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CALL FOR SPONSORS

outACTRato invites cash and in-kind sponsorship from queer and queer-friendly individuals, organizations, and businesses. If you would like to learn more about sponsoring queer filmmaking, please reach out to us at lgbtq@actratoronto.com, subject: QYS Sponsorship

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

outACTRato is pleased to partner again with the [Inside Out LGBT Film Festival](#) on our 3rd annual short film competition. Queer ACTRA Toronto members interested in producing a short film are encouraged to apply.

The winning submission will receive \$4500 in cash sponsored by AFBS, in-kind equipment rentals from [Grandé Camera](#), a World Premiere screening of the selected short film at the Inside Out LGBT Film Festival in 2022 and a festival Industry Pass.

All in-kind equipment rentals, in-kind post production services and sponsored funds will go toward creating a short film. The short film will be produced as an ACTRA Toronto Special Project Initiative. The winning film will acknowledge outACTRato, ACTRA Toronto, and all sponsors in the film's credits.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND TIMELINE:

- Submissions will be reviewed by a Jury made up of representatives from outACTRato and Inside Out LGBT Film Festival.
- The Jury will consider artistic merit and feasibility when reviewing submissions. As time and resources for this project will be limited, the Jury will pay special attention to proposed budgets and other logistical considerations. In addition to a bold artistic vision, submissions should include at least one senior team member with low-budget production experience, a detailed budget, and specifics on any other funding sources or in-kind donations the team has already secured.
- Preference will be given to submissions that explore queerness through an intersectional lens
- Preference will be given to projects that prominently feature a diverse cast of queer and/or trans/non-binary performers in all roles—outACTRato is committed to supporting projects that feature queer performers in queer roles
- The successful applicant will be notified no later than January 1, 2022
- The successful applicant's team will receive an orientation session with ACTRA Toronto staff in January, 2022. COVID protocols will be discussed at this time.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Submissions must be made by LGBTQ+ ACTRA Toronto members in good standing.
- Members who submit must take on at least one of the following three roles: Writer, Director, and/or Producer.
- The winning selection will be an ACTRA Toronto Special Project Initiative and feature exclusively union performers.
- Winning team must follow festival guidelines and commit to a World Premiere screening at the 2022 Inside Out LGBT Film Festival.
- The final script should be no more than 10 pages.
- The final edit of the film must run no longer than 10 minutes, including credits.
- Production will take place January - March, 2022.
- The completed film will be due 15th April, 2022.
- Applicants will be responsible for all costs beyond the AFBS sponsorship of \$4500 and the in-kind sponsorship from Grandé Camera.
- Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2021 at 11:59pm EST.

SUBMISSION MATERIALS:

The Jury will be looking at the following in PDF format. **Please submit one PDF that contains the following:**

- The Pitch: What do you want to make, why do you want to make it, and how do you want to make it? (1000words max, please include logline and synopsis).
- Short bio of the Key Applicant(s) named in the project (500 words max)
- Proposed budget: please include any projected donations (cash and in-kind) as a dollar amount in both expenses and revenue (including fundraising/crowdfunding)
- A proposed list of the key creative and key cast members (please indicate whether the artists have confirmed)
- Optional: URL to personal website, IMDB page, and/or any online resource that will help the jury get to know you and your work
- Optional: script sample (10 pages max)
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THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE:

- \$4500 in cash sponsored by AFBS
- In-kind equipment rentals sponsored by Grandé Camera
- A World Premiere screening at the 2022 Inside Out LGBT Film Festival
- An Industry Pass to the 2022 Inside Out LGBT Film Festival

HOW TO APPLY:

- Please complete the online Application Form at actratoronto.com
- Questions? You can reach outACTRAto at lgbtq@actratoronto.com