



PALM SPRINGS LGBT SCENE SET TO SIZZLE THIS AUTUMN



31st August 2017 – Palm Springs, California’s famous desert playground, is set to host two vibrant and diverse LGBT events this autumn; Cinema Diverse and Greater Palm Springs Pride will be taking place in September and November respectively and celebrate the diversity, equality and solidarity of the LGBT community.

Movie enthusiasts are invited to experience Cinema Diverse, a unique silver screen celebration, which is solely dedicated to **showcasing the leaders in LGBT cinema**. Celebrating its tenth anniversary, Cinema Diverse will take place from 21st to 24th September 2017 in the Camelot Theatres in Palm Springs.

To open the festival, Cinema Diverse will be airing a new documentary called **‘The Untold Tales of Armistead Maupin’**, which tells the story of gay pioneer and beloved author, Armistead Maupin. Armistead, who wrote a series of novels called ‘Tales of the City’, will be attending the opening night to participate in a Q&A session, receive a coveted lifetime achievement award, as well as sign copies of his upcoming memoir ‘Logical Family: A Memoir’, which is due to be published in October.

Greater Palm Springs Pride has been running for 31 years and is the largest LGBT gathering in the Coachella Valley. **Located in the city’s beautiful downtown**, the festival will take place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2017. With live bands, cutting edge DJ sets, dancing in the streets, as well as delicious street food stands, Greater Palm Springs Pride will bring the city’s downtown to life.

There are a number of **free events and activities** taking place during Greater Palm Springs Pride, including:

Wednesday 1st November 2017 – Candlelight vigil

- Candlelight vigil for gay activist George Zander

Saturday 4th November 2017 – Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival

- 10am – 10pm, Downtown Palm Springs and up to 11pm on Arenas Road
- 6pm – 11pm, Arenas Road Block Party

Sunday 5th November 2017 – Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival

- 10am – 6pm, Downtown Palm Springs Road
- 10am – 12pm, The Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade

For more information about Cinema Diverse visit:

<http://www.visitpalm Springs.com/events/cinema-diverse>

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About Palm Springs

One hundred miles east of Los Angeles, Palm Springs is a desert playground with year-round sunshine, blue skies and stunning natural beauty. Nestled beneath California's San Jacinto Mountains, the city is famed for its Hollywood legacy, Native American heritage and huge collection of mid-century modern architecture. The desert oasis boasts a wealth of adventurous hiking trails and historical canyon tours, as well as chic boutiques, world-renowned golf courses and unique experiences, including the chance to stay in the former homes of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley. For more information see www.visitpalm Springs.com.

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