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REELING: THE CHICAGO LGBTQ+ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES OPENING NIGHT PRESENTATION; RUNS SEPT. 21 - OCT. 8, 2023

“The Mattachine Family” Opens 41st Edition of Second-Longest Running LGBTQ+ Film Festival in the World, September 21 - October 8, 2023

Chicago, Illinois (August 2, 2023) – Reeling: The Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival today announced the dates and opening night presentation for its 41st edition, running September 21 - October 8, 2023. This year, the second-longest running LGBTQ+ film festival in the world celebrates opening night with the Chicago Premiere of **THE MATTACHINE FAMILY**, to be held Thursday September 21 at the Music Box Theatre (3733 N. Southport Ave.) with a reception with special guest writer and director **Andy Vallentine** in attendance. The festival unspools more than 40 feature films and 12 short film programs over the following 10 days at Landmark’s Century Centre Cinema (2828 N. Clark St.) and at Chicago Filmmakers (1326 W. Hollywood Ave.), with virtual streaming continuing until October 8.



Written by **Andy Vallentine** and **Danny Vallentine**, and executive produced by the award-winning actor and director, **Zach Braff**, **THE MATTACHINE FAMILY**, directed by **Andy Vallentine** in his directorial debut, tells the story of loving gay couple Thomas (**Nico Tortorella**)

and Oscar (**Juan Pablo Di Pace**) who find that they have different ideas about what making a family actually means after their first foster child returns to his birth mother.

Reeling: The Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival runs September 21 - October 8, 2023. The full program for the 41st edition of the festival will be announced in mid-August, with tickets (\$12-\$40) going on sale at that time. Presenting Sponsors for the festival include AARP and Chicago Filmmakers.

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ABOUT CHICAGO FILMMAKERS

Chicago Filmmakers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1973. We serve the Chicago filmmaking community by providing low-cost film classes and youth camps, workforce training, and fiscal sponsorship, as well as professional development and networking opportunities. We also serve Chicago audiences with regular screenings of independent films and two annual film festivals: Reeling: The Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival and The Onion City Experimental Film Festival.