

# Vancouver Queer Film Festival Sets 2016 Lineup

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The Vancouver Queer Film Festival (VQFF) released its complete festival lineup for the 11-day Festival, August 11 to August 21 curated by Artistic Director Shana Myara. More than 68 films will be showcased at the VQFF, along with 25 directors in attendance, 30 performing artists, and 3 free workshops, in addition to parties and talk back sessions. The Festival will host award-winning filmmaker Ingrid Jungermann from New York City and her critically acclaimed film *Women Who Kill* along with local filmmaker Joella Cabalu and her breakout feature *It Runs in the Family*. Tickets will be released for sale online at [www.queerfilmfestival.ca/tickets](http://www.queerfilmfestival.ca/tickets) this Friday July 15.

"I'm exceptionally proud of our lineup this August," says Artistic Director, Shana Myara. "From collaborative films about transformative trans and Black activists like *Miss Major* to the daring speculative drama *Girls Lost*, we bring a range of genres and experiences to make this a celebratory and curiosity-quenching 28th annual Festival. I'm also proud to renew our commitment to supporting the creation of new work with our inaugural *Troublemakers* videos, by and about local changemakers across generations."

The Festival will host VMA-nominated performer/choreographer Jose Gutierrez Xtravaganza and Kevin Stea, both of whom accompanied Madonna on her "Blond Ambition World Tour", which was the genesis of both the movie *Madonna: Truth or Dare* and the music video for the chart-topping single "Vogue". They'll be at the VQFF's Centrepiece Gala, *Strike a Pose*, a documentary about them and the other five young dancers who reveal the truth about life during and after the tour. *Strike a Pose* is a dramatic tale about finding the courage to be who you are.

"We are delivering a world-class program of queer cinema that will both entertain and provoke queer communities, both local and international", says Executive Director Stephanie Goodwin. "We are particularly proud this year to make both physical and creative space for the best of our queer, trans\* and two-spirit communities."

