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queerfilmfest-kassel.de

SUPPORTING PROGRAM

MAY 23 – 25, 12 – 6 PM

QUEER RECLAIMING OF SPACES

Interdisciplinary, collaborative, queer: Works by local queer artists will be displayed at various locations around the cinema, showcasing their diversity.

Locations: Station Hall, Offener Kanal, BALI Foyer

MAY 23 – 25, 2 – 8 PM, BALI FOYER

SCREEN PRINTING STATION

Create your own merch! Bring clothes, tote bags, or other textiles and print them with one of our designs at the screen printing station. Donation-based.

MAY 25, 11 AM, BALI FOYER

COMMUNITY BRUNCH

Let's start the day together with coffee, tea, and a few snacks—on a donation basis—to energize for a full day of our queer program!

MAY 25, 11:30 AM – 3 PM, BALI FOYER

MARKET OF POSSIBILITIES

Queer groups and initiatives from Kassel and Northern Hesse will be present with info booths and small hands-on activities to introduce themselves and showcase their work.

INFORMATION

VENUE

BALI Cinemas in Kassel's KulturBahnhof
Rainer-Dierichs-Platz 1, 34117 Kassel
The cinemas are located on the first floor and accessible via elevator to the left of the stairs.

TICKET PRICES

Per event:

Base ticket: 4€

Support ticket: 10€ (supports the queer film program and solidarity tickets)

Solidarity ticket: 0€ (limited availability, no proof required)

Reservations for free events and ticket presales available at:
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BALI CINEMAS AT KULTURBAHNHOF 23 - 25 MAI 2025

QUEER FILMFEST KASSEL

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

23.05.

6:30 PM, GROSSES BALI OPENING

We invite you to a cinematic drag show along with the film AVANT-DRAG!

7:00 PM, GROSSES BALI AVANT-DRAG!

Opening Short: STARS

Ten drag artists move between persona, personality, and political performance on the streets of Athens.

Documentary, Greece, 2024, 92 min.

Language: Greek with German subtitles

10:00 PM, GROSSES BALI QUEERFILMFEST CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the opening of the Queer Filmfest! With live DJ sets by icy gee, DJ Booby Sweat, and gemini, supported by live visuals from Marvin & Smilla.
Free entry and special drinks available for donation

10:00 PM, KLEINES BALI HOT & SHORT

The PaderPorn e.V. presents a program of historic and contemporary short films exploring the diverse facets of erotic collective experience on the big screen.
18+

SATURDAY

24.05.

1:00 PM, GROSSES BALI SHORT FILM PROGRAM

From intimate moments and memories of childhood and trauma to the fight against societal structures—cinematic perspectives that challenge, move, and empower. Centering bodies, desire, and self-determination, with aesthetic diversity and radical honesty.

Films by: Daniel Sterlin-Altman, Carlos Pereira, Luzie Deter, Leandro Goddinho, Paulo Menezes, Samira Elagon, Z Walsh, Zohar Dvir, Joey Arand, Alma Weber
Languages: German, English

3:30 PM, KLEINES BALI ARE WE AFRAID OF QUEER JOY?

Talk with director Harvey Rabbit

Queer and trans characters have become more visible in film, yet our stories still overwhelmingly center on tragedy rather than joy. This talk explores how embracing joy on screen can be a powerful act of survival and resilience.

Language: English

5:00 PM, GROSSES BALI SIRENS CALL

Opening short: OBVIOUS

Torn from their aquatic home into a strange, confusing, and increasingly politically threatening world, the mer-being Una roams the USA in search of community in this plastic land.

Sci-Fi / Road Movie / Documentary, Germany / Netherlands, 2025, 121 min.

Language: English with German subtitles

8:00 PM, GROSSES BALI ALL SHALL BE WELL

In cooperation with the Museum of Sepulchral Culture

When Angie's partner Pat dies, and their romantic relationship—never publicly acknowledged—is suddenly ignored by Pat's family for their own gain, hope and comfort come from the support of her queer friends.

Followed by an audience discussion.

Drama, Hong Kong, 2024, 93 min.

Language: Cantonese with German subtitles

10:00 PM, GROSSES BALI FUNERAL PARADE OF ROSES

In cooperation with Randfilm e.V.

Through a hallucinatory visual trip that breaks narrative film conventions, the transfeminine community of Tokyo's nightlife experiences glamour, ecstasy, and tragedy.

Drama / Experimental, Japan, 1969, 105 min.

Language: Japanese with German subtitles

SUNDAY

25.05.

12:00 PM, GROSSES BALI ANIMATION WORKSHOP WITH JOEY ARAND

Let's make collage animations about style, looks, and body positivity—and project them right onto the big screen! Drop in and join the fun!

Free entry, no registration required

1:00 PM, KLEINES BALI COMIC READING

Comic creators read and present their stories on the big screen.

With Lis Walter, Bär Kittelmann and Lias Sinram. Moderated by Edda Rumpel.

Free entry, Languages: German, English

3:00 PM, GROSSES BALI WESTLER

In cooperation with Dynamo Windrad Kassel

In divided Berlin, the love between West boy Felix and East boy Thomas unfolds under the watchful eye of the GDR regime.

Drama, West Germany, 1985, 94 min.

Language: German

6:00 PM, GROSSES BALI LESBIAN SPACE PRINCESS

Opening short: VEGAN MAYO

Freshly heartbroken and full of self-doubt, Princess Saira must leave her cozy lesbian home planet on a daring rescue mission—to save her ultra-cool bounty hunter ex from the clutches of the Straight White Aliens.

Animation / Sci-Fi / Comedy, Australia, 2024, 87 min.

Language: English with German subtitles