

22.-24.05.2026

BALI CINEMAS

AT KULTURBAHNHOF

# QUEER

## FILMFEST KASSEL

PROGRAM

You can find the German program,  
content notes and more at:  
[queerfilmfest-kassel.de](http://queerfilmfest-kassel.de)

**FRIDAY**  
**22.05.**

6:30 PM, GROßES BALI

## **OPENING**

Let's kick off the 3rd Queerfilmfest together! We're looking forward to a special cinematic night with you!

### **DRAG SHOW**

*in cooperation with **Samt und Seuche***

"Samt und Seuche" - the drag collective of Kassel - performatively reinterprets film and series characters in front of the cinema screen. With over 5 performances it will get spicy, trashy, deep & camp!

### **QUEER ME**

*supported by **Stabsstelle Gleichstellung der Universität Kassel***

*Opening Short: **130218** by Casjen & Melina Giesel*

A squat in Toulouse offers spaces for community, self-discovery and excess. As a temporary home for queer people from all over the world, it highlights the opportunities and challenges of a queer utopia.

*Documentary / 2025 / 95 minutes / France, Spain*

*French und Spanish with English subtitles*

8 PM, CARICATURA BAR

### **QUEERFILMFEST CELEBRATION**

*in cooperation with **QueerFemParty Kassel***

We're kicking things off with a queer bar night that turns into a party, creating a space where you can experience joy and community.

Lineup: La NenaSabel, DJ Finni, and DJ Different Dieter.

**Free Entry**

10 PM, GROßES BALI

### **CINEMA KARAOKE**

Have you ever wanted to sing along and dance to film soundtracks in the cinema? We've put together a medley of musical clips for all of us to sing together.

**Free Entry**

10:30 PM, KLEINES BALI

### **HOT & SHORT: DO IT YOURSELF**

What does DIY mean? Low budget? No budget? No commercial goals? Is DIY a creative process? A space for learning? Or an aesthetic? A little off, a little improvised— but still hot? In seven sexy films, we explore these questions and also talk to filmmakers about their experiences!

*80 minutes / different languages, no subtitles*

**SATURDAY**

**23.05.**

1 PM, GROßES BALi

**ORLANDO, MEINE POLITISCHE BIOGRAFIE**

*in cooperation with Literaturhaus Kassel*

The life of the fictional character Orlando, spanning over 300 years and transcending gender boundaries, serves as a springboard for personal insights into real-life trans biographies.

*Documentary / 2023 / 99 minutes / France*

*French, Spanish and English with German subtitles*

2 - 7 PM, KLEINES BALi LOBBY

**MERCH SCREEN PRINTING**

You have the opportunity to print on your own clothes.

Bring T-shirts, tote bags, or other textiles and print them right at BALi using a selection of designs.

**No prior experience needed / donation based**

3 PM, KLEINES BALi

**BEST OF ROSA SEIFENBLASEN**

Cruising at Weinberg, a Rainbow Breakfast at Café Suspekt, AIDS activism in front of the Museum Fridericianum: We show a best-of from the show ROSA SEIFENBLASEN, which aired on Offener Kanal in the 90s, and we'll be talking with co-creator Christof Ahrendt about the production and the queer scene in Kassel then and now!

*German without subtitles*

**Free Entry / film talk with producer Christof Ahrendt**

*Alongside the screening, there will be a small childcare station in the main BALi lobby. Here, children can do crafting, bedazzling, and braiding!*

4 PM, GROßES BALi

**BIXA TRAVESTY**

On stage, Linn Da Quebrada provides the soundtrack for Black trans visibility and the fight against social stigma, a fight she continues on the streets of São Paulo.

*Documentary / 2018 / 75 minutes / Brazil*

*Portuguese with German subtitles*

6:30 PM, GROßES BALi

**SHORTS: LIVING AND SURVIVING**

We follow our protagonists through the highs and lows of their experiences in dysfunctional systems; we get insights into lives painted by different cultural contexts, daring expeditions into archives, and dream of future utopias.

**Recommended for ages 16 and up**

9 PM, GROßES BALi

**SATANISCHE SAU**

*in cooperation with Film und bewegtes Bild, Kunsthochschule Kassel*

**Opening Short: Mr Sun & Miss Universe by Souffiën Melad**

Rosa von Praunheim takes a look back at his queer activist legacy. A reflection on ageing, a dance with death and a flirtation with life.

*Documentary feature film / 2025 / 85 minutes / Germany*

*German with German subtitles for the hearing impaired*

**Q&A with lead actor Armin Dallapiccola**

11:30 PM, KLEINES BALi

**POLYESTER**

*in cooperation with Randfilm e.V.*

Francine lives the perfect heteronormative American middle-class life, but soon the madness of so-called 'functioning society' descends upon her.

**- Scented cinema with "Odorama" scratch cards for 6€!**

*fiction film / 1981 / 86 minutes / USA*

*English with English subtitles*

**SUNDAY**

**24.05.**

11 AM, GROßES BALI LOBBY

**COMMUNITY BRUNCH**

Your fridge is empty and you're not in the mood for boring cereals again? Come on over, bring all your friends, and join us for a cozy brunch out of handmade and donated food! A place to hang out and connect.

*donation based*

11 AM - 3 PM, KLEINES BALI LOBBY

**MARKET OF OPPORTUNITIES**

Queer groups and initiatives from Kassel and the surrounding area will have information booths to show what they do and invite people to join in activities to get to know them and hang out.

12 PM, GROßES BALI

**SHORTS: TRANSITION IN FOCUS**

Metamorphosis in body and society — through drag, trans identity and more, filmmakers are changing their own and others' lives.

An empowering and gutsy program for all generations, showing films from Kassel and elsewhere. Join us for a Q&A with the artists afterwards.

*Recommended for ages 14 and up*

2 PM, SMALL BALI

**COMIC READING**

*in cooperation with queer\*format*

In a mix of picture, text and sound, three queer comic authors bring their stories to life on the big screen. Afterwards there will be a talk with the authors moderated by Edda Rumpel.

4 PM, GROßES BALI

**FLEE**

*in cooperation with Dynamo Windrad*

*Opening Short: Monument by Maksim Avdeev*

After years of silence for his own protection, Amin's story of seeking refuge is told through vividly animated images, while the question of finding a place for his queer identity arises.

*Animated Documentary / 2021 / 89 minutes / Denmark*

*Danish & Farsi, among other languages, with English subtitles*

7:30 PM, GROßES BALI

**CLOSING CREDITS**

Before the final credits roll, we'll wrap things up with a grand finale!

**DANCE PERFORMANCE: QUEER WATERS**

*by Juno Harrer, Eva Eyrich, Janina Rohlik and Sophie Sengle*

"Queer Waters" portrays queerness as a fluid state that transcends boundaries. It creates space for reflection and resistance and explores queer temporality beyond normative rhythms through movement, glass, and sound.

**DAYS**

Two lives run independently, each with its own distinct routine and unaware of the other, until they intersect for an intimate moment during a purchased night in Bangkok.

*fiction film / 2020 / 126 minutes / Taiwan*

*without dialogue*

# SUPPORTING PROGRAM

## CHATTY POOL

Take a dip and dive into the film discussion. Reflect together, have a chat, or just listen. After (almost) every film you'll find us in the chill corner.

Friday 22nd May until Sunday 24th May, 24 hours a day

Train station entrance hall

## DISPLAY CASES EXHIBITION

Under the theme "Queer Reclaiming of Spaces", seven local and queer artists are exhibiting their works in the display cases outside the BALi Cinemas, featuring a variety of techniques, themes, and styles.

20th-22nd May, 9 am - 5 pm /

23rd May, 2 pm - 6 pm & 24th May, 11 am - 3 pm,

Lobby Offener Kanal

## FOR THE RECORD:

### QUEER IN KASSEL 1996 AND 2026

in cooperation with **Heranwachsende Kunst e.V.**

One exhibition, two generations of queer life in Kassel: In the 90s TV show ROSA SEIFENBLASEN, you'll learn more about the issues of the local queer community back then. And in the photography project by Heraku e.V., young artists offer insights into their lives today.

## INFORMATION

### VENUE

BALi Cinema at Kulturbahnhof Kassel:

Rainer-Dierichs-Platz 1, 34117 Kassel

The cinemas are located on the first floor and can also be reached by elevator, on the left hand side of the stairs.

### TICKETS & RESERVATIONS

#### Admission prices per event:

Standard admission: \_\_\_\_\_ **5€**

Support ticket: \_\_\_\_\_ **12€**

*(supports our work and the solidarity tickets)*

Solidarity tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ **0€**

*(no proof of need required; limited availability per event)*

#### Festival pass:

Valid for all events, available only on-site at BALi Cinema

Standard price: \_\_\_\_\_ **30€**

Support price: \_\_\_\_\_ **60€**

Reservations for free events and ticket pre-sale at [www.balikinoss.de](http://www.balikinoss.de)

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