

MULTITUDE FILMS AND CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES ANNOUNCE 'QUEER FUTURES' SERIES

NEW YORK, NY—May 27, 2022: **Multitude Films**, LGBTQ- and women-led documentary production company, and **Chicken & Egg Pictures**, a leader in supporting women and nonbinary filmmakers, announced today an exciting partnership called QUEER FUTURES, which is an upcoming series of five documentary shorts directed by emerging LGBTQ directors.

The short films in the QUEER FUTURES series showcase queer and trans, BIPOC, disabled, working-class, and underrepresented experiences as a point of pride and power. Film topics include the process of gaining gender-affirming healthcare; the non-binary future of the ballroom community; fat, queer liberation in the Florida springs; the oldest LGBTQ support hotline in the UK; and science fiction as a way to envision a more gender-expansive future. Sasha Wortzel, Twiggy Pucci Garçon, Brit Fryer, Noah Schamus, Lindsey Dryden, and Ligaiya Romero will direct these short films.

"QUEER FUTURES offers audiences a road map to justice and joy rooted in the historically underrepresented perspectives it features," said Multitude Films Founder Jessica Devaney. "Just as queer lives subvert normative expectations, these shorts present new ways of seeing the queer experience lived out loud and expand the boundaries of nonfiction. Multitude Films looks forward to presenting the industry with a new generation of LGBTQ storytellers to watch with this project."

As a partner in the production of the series, Chicken & Egg Pictures is providing a \$75,000 grant—the largest single grant disbursed by the organization to date. It will bring the filmmakers together for an inperson story lab facilitated by Chicken & Egg Pictures team members. Multitude Films and Chicken & Egg Pictures are proud of their shared history in supporting critical film projects PRAY AWAY, ALWAYS IN SEASON, ROLL RED ROLL, THE FEELING OF BEING WATCHED, LOVE THE SINNER, and upcoming documentary MILISUTHANDO.

"We are excited to partner with Multitude Films and welcome these six directors into our alumni community, the AlumNest. Using exciting and subversive documentary forms, these directors invite us to see the world through their eyes and explore queerness and gender identity in refreshing ways," said Chicken & Egg Pictures Program Director Lucila Moctezuma. "In addition to financial support, we look forward to bringing these directors together in-person to workshop their projects, explore the creative cohesion of the series, and connect as a cohort."

Additional partners on QUEER FUTURES include Frankly Speaking Films.



ABOUT MULTITUDE FILMS

Multitude Films is a production company dedicated to telling nonfiction stories by and about underrepresented communities. Multitude's critically-acclaimed films have been programmed at dozens of festivals internationally including Sundance, Tribeca, SXSW, IDFA, and more. Recent releases include Netflix Original PRAY AWAY, APART on HBO Max, Oscar-shortlisted CALL CENTER BLUES, Sundance Award-winning ALWAYS IN SEASON, Livingston Award-winning THE FEELING OF BEING WATCHED, and Peabody-nominated ROLL RED ROLL. For additional information, please visit: https://www.multitudefilms.com/.

ABOUT CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES

Chicken & Egg Pictures supports women and nonbinary documentary filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change. Recently supported films include Oscar-nominated WRITING WITH FIRE and ASCENSION, Emmy-nominated ONE CHILD NATION, Cinema Eye Honors Award winning THROUGH THE NIGHT, and Oscar-winning AMERICAN FACTORY. Since its inception, Chicken & Egg Pictures has awarded over \$9 million in grants and thousands of hours of creative mentorship to over 400 filmmakers. For additional information please visit: http://chickeneggpics.org/.

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