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August 2-6 / NYC



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## August 2023

Our first tentative foray into the off-line world since the before times, we're excited to finally be stepping out again with a new, hybrid edition of CineKink NYC. And, with mitigations in place to keep us all safe(r), just in time for our 20th anniversary!

It's fantastic we can celebrate our two-decade milestone with another selection of amazing works, plus a chance for the CineKink community to finally reunite. And we've again been overwhelmed by a wealth of smart, sexy works to share with our audiences--with the downside being the number of intriguing possibilities we weren't able to include. With sex-positive filmmaking coming into a sense of confidence and maturity, it's a delight to have so many alumni filmmakers returning for another season. And, to welcome a whole new set of fresh (to us!) talent and unleash them on the world.

There's truly nothing better than bringing together a great work with an appreciative audience and the sense of community that comes together during our kink-filled festival. Once again, many thanks to our filmmakers, our sponsors, our volunteers – and most especially to you, our audience – for making that experience possible.

Lisa Vandever  
CineKink Co-Founder & Director

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We also thank our core of dedicated and – frankly – awe-inspiring volunteers. We really couldn't do it without you!

Even as we celebrate, we must sadly note the members of the CineKink community who have left us since our last time together.

In loving memory...

Topaz Chanteuse  
Michelle Capozzi  
Charles Lum  
Jack Lupin

# Thursday, August 3 / 6:30 PM

CineKink Season Opener – New York Premiere!

## **Rough Edges**

When a technical writer and a struggling artist hook up at a BDSM club, their one-night stand evolves into a tentative arrangement in which they explore each other's kinks and try to keep things casual. As they find each other more engaging than originally anticipated, the two begin to cautiously explore the possibilities of an open and unconventional relationship.

“This sexy, edgy tour of kinky San Francisco has at its beating heart a deconstruction of modern love, intimacy and fear. Every step in the characters’ deepening connection made me feel more invested in their growing vulnerability and the actors’ skill at representing what most movies leave unsaid and unshown.” – Carol Queen, PhD, Center for Sex and Culture

*Directed by Charles Lyons, 2022, USA, 128 minutes. Stars Timothy Huls, Phoebe Jones, Joseph Patrick O'Malley, Jazmin Brehaut, Sergio Alejandro, Maya Butler and April Deutsche.*

*Writer: Charles Lyons*

*Producers: Charles Lyons, Jaclyn Hebron*



## **Covid Precautions**

- Quality masks (N95, K95, KF94) are required at all screenings when you are not actively eating or drinking. We will have some on hand to give to anyone who does not have one.
- Festival parties are at venues with plenty of access to outdoor space. Masks are encouraged, especially when passing through indoors, though not required
- We ask that you stay home if you feel sick, and will give you a full refund or exchange should you need one for this reason.

As much as we'd love for Covid to be over, we're not so sure that it is. Thanks for helping us do what we can to keep each other safe(r)!

## Thursday, August 3 / 9:00

Lusty shorts!

### **Get Off!**

A set of shorts explores pleasuring... self and otherwise!

### **Pussy Love**

Romance is kitsch. But even the most jaded cat can still be lost for love. *Directed by Linda Krauss, 2023, Germany, 4 minutes. Stars Lisanne-Marie Hadi. Writer & Producer: Linda Krauss*

### **Call Me**

Color me your color, baby. *Directed by Charles Lum and Todd Verow, 2023, USA, 2 minutes. World premiere.*

### **I Miss Your Cock**

Love story: Tumblr helps ease the pain of losing you. *Directed by Margie Schnibbe, 2022, USA, 4 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **Gloryhole Theater: Storage Unit**

A trans man tells of a secret storage unit and its connection to an anonymous hookup. *Directed by Koomah, 2023, USA, 3 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **Jelqing for Gains**

This is how you get big. *Directed by T. Arthur Cottam, 2022, 7 minutes. Stars Jessica Amal-Rice. New York premiere.*

### **The Proof is in The Pudding**

Determined to provide a cake for a vegan birthday party, Milly and Lise discover an unusual recipe. *Directed by Suçon, 2022, France, 16 minutes. US premiere.*

### **More Than A Feeling**

A diverse cross-section of queer people describe discovering the joys of self-pleasure for the first time. *Directed by Dave Quantic, 2022, USA, 6 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **Eyes on Dulce**

After catching you peeping from the closet, Dulce exposes you for the filthy voyeur that you are, forcing you to watch as she pleasures herself. *Directed by Mahx Capacity, 2022, USA, 10 minutes. Stars Dulce Fuego.*

### **Distanced**

Set and shot in March 2021 during the time of curfews and quarantine, an unlikely mixture of genres: rom-com, gay porn, and what Germans like to call "Heimatfilm." *Directed by Alexander Janson, 2022, Germany, 11 minutes. Stars Otto Untertage, Popo Chanel and Queen P. New York premiere.*

### **Mindful Pleasure**

An exploration of mindfulness, body positivity and pleasure. *Directed by Inka Winter, 2022, USA, 24 minutes. Stars Daisy de la Montana. New York premiere.*

## Friday, August 4 / 7:00

New York Premiere!

### **The Affairs of Lidia**

Lidia, a fashion model, discovers her husband Michelangelo, a boxer, is having an affair with Sandro, a fashion photographer. She deviously plots her revenge in this erotic comedy set against the backdrop of the fashion world.

*Directed by Bruce LaBruce, 2022, Canada, 76 minutes. Stars Skye Blue, Sean Ford, Drew Dixon, Markus Kage, Pascale Drevillon and Vanna Bardot.*

*Writer: Bruce LaBruce*

*Producer: Joe Balass*



preceded by

### **Gloryhole Theater: Hungry**

A fat gay bear tells of intersecting sex roles and food consumption.

*Directed by Koomah, 2022, USA, 2 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **Gaylovers Travels**

Three vacationing party boys decide to embark on a mission to find the hottest new bar and they come across a hole in the wall they have never seen before!

*Directed by Ellen Stagg, 2022, USA, 5 minutes. Stars Laura Desiree, Frank, Chris Harder, and James Tigger Ferguson. World premiere.*

*Writer: Laura Desiree, Ellen Stagg*

*Producer: Ellen Stagg*

## Friday, August 4 / 9:00

50th Anniversary Celebration!

### Deep Throat

Hot on the heels of its 50th Anniversary World Tour, a 4K restoration of “Deep Throat” will screen at CineKink to help us celebrate our 20th! Afterwards, a panel will discuss the impact the iconic film has had over the years. No one involved in the production, cast or crew, had any idea of the unprecedented success the film would achieve. It would usher in an era now referred to as “Porno Chic” and change American culture forever.



Linda Lovelace and Harry Reems in *Deep Throat*

Gerard Damiano Jr. and Christar Damiano, son and daughter of the legendary director, Gerard Damiano Sr., who have been instrumental in restoring 'Deep Throat' to match his original vision, will present the film and take part in a post-screening discussion about their father, his work and his legacy.

Additional participants in the post-screening discussion will include

- Moderator: Lisa Vandever, CineKink Co-Founder & Director
- Kaytlin Bailey, a sex worker advocate and host of the 'Old Pros' podcast
- Whitney Strub, an Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, who has written and edited several books on the role of pornography in our culture
- Veronica Vera, porn star, journalist, and Founder of Miss Vera's Academy for Boys Who Want to be Girls

**Saturday, August 5 / 2:30**

## **Braving The Binary**

A range of colorful works take on rigid definitions of gender and extoll reaching for full self-expression.

### **Stuart Cottingham: Here Comes The Pride**

As he dresses for his wedding to Veronica Vera, Stuart Cottingham recounts the questions she asked him on their first date about his identifying as an out bisexual crossdresser.

### **Immunized With A Gramophone Needle**

67-year-old Aloysius does what he does best: camps it up. Amid a swathe of amusing anecdotes about his life, this well-known member of Sydney's queer community shows off his wardrobe, his sense of humour and his heart.

*Directed by Ms. Naughty, 2023, Australia, 8 minutes. US premiere.*

### **Deux Ans (Two Years)**

It's through their skins and tats that we learn to know Ange and Brxe in the shining celebration of their love. Two years of complicity and kisses, of pleasure, of tenderness. *Directed by Ange in collaboration with Brxe, 2022, Canada, 6 minutes. New York premiere*

### **Edge**

Based on the true story of the main character, Edmund, who deals with the various frustrations of a transgender person living in highly oppressive society. *Directed by Edmund Aleksander Krempinski and Jakub Dylewski, 2022, Poland, 18 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **Make Me A King**

Much to the confusion of their family, Ari performs as a Jewish Drag King, idolising and emulating real-life hero, Pepi Littman, who carved out a space for this form of artistry over 100 years ago. *Directed by Sofie Olins, 2021, United Kingdom, 15 minutes. Stars Libby Mai, Ben Caplan, Laurel Lefkow, LJ Parkinson and Rebecca Banatvala.*

*Producer: Martina Russo*

*Writer: Natalie Arle-Toyne*

### **A Brief Herstory of Miss Vera's Finishing School For Boys Who Want to Be Girls**

Within the lovely pink walls of Miss Vera's Finishing School For Boys Who Want to Be Girls, Veronica Vera shares some personal history and twenty-five years of history since she founded the world's first transgender academy and crossdressing school.

*Directed by Veronica Vera, USA, 2022, 39 minutes. New York premiere.*

## Saturday, August 5 / 4:30

New York Premiere!

### **In A Good Way**

Margot and David were in a loving marriage that fell apart right beneath their feet. After several years apart, they decide to get together for a lovely autumn weekend, curious whether the new versions of themselves can make it work in a way their old selves could not. CineKink alumni filmmakers and frequent past collaborators, Ryan Balas and Audrey Kovar are cast together as lovers living between the lines with a raw performance that simply explores a history of love.

*Directed by Zachary Gutierrez and Joshua LaBure, 2022, USA, 85 minutes. Stars Ryan Balas and Audrey Kovar. Writer: Joshua LaBure. Producer: Ryan Balas*



preceded by

### **Photo of the Day**

A photo from their past ignites a conversation about the possibility of an open marriage between a husband and wife.

*Directed by Mac Eldridge and Tom Dean, 2023, USA, 12 minutes. Stars Beck Bennett and Jessy Hodges. New York premiere.*

*Writer: Tom Dean*

*Producers: Tanner Field, Nat Dykeman*

**Saturday, August 5 / 6:45**

## **Ties That Bind**

There are many tastes and predilections - some like it quirky, some like it dark - that make up the world of kink and bring us together.

## **Down for Dee**

A young school teacher tries to navigate her many possible matches in the world of superhero fetish match-making. *Directed by Ximena Alvarez, 2021, USA, 6 minutes. Stars Jeni Robins, Adriana Scamardi, Brian Ceely, Oscar Avila and Mandy Nevarez. Writers: Carlos Fernando Corral, Jeni Robins Producers: Ximena Alvarez, Carlos Fernando Corral, Neal Barenblat. New York premiere.*

## **Our Language Is Chaos**

A kidnapped couple are running late for their polyamorous couples' therapy. Rather than calling the cops, they call their therapy leader-and the duality of role-play and real life blur as the situation quickly spirals out of control. *Directed by Cory Byam, 2022, USA, 12 minutes. Stars Gabrielle Whelan, Kai Chapman, Adam Kulbersh, Tyler DiChiara, Javon Jones, Jon Michael Nepomuceno, Cheyenne Amber, Brad Mandas, Elizabeth Mihelich and Karim L. New York premiere. Writers: Cory Byam, Gabrielle Whelan Producer: Michael Hoopingarner*

## **Krush the Wrestler**

Exploring the innate intimacy of submission wrestling, a lifelong wrestler turns his talents into an on-demand fetish video service. *Directed by Alex Megaro, 2022, USA, 14 minutes. New York premiere. Producer: Ian Bell*

## **Gloryhole Theater: Knife**

Bad decisions make an anonymous kink scene dangerous for a first timer. *Directed by Koomah, 2022, USA, 2 minutes. New York premiere.*

## **Good Girl**

After ending a six-year relationship, a well-behaved, Jewish, OBGYN decides to turn her brain off and her body on by exploring BDSM; instances of which are popping up in the most unusual places. *Directed by Jenny Kleiman, 2023, USA, 12 minutes. Stars Alexandra Rey, Heidi Danae Crane and Ross Bergen. Writer: Haley Dercher Producer: Brooke Goldman*

## **Oral History**

The true love story behind New Orleans' last remaining gay leather bar. *Directed by Vaughn Trudeau, 2022, USA, 15 minutes. New York premiere. Producers: Darcy McKinnon, Jane Geisler*

## **State of Mind**

Highlights the intimacy and beauty found through the experience of power exchange in BDSM/leather/fetish/kink. *Directed by Donald C. Shorter Jr., 2022, USA, 4 minutes. Features Sir Malice and boy Donald.*

### **Safe Word**

An emotionally-stunted masochist must confront his self-loathing after his dom reinterprets the rules of their game. How comfortable are we at choosing our own pain? And what happens when we examine it?

*Directed by Christopher Cunetto, 2022, USA, 15 minutes. Stars Mauricio Pita and Jonathan Adriel. New York premiere.*

*Writers: Eva Von Schweinitz, Christopher Cunetto*

*Producers: Christopher Cunetto, Mauricio Pita*

### **Trimming the Wick**

Casting a spell in shadows and light. Through intense connection and power dynamic they weave a web. Whispering intentions through heat and endurance, together they create an idol that is also the offering, and the sacrifice.

*Directed by Jo Pollux and Sadie Lune, 2020, Germany, 6 minutes. Stars Bishop Black and Sadie Lune. New York premiere.*

### **Home Movies : Pervy Pets**

Daddy Mahx Capacity has a camcorder and two horny pets who can't seem to stop humping each other! *Directed by Mahx Capacity, 2023, 5 minutes. Stars Faiska Meloso and Manon Praline. New York premiere.*

*Writers: Mahx Capacity, Manon Praline, Zuum Hiperlinque.*

*Producers: Zuum Hiperlinque, Mahx Capacity, Manon Praline*



*State of Mind*

**Saturday, August 9 / 9:00**

**Secret Screening!**

Shh...it's a secret! A sneak peek at a documentary look at the world of BDSM and power exchange, with a special emphasis on female domination and male submission. But keep it mum!

preceded by

**Superhero's Embrace**

The story of love between a man and the superhero of his dreams.  
*Directed by Thomas Florek, 2022, USA, 4 minutes. New York premiere.*  
*Writers: Thomas Florek, Doug Gentile*  
*Producers: Thomas Florek, Resa Mehren*

**Finding Love: The First Test**

A devoted man sacrifices everything to explore the limits of love and surrender with his creatively sadistic wife and her girlfriend.  
*Directed by Viola Strepsata Voltairine, 2020, USA, 7 minutes. Stars Amanda Graeff. New York premiere.*  
*Writer: Guinevere Turner*  
*Producer: Viola Strepsata Voltairine*

**Psychotronic Sirens**

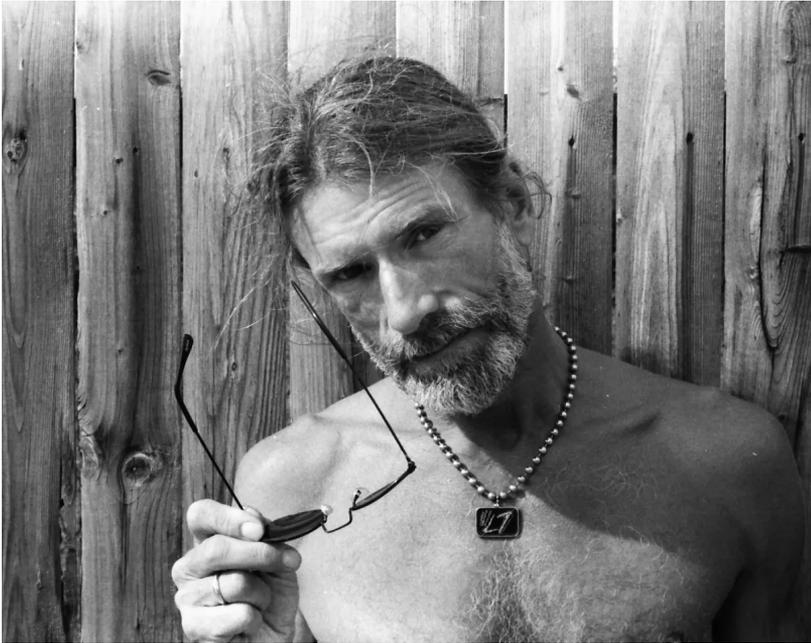
Video vixens Lois Plz and Haley Valentine get a little messy.  
*Directed by Ryan Suits, 2022, USA, 5 minutes. New York premiere.*

**Sunday, August 6 / 1:00**

New York Premiere!

**This Is Where I Get Off**

A tribute to Charles Lum's life told through his work as a filmmaker. Featuring Super-8 films Charlie shot as a teenager in the 1970s up to the last film he made about his battle with AIDS-related lymphoma. A CineKink Spotlight Artist and long-time alumni, Charlie AKA Clublum was a much-loved and valued member of the queer and film communities, whose films defied the taboos and stigmas of sex, sex in public places and sex with HIV. *Compiled and edited by Todd Verow, 2022, USA, 71 minutes.*



preceded by

**No Siren Left Behind**

A chronicle of the pioneering Sirens motorcycle club, the oldest and largest women-run motorcycle club in New York City, looking at its place within queer culture, and the impact it's had on the lives of its members.

*Directed by Shirin Barghi and Martine Granby, 2022, USA, 25 minutes. Features Cheryl Stewart, Jen Baquial, KT Ballantine, Andrea Sears and Kim Wetzal. New York premiere.*

**Sunday, August 6 / 3:00**

## **Make It Work**

A set of shorts that move beyond the tropes, taking a closer look at those whose work just happens to involve sex.

### **Red Fried District**

In a snack automat, a young, naive croquette has to compete with an experienced, bitchy cheese soufflé to persuade a hungry customer that she's the most tasty snack.

*Animated/directed by Flip van der Kuil and Stephan Miras, The Netherlands, 2 minutes.*

### **Gloryhole Theater: The NDA**

A trans sex worker tells about signing an NDA for a hypocritical client.

*Directed by Koomah, 2022, USA, 3 minutes. New York premiere.*

### **House of Whoreship**

When Violet, a suburban brothel worker returns to work after enduring a break-up, she is confronted by her recent ex-girlfriend hustling the same shift. *Directed by Holly Laura Bates, 2022, Australia, 16 minutes. Stars Matisse Laida, Isabelle Ford, Sasha Hennequin, Jessica May and Sarah Fitzgerald. US premiere.*

*Writer: Holly Laura Bates*

*Producers: Holly Laura Bates, Kristen Augeard*

### **All Appetite**

After a lifetime of wanting to be skinny, Heather's world is turned upside down when she falls for a man who pushes her to gain weight for him. *Directed by Marissa High, 2022, USA, 16 minutes. Stars Jane Cripe, Arya Haeri, Allie Demico and Jessica Clemons. New York premiere.*

*Producer: Jane Cripe*

### **Flyby Cathy**

In 1981, English porn actress Kathy Harcourt mysteriously disappeared from the United States. Forty years later, a story unfolds from an old 35mm copy of the last film she starred in. *Directed by Pedro Bastos, 2023, Portugal, 10 minutes. US premiere. Producer: Rodrigo Areias*

### **Woman Meets Girl**

As cocktails lead to revealing conversation, chemistry builds between Annabelle, an awkward in her own skin, forty-two-year-old woman and Tessie, an extroverted, eighteen-year-old sex worker.

*Directed by Murry Peeters, 2022, Canada, 17 minutes. Stars Euka Okuma and Chelsea Russell. New York premiere.*

*Writer: Murry Peeters*

*Producers: Euka Okuma, Joe Gasparik, Adria Budd Johnson*

### **Rituals: An Intimate Portrait of Kali Sudhra**

Shot during the isolation of the pandemic, this explicit documentary invites you into Kali's home in Barcelona and offers a more intimate look at her life behind closed doors. See how she connects to herself both sexually and emotionally through daily rituals, nourishing the most important erotic relationship she has, the one with herself. *Directed by Kali Sudhra and Aleix Rodón, 2020, Spain, 15 minutes. World premiere.*

*Writer: Kali Sudhra*

*Producers: Kali Sudhra, Aleix Rodón*

## Sunday, August 6 / 4:45

### Bring It!

A dazzling array of talent from today's adult cinema, working in a wide range of genres and visual styles, steps up with a hot sampling of their recent creative endeavors. And the audience votes for their favorite!

### Aquaphilia

Water makes me wet!

*Directed by altSHIFT, 2021, United Kingdom, 10 minutes. Stars Jane Jones and Sylvan. New York premiere.*

### Babygurl's Big Birthday Bang

Manon Praline is turning 40 and for her birthday, her sweet and sadistic Leather Family planned a very special celebration. Directed by Mahx Capacity, 2022, USA, 15 minutes. Stars Manon Praline, Snax, Sable, Gem Cut, Plump Majesty, Azalea Trix, Jane Vervain, Dulce Fuego and Jamie Joy.. Producers: Snax, Cat Gold, Jamie Joy

### Bang Click Bang

Inspired by the sexploitation films of Russ Meyers and Michelangelo Antonioni's *Blow Up*, a slow burning subversion of cinematic tropes finds the carnal in the camp and the sumptuous in the sleaze. *Directed by Paulita Pappel and Rod Wyler, 2021, Germany, 16 minutes. Stars Maria Riot, Bishop Black, Noir So, Kinky Panda, Hunter S. Johnson and Roman Raw. New York premiere. Producer: Paulita Pappel*

### Bound

It's time for dinner, but something else is heating up the kitchen!  
*Directed by Urvashi, 2022, USA, 12 minutes. Stars Inera and Jericho. New York premiere.*

### Dance.Destroy.Create.

Destroys existing expectations of what a porn film involving dance (or vice-versa) could be, and creates something fresh and new. *Directed by Marcus Quillan, 2021, United Kingdom, 14 minutes. Features Yiming Curiosity and Marcus Quillan. New York premiere. Writers: Marcus Quillan, Yiming Curiosity. Producer: Thousand Faces*

### Glimmer

Under the shade of a sheet on a clothesline, Charlie and Danika softly caress each other, building in intensity as Charlie's supple skin molds perfectly to the athletic sculpt of Danika. *Directed by Charlie Forde and Pasha Nielsen, 2022, Australia, 21 minutes. Stars Charlie Forde and Danika Deep. US premiere.*

### Männerabend / Men's Night

Bukkake at the hostel.  
*Directed by Jan Soldat, 2022, Austria, 11 minutes. North American premiere.*

### Merry Clitmas

Under a purple Christmas tree, two playful lovers unpack their presents. *Directed by Officer Flower, Mo Haze and Iris Glitzer, 2022, Germany, 11 minutes. Stars Iris Glitzer and Mo Haze. US premiere.*

### No Translation

Two lovers on a date, exploring each other's bodies, and having sex the way they want to – free of the cis gaze. *Directed by Max Skaff, 2022, USA 5 minutes. Stars Lex Valor and Roxanna. US premiere. Writer: Max SkafProducers: Max Skaff, Tiana Glittasaurusrex*

**Wednesday,, August 2**

8:00 Kick-Off & Chill

**Special Location:**

Bonnie Vee, 17 Stanton St.

*Screenings are at:*

*Wild Project*

*193 E. Third St.*

*(near Avenue B)*

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Special location:

*Lucky, 168 Avenue B*

(also our official hang-out space  
during all of CineKink NYC!)

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