

## Podcast Talk: Dan Pal on the 'Queer Bits Film Festival' in Chicago on June 17, 2017

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CHICAGO – June is Pride Month, a celebration of LGBTQ liberation, and all other forms of orientation and gender liberation. What began as a gay and trans rights flashpoint on a June night in 1969, during the push back riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, has become a month-long commemoration of the evolution in identity rights and freedoms. An event in Chicago associated with Pride Month is the annual “Queer Bits Film Festival” – a short film program at the Pride Arts Center on North Broadway on June 17th, 2017 at 7:30pm – that showcases the best of Queer cinema from around the world. The festival producers are Shaun Baer and Dan Pal.



The Queer Bits Film Festival

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The program line-up, which includes comedy, drama, documentary and student short films, is as follows...

**5A-5B**, directed by Michael Cicetti

**Coming Full Circle**, directed by Kim Yaged

**Dawn**, directed by Jake Graf  
**Dressed**, directed by Sydney O’Haire  
**Dusk**, directed by Jake Graf  
**From Head to Toes**, directed by Omery Chrystophe  
**Honor Council**, directed by Scott Simonsen  
**A Parable of Waiting**, directed by Angie Panganiban  
**Sisak**, directed by Faraz Arif Ansari  
**Tailor**, directed by Suma Filmes  
**Taste of Love**, directed by Paul Scheufler

HollywoodChicago.com talked to Festival Programming Producer Dan Pal, a Chicago film professor and filmmaker, and a Company Member of Pride Films & Plays, the facilitating organization for the Queer Bits Film Festival. In the following podcast interview, Pal talks about the line-up for the festival, the Queer cinema in general and the program’s celebration of Pride Month.

*Pride Films & Plays Presents “Queer Bits Film Festival,” June 17th, 2017 (7:30pm), at the Pride Arts Center, 4139 North Broadway in Chicago. To purchase tickets, and to get more information about Pride Films & Plays, [click here](#). [24]*



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