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*FAIRY FANTASTIC!* PRESENTS: QUEER FILMS FOR ALL AGES  
AND DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR AT  
SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART LOUNGE

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OUT IN THE WOODS:

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD 7PM

QUEER FAIRY TALES

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OVER THE RAINBOW:

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 12 NOON

QUEER AND EXPERIMENTAL SHORTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

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Artists Hilary Harp and Suzie Silver present two curated screenings. ***Out in the Woods*** features international short queer folk and fairy tale films. ***Over the Rainbow*** presents queer and experimental shorts for kids of all ages.

***Out in the Woods*** includes nine queer interpretations of world folk and fairy tales including Filipino and Chinese mythologies exploring queer diasporic identities; same-sex love in a pre-hispanic Mexican ritual; a Samoan Cinderella; and a queer retelling of a Scottish folk tale about transformation and retribution. The films in ***Out in the Woods*** are both a reinterpretation of traditional folklore or mythology and the invention of a new queer folk culture.

The excitement continues the next day with ***Drag Queen Story Hour***, hosted by Miss Nature of Drag Story Hour AZ. After Drag Queen Story Hour, enjoy a screening designed for gender non-conforming kids, queer families and their allies. ***Over the Rainbow: Queer and Experimental Shorts for Kids of All Ages*** presents nine short films on difference-affirming, gender-variance, and anti-bullying themes. A shy boy's heart jumps out of his chest to follow a bookish boy right into school – will the shy boy ever get his heart back? Why are all of Alexa's favorite things, like car-shaped beds, super balls, and soccer called "boy things?" If your Mom is an airplane, what is your Dad? The answers to these and many more questions can be found in ***Over the Rainbow*** a screening of queer and experimental videos for kids of all

ages. The short films in *Over the Rainbow* are moving, hilarious, beautiful and inventive visions of a genderfluid world. As finely wrought as they are entertaining, the films in *Over the Rainbow* will delight kids and parents alike.

***Over the Rainbow*** will be



Since 2003 **Hilary Harp and Suzie Silver** have collaborated on videos and mixed media installations that celebrate their shared love of science fiction, camp sensibilities and performance art. Their videos have screened at over one hundred festivals on five continents and are distributed by the Video Data Bank. Their ongoing collaboration, *Fairy Fantastic!* is a fairy and folk tale video series for gender non-conforming kids of all ages. Harp is an Associate Professor at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Silver is a Professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.



"The Sausage" (still) Hilary Harp & Suzie Silver, 2019

## Out in the Woods Film List



<http://artbank.gov.au/search/profile/13707>

### ***Spider Nanny***

The Kingpins

Australia, 2013, 2:05

A neon-pink inflatable pop monster, incarnating both a money spider and a piggy savings bank.



<http://www.vivomediaarts.com/two-snakes/>

### ***Two Snakes***

Kristin Li

Canada, 2015, 9:30

An experimental animation & documentary about diasporic foundational myths.



<http://artbank.gov.au/search/profile/13756>

### ***Deep Alamat***

Justin Shoulder & Bhenji Ra

Australia, 2014, 2:00

A dance between two mythical creatures, OO and Beige Cantrell. OO's dance draws from animal signals and queer carnival spectacle while Beige Cantrell's movements evoke digital media methods such as scanning, detecting and alignment.



<https://michaeldonte.com/buzzed-short-film/>

### ***Buzzed***

Michael Jemison & John Mark

US, 2018, 4:51

*Buzzed* is a colorful film that re-envisions the black barbershop for queer black people.





<https://www.theopenreel.com/portfolio-item/the-tigers-fight/>

### ***El Tigre Y La Flor***

Denise Quintero

Mexico, 2016, 16:00

Nicolas and Pablo prepare for “The Tigers’ Fight,” a prehispanic ritual where the village men fight each other to imitate thunder and foster the rain. Some of the tigers also give commitment flowers their girl. This year, Nicolas has decided to offer flowers to Pablo.



<http://www.taulapapa.com/>

### ***Sinalela***

Dan Taulapapa McMullin

Samoa, 2001, 3:26

A scullery-maid to queen Cinderella story, but with a cast of Samoan transgenders and drag queens!



<http://www.fairyfantastic!.org>

### ***Stinkhorn***

Hilary Harp & Suzie Silver

USA, 2019, 12:40

Based on a Scottish folk tale, *Stinkhorn* is the story of Dusty, the blacksmith of the old west town of Stinkhorn. Dusty’s naughty paramour, Blaze turns the apprentices into horses and rides them all night long. Finally, Cassidy, the clever apprentice, flips the script.



<http://w.videoout.ca/catalog/superqueer>

### ***Super Queer***

Sakino Sepulveda

Canada, 2010, 3:47

An experimental, science fiction short film about how a simple public display of affection between two men provokes a violent homophobic reaction.



<http://zackarydrucker.com/video/she-gone-rogue/>

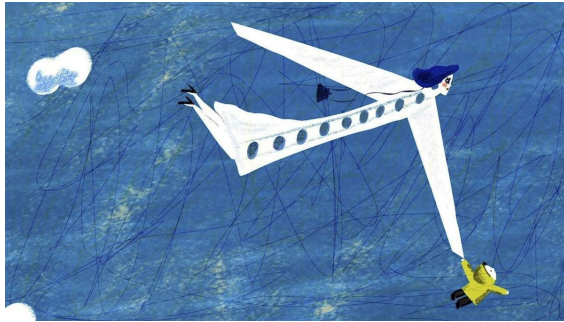
***She Gone Rogue***

Zachary Drucker & Rhys Ernst

USA, 2012, 22:00

Darling attempts to visit her Auntie Holly but instead falls down a rabbit hole, encountering transfeminine archetypes (legendary performers Holly Woodlawn, Vaginal Davis, and Flawless Sabrina) who are in turn confounding, nebulous, complicated and contradictory.

## Over the Rainbow Film List



<https://vimeo.com/balabaka>

### ***My Mom is An Airplane***

Yulya Aronova

Russia, 2014, 6:46

Oh, the adventures that you'll have flying through the sky — across cities, through storms, over mountains, delivering mail —when your mum is an airplane.



<https://www.estebanbravo.com/>

<https://www.bybethdavid.com/>

### ***In A Heartbeat***

Beth David + Esteban Bravo

USA, 2017

A closeted boy runs the risk of being outed by his own heart after it pops out of his chest to chase down the boy of his dreams.



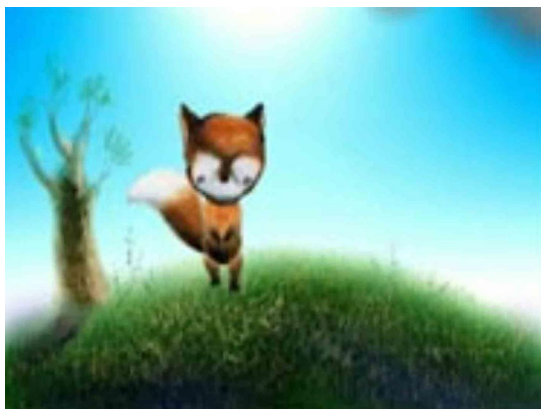
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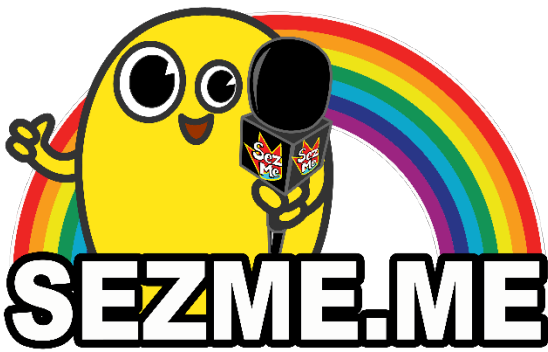


### ***The Little Fox***

Luke Meeken & Andrew Negrey

USA, 2003, 6:22

A little fox goes to the moon with an angel.

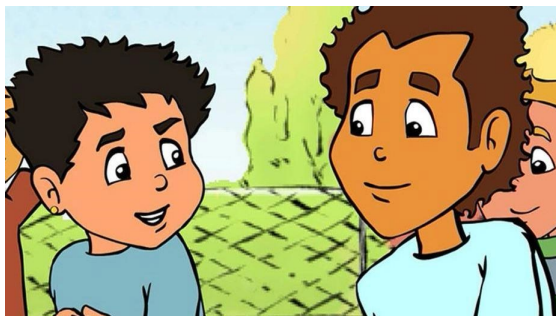


<https://www.sezme.me/about-us>

### **Sez Me Theme Song (Soul Version)**

USA, 2017, 1:36

Sez Me began as an LGBT web series for kids and evolved into a multidisciplinary educational program for all ages. Created by animator Mor Erlich, and hosted by Jeff Marras AKA Charmin Ultra, Sez Me captures unscripted interviews with children from all backgrounds.



<https://vimeo.com/user3490263>

### **Tomboy**

Barb Taylor

Canada, 2008, 13:11

Alex (short for Alejandra) loves soccer, the colour red, and playing the trumpet. The other kids think those are “boy” things and tease her. This film is based on a book by Karleen Pendleton Jiménez.



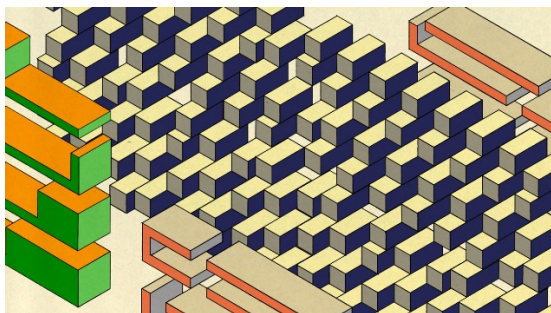
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<https://vimeo.com/274102279>

### **Dreamland**

Mirai Mizue

Japan, 2018, 5:00

Dreamland will never be completed. It will continue to grow as long as there is imagination left in the world.