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## **FILMOUT SAN DIEGO RELEASES 2009 FILM SCHEDULE**

*FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE US PREMIERE AS OPENING NIGHT SCREENING*

**SAN DIEGO, April 6, 2009** – FilmOut San Diego has released its 2009 film schedule for an 11<sup>th</sup> year of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender film in the San Diego region.

“As always, we’re honored when directors choose FilmOut to premiere their films for the first time,” said Michael McQuiggan, Program Director, FilmOut San Diego. “We have a great line up this year, with a good influence on foreign film, along with plenty of this year’s best dramas and comedies in LGBT cinema.”

Highlights of this year’s festival include: “Make the Yuletide Gay,” a US Premiere; “Pedro,” the story of AIDS activist and MTV The Real World – San Francisco cast member Pedro Zamora; thrillers “Eugene” and “Weak Species;” and foreign films such as “Fashion Victims,” “Chef’s Special,” “Melody of Our Love,” and “New World”

As San Diego's only LGBT Film Festival, the four-day, 2009 festival, scheduled May 28 – 31, 2009, will feature over 45 films from the U.S. and other countries, including France, Germany, Spain, Australia, Brazil, India, Sweden and Canada, among others.

Several other feature films, short films and documentaries, representing all genres of lesbian, gay, bi and transgender cinema (drama, comedy, foreign language, horror, cult) will also be screened throughout the four days of films, parties, and filmmaker/talent Q&As.

A complete schedule of films is currently posted on the FilmOut San Diego web site. Will be available online at the FilmOut San Diego web site and will be available at Obelisk Bookstore on April 21, 2009. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Birch North Park Theater on the day of each event. For additional information, visit [www.filmoutsandiego.com](http://www.filmoutsandiego.com).

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.

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FilmOut is currently seeking sponsors for the 2009 festival. For a list of sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Matt Habecker at 619.987.9982 or [mhabecker@gmail.com](mailto:mhabecker@gmail.com).

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