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**FILMOUT SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES 11<sup>TH</sup> SAN DIEGO GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL AT THE BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATER, MAY 28 – 31, 2009**

*FilmOut Also Welcomes New Board Members and New Branding For the 11th Year Festival*

**SAN DIEGO, Feb. 9, 2009** – FilmOut San Diego formally announced today its 2009 film festival will be held in May, marking 11 years of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender film in the San Diego region.

As San Diego's only LGBT Film Festival, the four-day, 2009 festival will feature over 45 films from the U.S. and other countries, including France, Germany, Spain, Australia, Brazil, India, Sweden and Canada, among others.

“We are incredibly excited to be able to host our 11<sup>th</sup> festival this year, especially in light of the economic recession, which unfortunately has forced many LGBT film festivals to shut their doors this year,” said Matt Habecker, Festival Director, FilmOut San Diego. “We are fortunate to have sponsors who make the existence of our organization a top priority and if not for them, we would not be having a festival this year.

FilmOut is also excited to welcome new board member, Scott Donald, who brings over 15 years of executive-level business experience to the board. In addition, FilmOut will enter its 11<sup>th</sup> year with a completely rebranded web site ([www.filmoutsandiego.com](http://www.filmoutsandiego.com)) and updated literature for the festival.

The festival will include many world premieres, feature films, short films and documentaries – representing all genres of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender cinema (drama, comedy, foreign language, horror, cult). The event will include four days of films, parties, filmmaker and talent Q&As, and much more.

A complete schedule of films will be available on the FilmOut San Diego web site in the coming weeks. Tickets will be available online at the FilmOut San Diego web site and Obelisk Bookstore April 2008. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the North Park Theater on the day of each event. For additional information, visit [www.filmoutsandiego.com](http://www.filmoutsandiego.com).

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The mission of FilmOut San Diego is to enlighten, educate, and entertain the communities of San Diego County through the exhibition of LGBT-themed films. FilmOut San Diego seeks to recognize, promote, celebrate and support the important diverse artistic contributions LGBT filmmakers make to our community.

FilmOut 2009 is made possible by generous grants from the California Institute of Contemporary Arts, Hawthorn's Restaurant, the Gay & Lesbian Times, FlawLes.com Interactive Male, and many local supporters.

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