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With 80 films, from 20 countries, over 11 days, the choices at the 28th annual Vancouver Queer Film Festival can be overwhelming. To help, we've scoured the festival program and have come up with three films we think you should not miss this year.

1 [North Mountain](#) (Aug 14): Winner of best feature film at this year's Screen Nova Scotia Awards, this Two-Spirit action thriller filmed in the snowy winterlands of Annapolis County. Billed as *Brokeback Mountain* meets Rambo, the film tells the story of a young hunter who discovers a mysterious older fugitive wounded in the woods, and nurses him back to health.

2 [Strike a Pose](#) (Aug 16 & 19): In 1990, seven young male dancers joined Madonna on her Blond Ambition tour, all captured as part of the *Truth or Dare* documentary. That film's choreography and provocative stances on gay rights and sexual freedoms created a firestorm of criticism and legions of fans. 25 years later, the remaining group of seven reveal the truth about life during and after the tour. The August 16 screening will feature a Q&A with two of the dancers, Jose Gutierrez Xtravaganza and Kevin Stea.

3 [Kiki](#) (Aug 21): Part of the Black Lives Matter series at this year's festival, this documentary showcases the personal stories of seven youth of colour as they show and tell their experiences of coming-of-age in New York City.