

Film festival



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Catherine Wityk wants to put Asheville on the map with the Cat Fly Film Festival.

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she talks about the process of going through submissions, noting how little they marketed yet how many submissions they received organically.

“A place like Asheville has so much to offer in terms of film and art and spreading positive messages that might help people,” Wityk said. “I think Asheville’s just got a lot of really talented minds. The point of Cat Fly is to give those minds a platform and share it with everybody.”

Richardson, a 22-year-old recent

UNCA graduate on the Cat Fly team expresses her passion for graphic design, what she refers to as her first love.

“When I decided to go to UNCA I realized immediately I wanted to study new media. It lends itself to so many different creative fields,” Richardson said. “I love the freedom in what you can create.”

In her work, Richardson gravitates toward telling stories that can change the perception of a person or audience and creating empathy for different kinds of people.

“In school at UNCA I worked on

a documentary called “Welcome to Foundy,” Richardson said. “It’s about how a local DIY skate spot was created as an outlet for skaters to both escape and embrace stereotypes they experience.”

Richardson said she hopes to raise awareness and funding for indie filmmaking through her involvement with Cat Fly.

“There are some very talented artists here in AVL,” Richardson said.

Wityk said she wants to bring the Asheville film community together, regardless of the skill-level of partici-

pants. Enthusiasm and passion are all they need to qualify. This is something all the founders of Cat Fly want.

“None of us are getting paid for this,” Wityk said. “We’re not doing it for profit, we’re doing it for ourselves and for the community. This community and this town has helped me grow so much as an artist and person. I don’t know if I even would’ve gone into film if it wasn’t for Asheville.”

Tickets and weekend passes available at universe.com with prices adjusted for individual nights.

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Bisexuality

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according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2013.

Not every bisexual individual feels the same amounts of attraction to a certain gender, although some do.

Some bisexual individuals may prefer one gender over the other, but still are able to develop an attraction to two genders.

Regardless of whether they have a preference or not, they are still bisexual and should not feel forced to conform

to the expectation of only being attracted to one gender.

The Bisexual Research Center reports bisexual individuals have higher rates of anxiety, depression and other mood disorders compared to heterosexual, gay or lesbian individuals.

When someone comes out as bisexual, do not make assumptions about the individual based off of preconceived notions surrounding the word. The B in LGBTQ+ exists for a reason and is just as valid as any other identity.