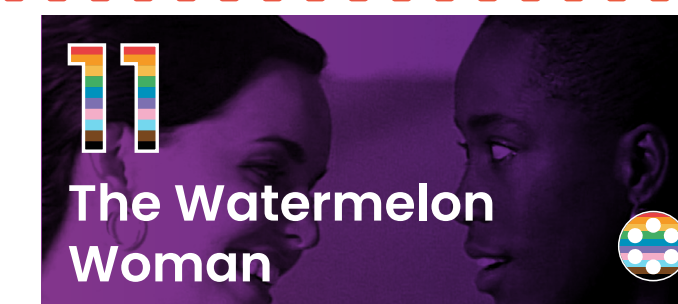
In this resource pack, we have put together a calendar of impactful films and documentaries to immerse yourself in. Let's celebrate the amazing work of LGBTQ+ directors, actors, screenwriters and beyond, that have shared their lived experiences on a global stage.

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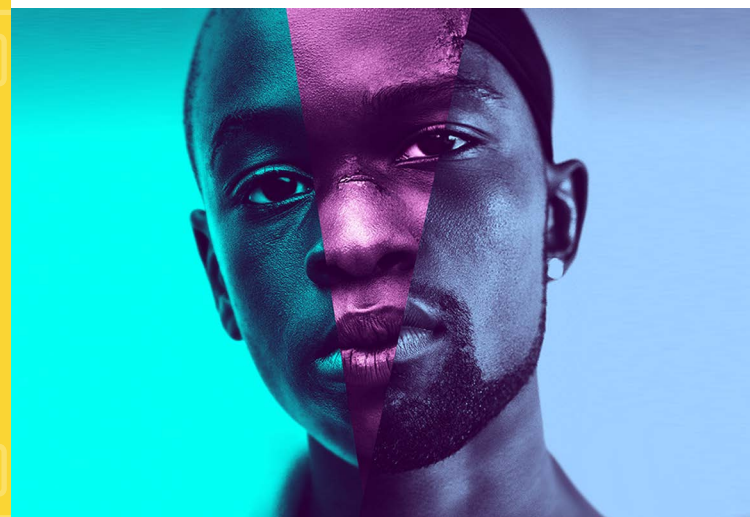
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'Before Stonewall' - Documentary

Synopsis: Get started this LGBTQ+ History month with this documentary which provides essential context to the LGBTQ+ community's long-fought campaign for civil rights.

Where to find: Amazon Prime, Apple TV, YouTube



'Moonlight' - Film

Synopsis: A timeless story of human connection and self-discovery, Moonlight chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world.

Where to find: BBC iPlayer, Amazon Prime



'Everybody's talking about Jamie' - Film

Synopsis: Based on the true-life story of 16-year-old British schoolboy Jamie Campbell, as he overcomes prejudice and bullying to step out of the darkness and become a drag queen.

Where to find: Amazon Prime

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'The Watermelon Woman' – Film

Synopsis: This Cheryl Duayne production explores a young black lesbian who probes into the life of The Watermelon Woman, a 1930s black actress who played 'mammy' archetypes.

Where to find: Amazon Prime



'Pride' – Film

Synopsis: 'Pride', 2014, is a British film telling the true story of "Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners", a group of Gay and Lesbian activists who supported the miners during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.

Where to find: Netflix, Disney+



'It's a Sin' – Series

Synopsis: 'It's a Sin' is a British drama miniseries written by Russell T Davies. Set in London between 1981 and 1991, it depicts the lives of a group of gay men and their friends during the HIV/AIDS crisis in the United Kingdom.

Where to find: Channel 4, ITVX, Netflix

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'Paris is Burning' - Documentary

Synopsis: In the ground-breaking documentary 'Paris is Burning', Jennie Livingston explores New York's drag and ballroom scene in the 1980s, touching on issues of racism, poverty, stigma and the strength, joy and perseverance of those within the scene.

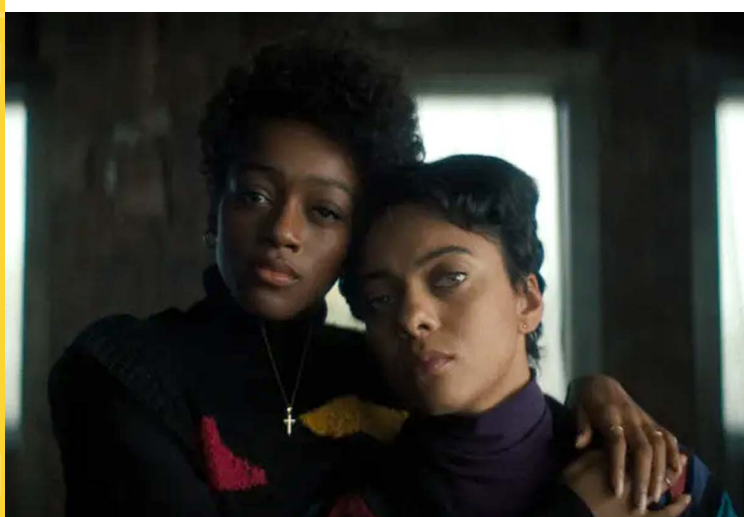
Where to find: YouTube



'Rūrangi' - Film

Synopsis: In this New Zealand drama, 'Rurangi', we see Max Currie direct and tell the story of Caz Davis, a transgender activist that returns to the remote, politically divided dairy community with the hopes of reconnecting with his father.

Where to find: Amazon Prime, Apple TV



'Beauty' - Film

Synopsis: 'Beauty' is an American drama written and co-produced by Lena Waithe. The film follows a young, gifted Black woman, who struggles to maintain her voice and identity after she's offered a lucrative recording contract.

Where to find: Netflix

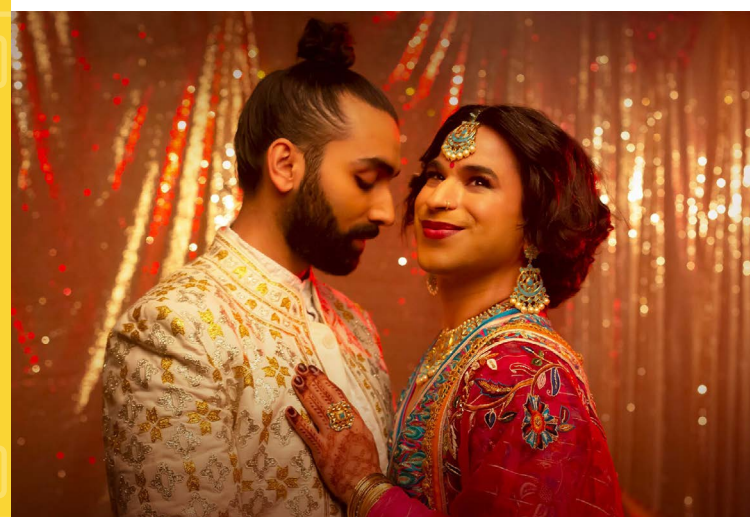
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'A kid like Jake' – Film

Synopsis: Directed by Silas Howard, 'A Kid Like Jake' follows the story of the loving parents of a four-year-old, who must come to terms with their child being transgender.

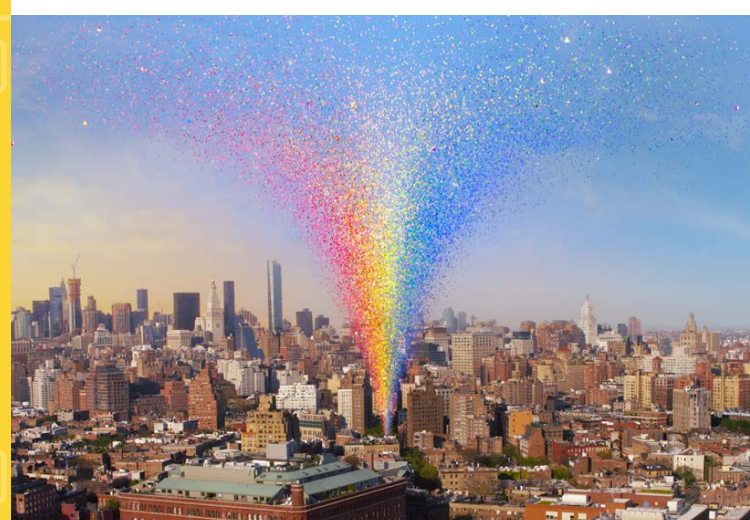
Where to find: Amazon Prime



'Queer Parivaar' – Film

Synopsis: In this Iris Prize-winning short film, directed by Shiva Raichandani, 'Queer Parivaar' follows the story of a couple who are forced to face past secrets and reflect on what makes a family.

Where to find: Channel 4



'Stonewall Forever' – Documentary

Synopsis: This documentary directed by Ro Haber brings together voices from over 50 years of LGBTQ activism to explore the ongoing legacy of Stonewall.

Where to find: YouTube

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'The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' – Film

Synopsis: A pioneering LGBTQ+ gem, this funny, smart and intensely lovable road-trip comedy follows a trans woman and two drag queens as they kick up the dust in Australia's outback.

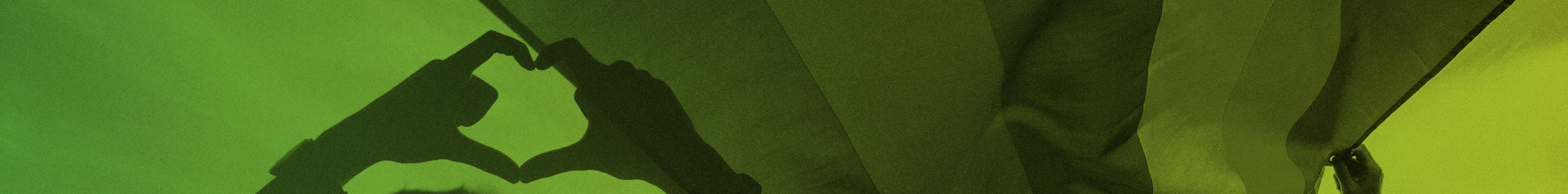
Where to find: Apple TV, Google Play TV



'It's A Sin: Forgotten Queer History of HIV' – Podcast

Synopsis: Rory and Nic Desborough chat with Seyan Sarvan of Channel 4's hit show It's a Sin and Human Rights Campaigner Ceri Hutton about the forgotten Queer history of the HIV and Aids crisis of the 1980s, exploring themes brought to light by the show. This episode was recorded for Roundhouse's celebration of LGBT+ History Month.

Where to find: Spotify



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Get involved

We would love for you to get involved in this campaign so you can recommend your favourite impactful LGBTQ+ film, documentary or any production (podcasts, interviews, etc) 'Behind the Lens'. The resource pack will also include LGBTQ+ film charities which support the amazing work being done to inspire the next generation and beyond.

The resource pack will be used as a content bank where people can educate themselves and celebrate the amazing contributions of LGBTQ+ people in film, cinema and media.

How do I submit my recommendation to the LGBTQ+ 'Behind the Lens' resource pack?

All you have to do is send the listed information below to hello@nkd.co.uk :

- Name
- Your LGBTQ+ 'Behind the Lens' recommendation
- A link to watch or listen to the production 'Behind the Lens'

Once you're done, we will review and pop your recommendation into the resource pack.



Charities

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Charities to support this LGBTQ+ History Month and beyond

LGBTQ+ History Month is a time when the LGBTQ+ communities can come together to both remember and celebrate the historical and monumental wins, and advocate for the work that still needs to be done. Its history is rooted in social action, political marches, and protecting the most vulnerable. Whether you're an ally or member of the LGBTQ+ communities, if you want to help implement real change, there are so many charities working to support LGBTQ+ people and causes that you can get behind.

This year we have selected 4 charities that are in the film and theatre industry to spotlight:



LCR Pride Foundation

Film with Pride forms part of LCR Pride Foundation's year-round programme of social and cultural events. Showcasing the very best of LGBT+ cinema from around the world, they collaborate to ensure the best in new and classic LGBT+ cinema can be seen across the Liverpool City Region and create chances to view films in a friendly, social setting. All their films are selected by a group of Film with Pride volunteers.

Film with Pride is also about more than just film. They are committed to working together to create an inclusive community of LGBT+ film lovers and to elevate and celebrate voices rarely heard in mainstream cinema.

Link: <https://www.lcrpride.co.uk/film/>



Shropshire Rainbow Film Festival

To develop and maintain public education and appreciation of the art and science of film, filmmaking, and other related visual art forms through film festivals and other film events, aimed primarily at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. Increasing awareness and portraying the lives of LGBT people in the UK and worldwide.

Link: <https://www.rainbowfilmfestival.org.uk/mission/>



National Queer Theater

National Queer Theater is an innovative theater collective dedicated to celebrating the brilliance of generations of LGBTQ artists, and providing a home for unheard storytellers and activists. By serving our elders, youth, and working professionals, NQT creates a more just future through radical and evocative theater experiences and free community classes.

Link: <https://www.nationalqueertheater.org>



Raze Collective

Raze is a charity established to support, develop and nurture queer performance in the UK. Through their queer-led, artist & community driven programme they curate innovative events & performance opportunities for queer creatives!

Link: <https://www.razecollective.com>

Get in touch

For more content on LGBTQ+ History [click here](#) or our previous campaigns [here](#).

To talk about creating a more equitable workplace, [get in touch](#) with us.





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