

Friday, January 24, 2025

6:00 pm Opening Night Reception

7:30 pm Duino

Language: English and Spanish



An Argentinian filmmaker struggling to finish a movie about his unrequited first love receives an unexpected invitation to reconstruct his memories, revisit his past, and perhaps even find a new ending to his story.

Awards: Best Feature - FilmOut San Diego, Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival, Rio Festival de Cinema, Lovers Film Festival; Best Director - FilmOut San Diego, Out on Film Atlanta

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9:25 pm Q&A with Juan Pablo Di Pace, Writer, Director, Producer, and Protagonist

Juan Pablo 's acting credits include the award-winning portrayal of Jesus Christ in *A.D.: The Bible Continues* (NBC), *Mamma Mia! The Movie!* (Universal), *Fuller House* (Netflix), and *The Mattachine Family*.



Saturday, January 25, 2025

1:00 pm Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story



Once a dazzling force who rivaled the likes of Etta James and Little Richard, trans soul sensation Jackie Shane defied convention with her electrifying presence and unwavering dedication to living her truth. Her music, charisma, and courage shattered barriers, blazing a trail for generations to come. After mysteriously disappearing from the public

eye for over 40 years, this forgotten icon of the 20th century emerges for a long-overdue second act..

Awards: Out in the Silence Award - Frameline; Best Documentary – Lunenburg Doc Fest

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Saturday, January 25, 2025 continued

3:00 pm Bulletproof: A Lesbian's Guide to Surviving the Plot



Bulletproof takes an insightful, immersive, and personal look at queer representation on television and the media's power to shape how we see ourselves. Fast-paced, witty, and laced with pop culture references, filmmaker Regan Latimer journeys across North America and beyond in her quest to understand the

forces that influence the stories we see on our screens.

Awards: Best Documentary - FilmOut San Diego

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5:15 pm SALLY!

Sally Gearhart was a charismatic trailblazer who led the charge in the 1970s and '80s lesbian feminist movement, leaving an indelible mark on women's rights and LGBTQ+ equality. A brilliant and magnetic superstar, she inspired thousands with her unapologetic activism and visionary leadership. Yet, by 2008, her pivotal contributions had been all but forgotten, her legacy notably absent from the Hollywood film *Milk*. How could history overlook Sally Gearhart? This is the story of a revolutionary figure who cannot be erased.



Awards: Best Documentary - Way OUT West Film Fest, Seattle Queer Film Festival, Reel Q: Pittsburgh LGBTQ+ Film Festival, OUT at the Movies Int'l LGBT Film Fest

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7:00 pm Q&A with Jörg Fockele, Producer and Director



Jörg Fockele is an award-winning filmmaker with a career spanning over 25 years. In addition, Jörg is a critically acclaimed television producer of award-winning shows such as Bravo's *Queer Eye*, ABC's *Wife Swap*, the Sundance Channel's *Big Ideas for a Small Planet*, and AMC's *Small Town Security*.

7:45 pm According to Otto

Otto Brooks is 16 with a massive imagination and a big secret he's ready to reveal – he's gay. Otto has the usual family, parents who love and embarrass him, a Uni student sister who wants to change the world, a pop culture loving Nana and a best friend, Max, who he's secretly in love with. Add to that, a school bully out for blood, and Otto has a lot to go through before he becomes what he really wants, to be: out, happy, and in love. Time to delve into the world according to Otto. **U.S. Premiere!**



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Sunday, January 26, 2025

12:00 pm Animal Pride: Nature's Coming Out Story



Queer naturalist Connel Bradwell challenges mainstream biology's oversight of queer animal behavior. He discovers the science behind same-sex parenting in seabirds, hermaphrodite slugs, and the hidden history of same-sex penguin behavior. This film challenges conventional wildlife assumptions, celebrates diversity, and demands a

rethinking of heteronormative science.

Film preceded by: Old Girl in a Tutu: Susan Rennie Disrupts Art History and Dragfox

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1:30 pm Sensational Shorts

Stan Behavior
ILY, Bye
Dream Burger
Goodbye Tango

Safety State
Trans Heaven Pennsylvania
RAT!

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3:45 pm Gondola

Language: German

Gondola is a sublime and smoldering tale of love in mid-air. Chauffeur-ing gondolas that travel between altitude-defying villages - usually transporting cows, people, and the occasional dead body, Iva and Nino begin their courtship with one another through gentle flirtation. When their burgeoning affair is threatened by their bilious boss, Iva and Nino find a way to exact a delicious revenge.



Awards: Best Film - Tokyo International Film Festival

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5:30 pm Born For You

Language: Italian



Based on a true story, *Born For You* tells the story of Luca, a single Catholic gay man, who in 2017 adopted Alba, a Down's Syndrome child left at the hospital shortly after being born. Luca was, in fact, the first case in Italy of a single, homosexual person succeeding in adopting a daughter. But his was not a charitable gesture: he simply wanted a family.

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DESPERADO LGBTQ+ FILM FESTIVAL



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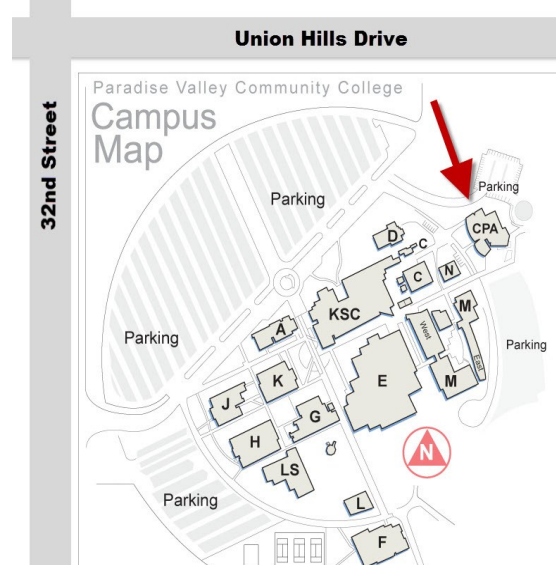
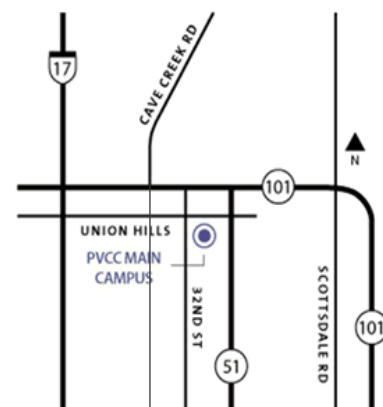
Directions

The PVCC Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) is located near the 34th Street and Union Hills Road entrance in to the campus (one block west of SR-51 and one mile south of the Loop 101/SR-51 interchange).

CPA Box Office: (602) 787-7738

18401 North 32nd Street

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Tickets

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| All Access Early Bird Pass (available until Jan. 11) | \$40 |
| All Access Pass (after Jan. 11) | \$55 |
| General Admission | \$10 per film |
| MCCCD Employees & Seniors | \$9 per film |
| Students & Military | \$8 per film |
| PVCC Students with ID | Free |

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