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**THE 13th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL SET TO OPEN
AUGUST 14 AT THE HISTORIC CAROLINA THEATRE IN DOWNTOWN DURHAM**

Durham, N.C. - The Carolina Theatre of Durham, Inc. has announced the film schedule for **THE 13th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL**. The four-day festival will take place Thursday, August 14 through Sunday August 17, 2008 at the historic Carolina Theatre of Durham located at 309 West Morgan Street in downtown Durham. Tickets for festival 10-passes are \$65 in advance and \$70 during the festival and are on sale now at the box office (call 919-560-3030 or toll free 1-888-241-8162). 10-passes are also available online at www.carolinatheatre.org. Tickets for individual films are \$8 and go on sale July 21st at 11 a.m.

Since its inception in 1995, the North Carolina Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (**NCGLFF**) has become the second largest gay and lesbian film festival in the Southeast, attracting as many as 10,000 patrons yearly. This year's festival will feature a diverse array of new films, including shorts, documentaries and feature films that provide a glimpse into the many faces of gay and lesbian life worldwide. The Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau has named the NCGLFF a "Signature Event" for Durham, the highest honor bestowed on a cultural event or attraction by the organization.

The 2008 festival will feature 68 films including 66 North Carolina Premieres with films from the USA, Spain, Taiwan, Australia, Canada, France, UK, South Africa and Argentina. Among the feature-length films for men are: *Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild!*, the follow up to the 2006 film, *Another Gay Movie*, and *Pageant*, a film that goes behind the scenes as 52 ordinary gentlemen go to extraordinary lengths in order to be crowned Miss Gay America. Women's feature films include *The World Unseen*, a film from South Africa about an unexpected love that develops between two Indian women and *The New World* (Le Nouveau Monde), a comedy about the trials and tribulations of lesbian parenthood. Full schedule available online at <http://festivals.carolinatheatre.org/ncglff>.

Short film programs are a mainstay of the festival and, this year, there are four programs for women, including "In the Gaze of the Butch Goddess," "Eve and That Damned Apple," "Standing in the Cold Rain," and "Mrs. Johnson Wore Her Miniskirt Into the Room." Men's short programs include "Queen With the Teetering Tiara," "Low-Hanging Fruit Basket," and "Out Riding Fences." "Tinkerbell Sprinkled the Fairy Dust," is a collection of G-rated shorts for both men and women. *What the Frock*, a short film by filmmaker Jeffery Moore, who is from Cary, North Carolina will be screened as part of the "Queen With the Teetering Tiara" program.

The NCGLFF is sponsored by American Express, American Audio Video, Ameriprise Financial, The Independent Weekly, Replacements, Ltd. and Huckabay-Kline, LLC.

Screeners, images and press credentials are available. Please contact Aaron Bare at (919) 560-3040, ext. 224 or aaron@carolinatheatre.org. Press credential requests must be submitted by Thursday, August 7 at 5 p.m.

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