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ImageOut, in partnership with the Western NY Chapter of The Human Rights Campaign present:

RIOT

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019

Location: Little Theatre

Time: 6:30pm

Tickets: \$8 online in advance – purchase your tickets at:
www.hrc.im/rochesterfilmfestival
(\$10 day of screening at the Little Box Office.)



The first 50 people to purchase a ticket will get a FREE "Little" popcorn at the theater!



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**ImageOut's 27th Annual Film Festival
October 10-20, 2019**



THURSDAY, APRIL 4 • LITTLE THEATRE • 6:30PM

Special Fundraiser Screening of *Riot*

ImageOut, in partnership with the Western New York Chapter of The Human Rights Campaign, presents a special film screening of *Riot* at The Little Theatre on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30pm. Advance tickets are available online for \$8 and will be \$10 at the Little Box Office the day of the screening.

RIOT

Directed by Jeffrey Walker
Australia / 2018 / 105 min.

As many people know, the modern gay pride parade has its roots in protest marches of the 1970s. Throughout the 70s, the queer community in cities around the world would hold solidarity marches to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. These marches only started becoming festive events after the community in Sydney, Australia decided to turn their march into a "gay Mardi Gras" in 1978. But what most people don't know is the incredible

price this first group of revelers would have to pay. *Riot* is their story.



Beginning in 1972 and culminating with that fateful night in 1978, *Riot* centers on Lance Gowland and his group of gay and lesbian friends. Through their eyes we see queer people being harassed, beaten up, arrested, expelled, fired, and worse. We experience the heartbreak of a mother losing custody of her children, the desperation of a young man choosing to take his own life, and the crushing loneliness that

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Volunteer and Help Make Our 27th Year Great!

That's Right! Volunteers are what make ImageOut a success. Join us and ensure that our 27th year is a special one. We are a volunteer driven organization and can use your skills to help make our committees stronger and more effective. Some current ImageOut volunteers give their time to, "meet old friends & make new ones"; "to see fabulous films" and volunteer because "helping to build our queer community is important to me."

Save the date:
Thursday, April 25th
2019 Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting
Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Rd.



Join us on **Thursday, April 25th from 6:00-8:30pm** for our Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting to be held at the Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Road. It will be an opportunity for returning and new ImageOut volunteers to mix and mingle as we share plans for 2019, give updates on ImageOut strategic planning, and discuss events happening throughout the year. We'll be serving a light dinner and desserts. RSVP by contacting the ImageOut office by phone at 585-271-2640 or by email at office@imageout.org. **Please RSVP by Friday, April 19th.**

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accompanies a life where love is illegal. But we also get to watch as they take comfort in the support of their chosen family, find the courage to fall in love, and even win the occasional battle. Above all, we see this intrepid group continue to fight, fight, fight for the acceptance that many of us now enjoy.

An inspiring story of courage in the face of oppression, *Riot* is so much more than just a queer history lesson. It perfectly mixes real-life events and the people who actually experienced them with

tender personal moments and large-scale political movements to tell a rich, full story. Often enraging but always engaging, it will both make you angry and fill you with hope. *Riot* is an emotional call to action that everyone in our community needs to see.

***Riot* had its New York State Premiere at the 2018 ImageOut Film Festival**

Tickets: \$8 online in advance – purchase your tickets at: www.hrc.im/rochesterfilmfestival (\$10 day of screening at the Little Box Office.)

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ImageOut and Gallery Q Present

19 emerging

Opening First Friday April 5, ImageOut and Gallery Q present, *19 emerging*, our annual juried exhibition for regional college-student artists. The opening will be held from 6:00 to 9:00pm at Gallery Q, located at 100 College Avenue.

ImageOut established this annual art exhibition in 2017 with the recognition that Rochester and its surrounding area are home to several amazing university art programs. The exhibition provides opportunities for local students to gain

exhibition experience, while showcasing emerging talents in our own community. Past exhibitions have included a range of artists in terms of their experience levels and the variety of mediums displayed, including printmaking, drawing, photography, sculpture and animation.

This year the ImageOut art committee will present three cash prizes. "Our committee members are excited to jury this year's exhibition and to award prizes to strong work. We hope to encourage young artists to continue to develop their skills by providing funds to aid them in purchasing art supplies and equipment," said Jamie Allen, ImageOut board member. The winners will be announced at the opening on April 5.

***19 emerging* will be on display at Gallery Q through Wednesday, April 24.**



Call for Submissions: ImageOutWrite Volume 8

Deadline: June 15, 2019

ImageOut seeks previously unpublished fiction, non-fiction, and poetry entries for the 2019 ImageOutWrite literary journal celebrating LGBTQ authors and allies. Volume 8 (editor, Jessica Heatly) will be published during this year's 27th ImageOut Film Festival to be held October 10-20, 2019.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Submissions are being accepted until June 15, 2019. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Straight-Ally authors are encouraged to submit original literary work (fiction/non-fiction limit: 8,000 words; poetry limit: 3 poems/500 total words max). Submissions should seek to capture some aspect of LGBTQ lives. Send electronic submissions only (.doc, .docx, .rtf, or .txt file attached to email) in 12 pt, double-spaced font, to OutWrite@imageout.org. Submissions should include a separate cover sheet with author's name, street address, email, title of submission, and author bio (50 words max). There is no fee to submit original work. Rights revert to author after publication. Authors whose work is selected for publication will be notified by August 2, 2019, and will receive 1 hard copy of the journal as payment. For more information, visit <http://www.imageout.org/imageoutwrite.php>.

Michele Thornton Joins the ImageOut Board of Directors

ImageOut is governed by our Board of Directors, who generously donate their time and expertise to the organization throughout the year. As we start 2019, we say goodbye and thanks to Nancy Brown and welcome Michele Thornton to the board for a two-year term. It's a pleasure to introduce Michele here!



Michele Thornton
Michele joins the board as a recent transplant to Rochester from Chicago. As she was considering a job offer in the region, the closing weekend of

the 2016 Image Out Festival happened to coincide with her visit to the area. ImageOut gave Michele and her wife Gillian a glimpse into the robust

community and culture that Rochester had to offer, and they have been avid supporters since their move. Michele came to New York to teach at Oswego State in the School of Business. Her teaching and research focuses on health policy and insurance. Before moving, she served for several years on the board of a local theater company. She brings her passion for film, strategic thinking and upbeat energy to the board. When not working or watching movies, Michele is an avid traveler and enjoys spending time with her new boxer puppy Darwin.



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Invest In Family, So We Can Gather Together For Years To Come.

ImageOut delivers worldly films, engaging art, creative literature, and community events throughout the year. Your membership investment helps support ImageOut's success in all these areas and more. Your support is essential in making ImageOut the premier community and volunteer organization that it is.

Member Tom Clark believes, "being an ImageOut member means supporting an organization that celebrates and promotes a diversity of LGBTQ stories that enrich our local community, and our lives." Financial support provided by our members gives ImageOut the security to deliver to our community a year of fun and exciting special movie events.

"Membership means I have access to a group of people who love their community and love film – it is part of my life on a continuing basis," says board member Rick Porlier.

ImageOut's 27th year is a special one – as our community commemorates Stonewall's 50th Anniversary. ImageOut is partnering with Rochester community organizations to bring our LGBTQ art and cultural experiences to a grander level.

Come volunteer, discover, and become a supporting member of ImageOut and help us keep the family growing. All levels of membership have benefits (see chart on this page), but at any level you are a significant part of our ImageOut family.

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MEMBER LEVELS AND BENEFITS

| | MEMBER | | | MARQUEE SOCIETY | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | Senior and Student \$50 | Gaffer \$75 - \$149 | Cinematographer \$150 - \$249 | Celebrity \$250 - \$499 | Producer \$500 - \$999 | Director \$1,000 - \$1,999 | Mogul \$2,000 + |
| Name(s) listed in Festival Program | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Name(s) projected on screen before each Festival screening | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Name(s) listed in Closing Night Program | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Priority admission to Festival Screenings | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Opportunity to view Festival Program and purchase tickets before general public | | | * | * | * | * | * |
| Invitation to attend Marquee Society Events | | | | * | * | * | * |
| Free tickets to regularly priced Festival screenings / Full Festival Passes | | 2 Tickets | 4 Tickets | 6 Tickets | 8 Tickets | 10 Tickets | 2 Full Festival Passes |
| Free Closing Night tickets | | | | | 2 Tickets | 2 Tickets | (Included in Pass) |
| Reserved Seating for all Film Festival screenings | | | | | * | * | * |

Memberships are for the calendar year. 2019 ImageOut memberships expire on December 31, 2019.

Renew or Become a New Member: fill out the form below and mail it to ImageOut, 274 North Goodman Street, Suite A203, Rochester, NY 14607. You can also become a member by calling the ImageOut office at 585-271-2640 or online at www.imageout.org

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NAME ON CARD

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