

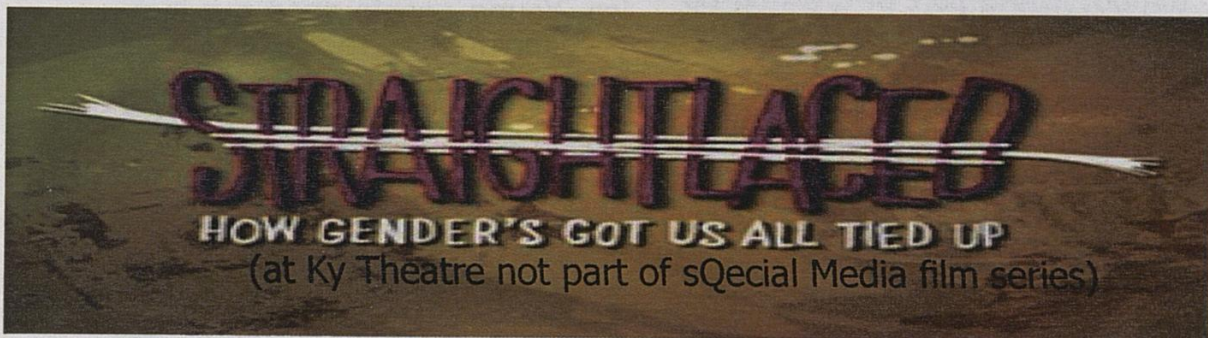
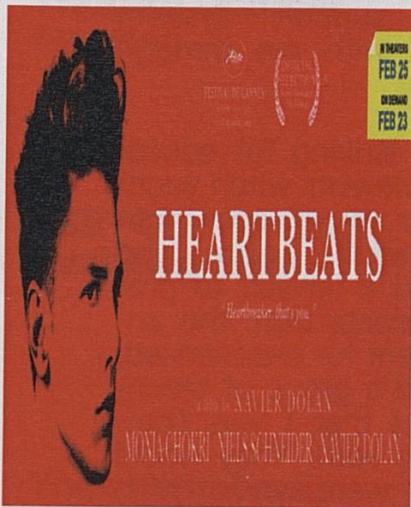
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GLSO heads to the movies



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Straightlaced

By Mary Crone, Contributor

Straightlaced, How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up, a documentary by Debra Chasnoff, will be shown on Saturday, September 22 at 10 am at the Kentucky Theater in downtown Lexington.

This film includes stories from fifty U.S. high school students who speak frankly and powerfully about their experiences with gender, gender identity and sexual orientation. While most of the youth interviewed do identify as male or female, they talk about how social norms limit their choices. Some express a felt need to be vigilant, to make sure their clothes, behavior and attitudes fit inside the male or female gender box. Others share how their gender identity doesn't conform to social expectations.

For example, Verde shares, "I'm not just female. You know, my body may be, and other people may think that's how I identify . . . [but] it doesn't match." Sky adds, "My experience is that there's not two genders; there's really a spectrum. There's everything from boy and girl, to transgender to, uh, tomboys. And part of growing up is finding out where you fit on that spectrum."

The second part of the movie addresses the intersection of gender and sexuality as youth explore their feelings about sexuality, homophobia, and transphobia. Briseida talks about her struggle to regain a "sense of self" after coming out as a lesbian: "You know how people say that you're hiding in the closet?" she notes. "It's not a closet . . . it's sort of like a prison."

A young man, who does not seem to identify as gay, poignantly

notes that "having your sexuality questioned is a very powerful tool in controlling someone . . . it's so easy to control somebody by questioning something that they don't know, by making fun of something they can't help." Fortunately, many of these teens talk about how support from friends, and less often teachers, can make a difference. Rey, who identifies as transgender and transitioned during high school, notes, "I'm definitely thankful for my friends. They're my support system. They've stuck with me through the whole way."

Perhaps most striking for educators are the moments when youth speak of their experiences with school-based adults. Lance, who eventually filed a lawsuit to protect other students from the antigay harassment he experienced, reflects, "I had a group of teachers on campus that I was comfortable talking with. They would listen and they were sympathetic, but none of them stepped up as an advocate for me . . . none of them stepped up to make sure I was gonna be safe."

Straightlaced is a compelling film that offers a unique view into the lives of adolescents across America. Young people need our support and our help to create schools where bullying and harassment are not tolerated and where real dialogue can occur.

If you want to contribute to school safety, consider financially supporting or volunteering time with the Gay Lesbian Service Organization. We have been working with teens for twelve years.

Our Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) for youth is working to support school GSAs. For information contact Mary Crone at mary@glso.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GSA Meeting

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Pride Center

Trans Kentucky Meeting

Saturday, Sept 1, 6:30 p.m.
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GLSO Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept 6, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

KY Bourbon Bears Meeting

Saturday, Sept 8, 9 p.m.
Crossings

Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting

Sunday, Sept 9 & 23, 6 p.m.
Pride Center

Negative Partners of Gay Men with HIV Support Group

Monday, Sept 17, 7 p.m.

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Don Lowe

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The mission of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to provide support and services to the GLBTQQIA community.

The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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Sun, Mon & Tues - Closed,
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Fri - 11am-5pm and Sat 11am-5pm.

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3 Kentucky LGBT Scholarships Available! Apply before Sept. 15!

By Chad Hundley,
Contributor

Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) Foundation believes that education is the key to strong social progress. Discrimination has no place in the community of higher education. With that being said, an ever-increasing component of the collegiate experience is students' exposure to diversity.

Three scholarships valued at \$1500 each will be awarded this fall at the annual statewide fairness gala, Out & About. They will be awarded to Kentucky students based on social and financial need, scholastic aptitude and leadership potential as well as community involvement.

Please provide all of the following in an MS Word or PDF file:

1. Name, Home Address, Phone, Email, Grade Point Average, Class Rank, and Major(s).
2. An autobiographical statement that describes you and your academic and future goals. The statement should describe your educational and community experiences and your plans for future education or work. (up to 500 words)
3. A description of any services to, contributions to, or activities in the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community in Kentucky. (up to 250 words)
4. An outline of your student involvement, leadership experiences, volunteer efforts and/or work experience. Please provide reference and contact information for each experience. (up to 500 words)
5. A statement describing your financial need. (up to 250 words)
6. Three letters of recommendation to support your application. They should vary in scope (stu-

dent colleague, faculty member, administrator, community member, etc.).

Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply. The application deadline is September 15, 2012. More information is available online.

www.kentuckyfairness.org

TransKentucky October Meeting

TransKentucky is once again proud to host several physicians and/or nurses from the UK department of Endocrinology, Department of Internal Medicine and possibly also the Department of Family Medicine at UK for our October Meeting.

The discussion will be centered on the use of hormonal therapy for transgendered patients, but, will also include other health concerns and discussion relevant to the other medical practices represented.

This has become something of an annual event and is well attended.

So please come out on Saturday October 6th, 2012 at 7:30pm to the GLSO Pride Center on Waller Avenue and lets show our gratitude to these fine doctors who happily serve the medical needs of our community.

Volunteers Needed

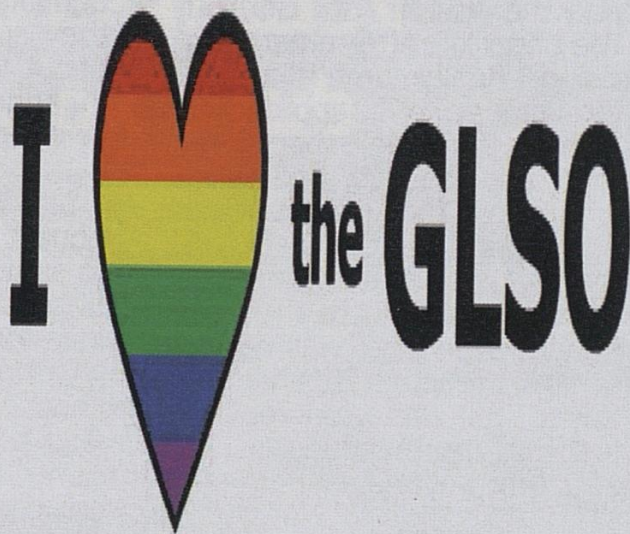
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There Will Be a Day By Karen Taylor, Contributor

In light of all the heartache, hurt feelings, and anger over the Chick-fil-a situation I felt the urge to write about our response as a community. I know we as humans react to such things in various ways mostly in some form of anger. I totally understand.

As one of the laws of motion state (the first one I think), for every action there is an opposite and equal reaction. So when hurtful/hateful actions/words are thrown out there will be hurtful/hateful actions/words in response. However, let's consider for a moment the possibility that the reaction could be different. It can have the same intensity but opposite of the hurt and hate.

There was a time in my not too distant past where I was hurt more deeply than I thought imaginable. I was working toward my ordination as minister with a group who ended up turning on me and I was totally crushed. I was done! Never to go back to any church! I withdrew from the people and the church (not God but yes the people). After a period of mourning I finally came to a point of forgiveness. I approached those who hurt me, shared my thoughts and feelings, and asked for forgiveness for how I reacted. It was healing for me. There, unfortunately, have been many situations in my past where I reacted with anger then later was regretful for how I reacted. It's not that the anger I felt was wrong or bad, it's just that my reaction was not beneficial for anyone.

I'm happy to say there have also been times when my reaction was helpful; for one, my recent retirement. I was basically bullied out of my job. Sure I could have stayed and fought but honestly I didn't

have it in me. I was too beaten down. After much prayer, tears, and talking with Lisa we came to the conclusion it was time to let it go and move on to the next stage of my life. Now I'm free to fight the battle from another perspective. Project Speak Out, the anti-bullying campaign sponsored by Lexington Fairness. So instead of fighting in retaliation with my anger and hurt I have chosen to fight from a point of love, concern for the defenseless and educate graciously those that ignore what is before their own eyes or are ignorant of bullying effects.

That's what I would love to see our community do as we continue to fight the battle of injustice and inequality. When they throw hate speech, we pour out love and work to teach those who simply do not understand what it's like and what it is we truly desire. Clergy for Fairness in Louisville is one such approach I support.

On September the 11th, they stood 50 or so strong (gay and straight alike) in front of Chick-fil-a with a message of love. Their signs read of God's love for all, equality for all. Whenever possible they spoke to people who asked about why they were there. Not in anger, but in calmness, with love, and a desire to educate.

I pray that one day we will see equality for all. I pray all will come to know the knowledge of God's unconditional non-condemning love for us. I pray for a day when all Christians gay or straight will choose to worship together, serve God together, pray together and honestly love one another as Jesus commanded.

I encourage you find a place of worship and proudly, lovingly stand for what you believe in regardless of what anyone says. God bless you all.

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For more information or to place a FREE classified ad

in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org.

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Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is September 20, 2012.

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Putting the FUN, in FUNdraising with Reign 31

By Trinity, Contributor

It's been a busy month for Reign 31 and the ICK.

After the huge success of Investitures 31, we continued the momentum and held the 1st Emperor's Carwash on Saturday, August 11th, in the parking lot at Pulse Nightlife (<http://www.pulsenightlife.com/>). It was a beautiful day (in fact several of us even got sunburned) and the event was an enormous success. With the male and female lines washing over 30 cars and receiving several donations.

The following evening was the HYSTERICAL "Judy Show" held at The Horse & Barrel Pub (<http://deshas.com/>). "Judy"'s interactive, impersonation, comedy show included "appearances" by Judy Garland, Pearle Bailey, & (my favorite) Bette Davis, another greatly successful night!!!

HMIM Emperor 31 hosted the 1st monthly edition of Trivia with The Emperor, at our home bar Crossings Lexington (<http://crossingslexington.com/>) with his co-hostess, Miss Helena Handbasket. Just a evening of fun, trivia, & cocktails. This months edition will be held at Pulse Nightlife on Thursday, September 27th. Daryl's special co-host this month: HIM Dowager Emperor 30 Fred Worsham, (shhhhhhhh, rumor has it.....there could be a special performance, but I'm not one to go around spreading rumors. So you didn't hear it from me.)

Most recently, we held the annual ICK Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball at Bogart's Lounge. We had 2 FIERCE contestants vying for the coveted title of Closet Ball Queen/King. Both contestants brought

incredible talents to the stage making the judging very difficult and CLOSE. Ultimately, Miss Ava Mack-St. James took the title with her illusion of Beyonce, narrowly beating out Mr. Ziggy Rich's Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy, by a mere 8 pts. The pageant worthy numbers provided by the female line filled the competition time and rocked Bogarts Lounge for the full hour!

For the month of September, we will continue our schedule of FUNdraising starting with our Divas of Hazzard show at Crossings on Wed. the 5th. Complete with a Down Home Buffet of Spam, cheese in a can, bugles, moon pies, Vieeny sausages, and all the fixins.

Reign 31 will be traveling to Washington DC for their 1st Coronation Ball the weekend of the 14-16th, with a large contingency representing the ICK.

On the 26th, we will be hosting a benefit for the American Cancer Society at Pulse Nightlife. Putting on a show in memory of Jon "JUICE" Noland (aka Jeanette Wilde, Mother of the Court)

As you can tell we've been extremely busy thus far, and will continue with even more FUN filled events and shows throughout the Reign. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Imperial Court of Kentucky can contact either Monarch or any member of our Board of Directors directly. <http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org/>

In Service,

Trinity

HMIM Empress 31
The Twisted Lion Empress

sQecial presents queer films!

In celebration of the Lexington LGBTQ community, and as a way of saying thanks, independent counter/queer culture bookstore sQecial Media will sponsor four films to be shown throughout the month of October, three of which will comprise the first official GLSO Queer Film Series.

First, as the final installment in this year's Rosa Goddard International Film Festival, sQecial will feature *Weekend (2011)*, a British art house release from director Andrew Haigh. This boy-meets-boy indie ode to new love will be shown at the Kentucky Theater on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:15pm. Tickets will cost \$5.

Only a few days later, the GLSO Queer Film Series will begin! In partnership with the GLSO, sQecial will present three films to be shown at the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library in the Farish Theater on Sundays at 2pm. Free admission.

October 7th – North Sea, Texas (2011)

After nearly two decades of making acclaimed gay-themed short films, Belgian director Bavo Defurne adapts André Sollié's novel *Nooit gaat dit over* for his beautiful and highly stylised first feature length film, 2011's *Noordzee*, Texas.

It is the story of young dreamer Pim, a Walter Mitty of sorts, who grows up and falls for Gino, the somewhat older and über-cool boy next door with attitude and a motorcycle to boot. In writing about the film, Defurne says, "It explores many of the same

themes as my short films – like the discovery that you are different. But my short films didn't explore what happened after that discovery. This film is about what's next, and I wanted that to be something happy."

October 21st – Pariah (2011)

Coming out is generally a well trodden path in the land of queer cinema; luckily Dee Rees' brilliantly engaging *Pariah* gives us new eyes with which to see this often awkward and difficult ritual.

Brimming with tenacity, optimism, and verve, *Alike* is a 17-year-old African-American woman navigating the complexities of family life and community while trying to figure out just where she fits in. Rees' ability to show the humanity of all the film's major players, and the overall sidestepping of one-note characterisations make *Pariah* a genre-defying tour de force.

October 28th – Heartbeats (2010)

Xavier Dolan's amorous and candy-coloured *Heartbeats* is a glossy and darkly comic look at the lengths gay man Francis and his gal pal Marie go to in the battle for the heart of the same fellow, the strikingly beautiful, albeit sexually ambiguous Nicolas.

This acerbically astute Cannes Film Festival award-winning feature plums the depths of friendship, love, obsession, and the fragile yet resilient intricacies of the human heart.

Hope to see you there! Please e-mail sqecial@gmail.com or call (859) 255-4316 if you have any questions.

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Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
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Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

Community and Social Groups

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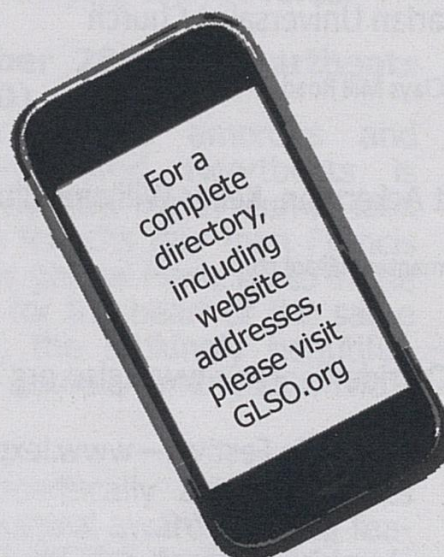
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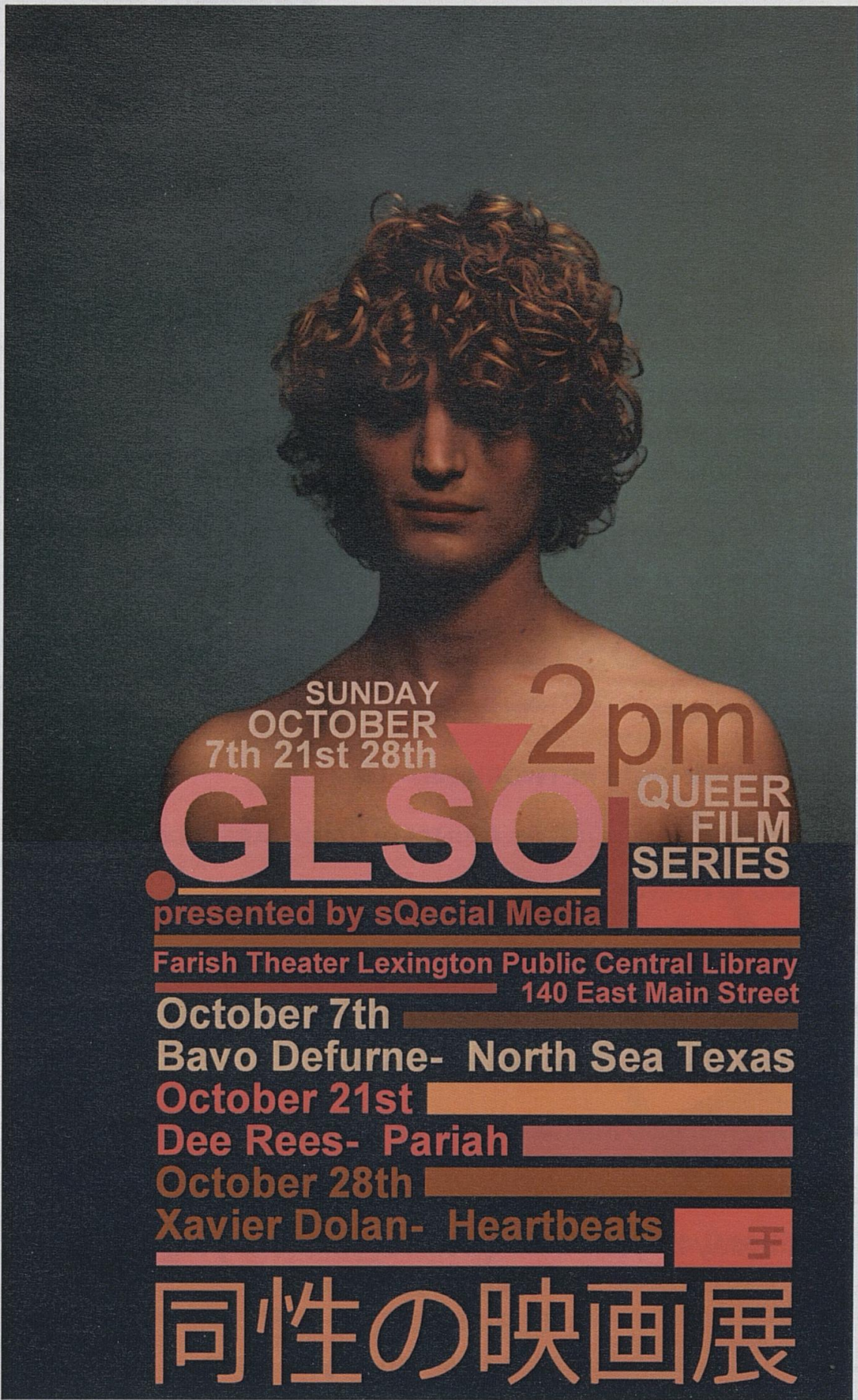
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