

Thursday April 23 @ 7pm - To Be Takei – This outrageously humorous and emotionally moving documentary chronicles the life of Star Trek gay icon George Takei. With his wickedly funny gay wit, Takei takes his own, personal trek in search of life, liberty, and love. Footage of Takei's childhood, in a WWII internment camp, is historically riveting. Interviews with the late Leonard Nimoy are touching, and coverage of Takei's relationship with William Shatner is hilarious. Most importantly, Takei and his spouse Brad provide a candid account of their long-lasting relationship and activist endeavors.

Friday April 24 @ 7pm - Tiger Orange - In this warm, engaging drama, two estranged brothers, who are both gay, reunite after the death of their Dad. Raised in "small-town America" by their single father, one brother is a closeted introvert, and the other is an "out-and proud" hunk. Upon reuniting, the brothers embark on an emotive and sometimes explosive attempt to adapt to each other's differences. All the while, the brothers must overcome the tremendous force of internalized shame their father imposed on them.

Friday April 24 @ 9pm – My Straight Son – in Spanish (with English subtitles) – Part comedy and part drama, this heartfelt, stunningly produced Spanish movie is a favorite with gay, straight, lesbian, and trans film festival attendees throughout the world. Diego, a successful fashion photographer, must unexpectedly care for his straight, closed-minded teenage son. At the same time, his physician partner becomes a victim of a vicious hate crime attack. Diego turns to friends and "less than understanding" parents to provide support while he attempts to secure hospital visitation rights to see his partner and simultaneously tries to tackle parenthood.

Saturday April 25 @ 4pm - Circle - in German (with English subtitles) - This drama/documentary hybrid depicts pioneers of Europe's gay emancipation movement. The backdrop of this exquisite film is Zurich's gay underground between 1930 and 1960. Showcasing the work of Ernst Ostertag and Röbi Rapp, the first gay married couple in Switzerland, the film chronicles their lives including their youth during the Third Reich and their tireless contributions to the foremost gay journal "Der Kreis."

Saturday April 25 @ 7pm - Tru Love - A movie pressure cooker, this complex lesbian romance depicts commitment-phobia Tru who has a control-freak straight friend named Suzanne. When Alice, Suzanne's beautiful, widowed 60-year old mother visits, Tru falls for Alice. Tensions escalate as Alice begins to explore her free-spirited nature, and Suzanne becomes increasingly alarmed at her loss of control over her mother. Finally, once Suzanne discovers that sparks are flying between Tru and Alice, Suzanne stops at nothing to sabotage their romance. Saturday April 25 @ 9pm - Out in the Night - This mind-boggling documentary chronicles the consequences suffered by seven young, African- American lesbians who attempted to defend themselves against a violent, sexual assault by a man on a Greenwich Village street. The attacker escaped, but not before he threatened to "screw them straight." Of the seven women, the four who pled guilty to defending themselves were tried, convicted, incarcerated, and labeled the "Gang of Killer Lesbians."

Sunday April 26 @ 2pm - The Dog - This true-life, gay Robin Hood story is a stunning documentary about John Wojtowicz who AI Pacino depicted in DOG DAY AFTERNOON. Made over a period of ten years, this film documents the events surrounding the 1972 attempted robbery of the Chase Manhattan Bank and the resulting fourteen-hour hostage situation. Most compelling are the candid and graphic details Wojtowicz provides while explaining that the bank heist was to pay for his boyfriend's gender reassignment surgery.

Sunday April 26 @ 4pm - Boy Meets Girl - Set in Kentucky, this touching, romantic comedy is about Rob and Ricky, best friends from childhood. Rob is a "man's man" and Ricky is a beautiful, pre-op transgender woman. Life becomes complicated when a beautiful debutante and Southern belle, engaged to a U.S. Marine fighting in Afghanistan, enters their life and falls in love with Ricky.

Sunday April 26 @ 6pm - brocKINGton - Free community event with panel discussion following - A free community event held in honor and memory of Blake Brockington, 2014 East Mecklenburg High School homecoming king and transgender youth nd social justice activist. The GayCharlotte Film Festival will screen a short documentary by Elon University student filmmakers Mason Sklut, Maggie Sloane and Sergio Ingato. The film, which received Best Documentary Short at the Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival, profiles Brockington's life and experiences. Event includes a panel discussion with filmmakers and community members following the documentary screening. The documentary screening and panel discussion are free; however, registration is requested at charlottelgbtfilm.com/events/.

Sunday April 26 @ 7pm - Eat With Me - In this warm, delicious comedy, Chinese mother Emma moves in with her gay son while she tries to sort out problems with her marriage. As she struggles to adjust to her son's lifestyle of which she doesn't approve, she encounters a bigger problem: the family's Chinese restaurant is facing foreclosure. In an attempt to save the restaurant, she must connect with her son through cooking. This fabulous foodie film guest stars George Takei!



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