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**PRIDE Film Festival at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater  
January 29-31, 2009**

**BLOOMINGTON, IN** — The PRIDE Film Festival is a cinematic celebration of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered community in Bloomington, IN. A program of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, a historic downtown movie palace, the Festival features over 20 films from all over the world – shorts and features, animation, documentaries, comedy, and drama. Social gatherings and dance parties abound at different restaurants and bars nearby, while other community organizations are involved from start to finish. Founded in 2004, PRIDE films are chosen by an all volunteer Steering Committee, and dedicated individuals create a welcoming, carnival atmosphere throughout the weekend, making it truly “Your Claim to Flame!” For ticket pricing, schedule, and updates, please visit [www.pridefilmfestival.org](http://www.pridefilmfestival.org).

In 2009, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual PRIDE Film Festival is part of the Indiana University GLBT Alumni Association’s Homecoming Weekend, and is sponsored in part by the Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau’s “Visit Gay Bloomington” initiative. Other highlights this year include:

- Particularly diverse film programming, focusing on films from around the world
- A special free screening and community discussion of the film “Gay? So What!” by Jean Baptiste Erreca on Saturday afternoon examining the questions of integration, assimilation, and a “post gay” world
- IU GLBTAA sponsors the “Alumni Lounge” in the balcony during the Saturday night Closing Party, with drinks, appetizers and a special Chocolate Bar by BLU Boy Chocolates
- Closing Night Party, Sat, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - *Erotic Attire Encouraged*

**Affiliated Events Around Town:**

- The Kinsey Institute’s Gallery exhibit: **Pre-Revolutionary Queer: Gay Art and Culture Before Stonewall**, October 24, 2008 - February 14, 2009. See [www.kinseyinstitute.org](http://www.kinseyinstitute.org) for more information

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Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Buskirk-Chumley Theater is a renovated silent movie house located in downtown Bloomington, Indiana. Available for public or private events, the Spanish Mission Revival style theater plays host to 200 events each year, organized by 50 different community organizations. The theater also operates the Sunrise Box Office, located at the theater on 114 E Kirkwood Avenue. The Sunrise Box Office offers tickets to all major events and venues in Bloomington, event and visitor information, and books and CD’s by local authors and artists. The Sunrise Box Office can be reached by phone on 812.323.3020. To gain 24/7 access to event information and to buy tickets, go to [WWW.BLOOMINGTONARTS.INFO](http://WWW.BLOOMINGTONARTS.INFO). The Buskirk-Chumley Theater is owned by the city of Bloomington and is operated by BCT Management Inc., a private 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Check [WWW.BUSKIRKCHUMLEY.ORG](http://WWW.BUSKIRKCHUMLEY.ORG) for event details and Buskirk-Chumley Theater history.