

WATCH PARTY TOOLKIT

Host your own watch party for the premiere of *Out North*

on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 8pm.



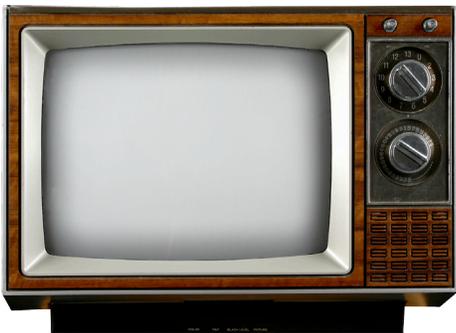
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ABOUT THE FILM

Coming out this fall, Twin Cities PBS (TPT) is producing the first ever, feature-length film to document Minnesota's LGBTQ history, *Out North: MNLGBTQ History*. The two-hour film lifts up the stories of both well-known and largely unknown LGBTQ Minnesotans who found each other and spoke out when it was a tremendous risk to do so. The film explores this untold history through the lens of those who shaped it.

On October 16, 2017, *Out North* will premiere in primetime on TPT 2 at 8pm and be available to live stream on TPT.org. Across the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota, people will be gathering to watch the film for the very first time. Don't miss out on history in the making. For more clips and info about the film, go to TPT.org/outnorth.



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Why host a watch party?

A watch party is a great way to bring together the people in your life for meaningful conversation and shared learning. Unlike "Game of Thrones" or "The Bachelor," you'll leave this party with an appetite for more stories, not drama, and an appreciation for our rich history, not a fictional dystopia. Your watch party is just that - it's yours. Make it your own.

HOW TO HOST A WATCH PARTY

1

Pick a date and time.

Done. We did it for you!
Monday, October 16th, 2017 8pm.

2

Pick a venue.

The venue will need a screen, seating, and ideally a bathroom. Make sure your space includes a gender-neutral bathroom, seating options, and adequate sound. Transit options and parking are also key considerations.

3

Invite your friends.

Send an email, Facebook event, text message, or a good ole fashioned paper invitation. Invite your friends, family, friends of friends, and others! Try to send your invite a couple weeks in advance.

HOW TO WATCH

Visit TPT.org/outnorth to live stream or tune in to TPT 2

4

Prep your party.

Don't do it alone! Recruit people to help. Minding the details is a multi-person task.

Set up the space. The film is two hours so make sure people can get comfortable. Provide a variety of seating options and access to sound and screens.

Plan your menu. Keep it simple with popcorn and soda, or class it up with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Or plan a potluck! Low maintenance, high reward.

Sketch out a timeline for the event. The main event is all set. Think about how you want to structure the time around the film. Plan an icebreaker. Prepare a short welcome. If you're planning to have a discussion, think about how you want the conversation to flow. Check out our resources online for tips and ideas.

Build in time for informal connections. The film may bring up feelings across the spectrum. Create a comfortable space for people to share and get to know one another. This will make for a more enjoyable viewing experience and rich discussion later on.

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Watch. Learn. Share.

Enjoy! Connect with the bigger community by sharing your experience via photos, Twitter, Facebook, and any other avenues you choose.

CHECKLIST

- Finalize the location
- Invite guests 2 weeks before the party
- Send directions to the venue
- Check your internet connection and/or cable access
- Sound check
- Provide nametags. Ask people to include their preferred gender pronouns.
- Prep food and beverages.
- Pick someone to capture the party. Tweet, Snap, 'Gram, etc.!
- Print out surveys for guests to fill out or share the survey link.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- * Who is your audience? Can you expand to include those who are not usually included?
- * Consider the shape, size and location of the venue. Is it accessible to all people?
- * Do you have a variety of seating options? Offer chairs with and without arms.
- * Do guests have food and drink preferences? Make sure there are options and clear labels.
- * Do you have gender neutral bathroom available? It's a 2-hour film.
- * What equipment do you need?

Of course this list does not cover everything. Mind the details and be thoughtful. Recruit some folks to help think through the evening and catch some details you might overlook.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Tips for Facilitating

1

Ensure everyone has a voice. At the start of the conversation, share that you may have to interrupt or invite someone to speak. If it happens, it's not personal.

2

Silence is OK. People need time to gather their thoughts to respond to a question. If silence persists, try rephrasing or reframing the question, or ask if people would like clarification.

3

Your responsibility is the process. If people have questions about content, you don't have to be the expert. Someone else in the conversation may be able to respond. If someone directs a content question to you, a way to draw others in is to ask, "What do other people think?"

4

Disagreement isn't necessarily disrespect. If people are carrying on civilly, disagreement can produce some great conversation and opportunities for learning. If it does feel disrespectful, you are empowered to interrupt and redirect the conversation.

Guiding Questions

- * How do you identify? (age, race, gender, sexuality, place of origin, occupation, etc.)
- * In what ways do you have, or not have, privilege and access to resources?
- * Who do you call family? Who do you call community? What makes those bonds?
- * Where do you find people like you? Where do you go to be with people who are different?
- * Who are your elders? Who inspires you? Who are your mentees?
- * Where do you see yourself reflected in our cultures? Where are you missing?

For more discussion questions and materials, go to the Resources section on TPT.org/outnorth

PLAYLIST

Need some inspirational jams to kickstart your watch party? For musical support, check out our exclusive *Out North* playlist available on Spotify. Hear music featured in the film along with other local queer musicians and classic hits. Click here:

Out North Playlist

Lizzo

Indigo Girls

Caroline Smith

Frank Ocean

Ellis Delaney

Sia

Prince

David Bowie

Sam Smith

George Michael

Sylvester

Gloria Gaynor

& many more



SPREAD THE WORD

You're throwing an Out North Watch Party - and naturally, you'll want to share photos and status updates on social media friends. Here are a few key details to keep in mind:

Hashtag

[#OutNorthDoc](#)

TPT Social



Facebook: [@TTPBS](#)

Twitter: [@TPT](#)

Instagram: [@tptofficial](#)

Suggestions

- * Create a Facebook event and invite your pals. Reminders and FAQs all in one place!
- * Join the Out North convo with [#OutNorthDoc](#) and tag TPT in your social media posts.
- * Follow TPT's twitter feed during the premiere - and make sure your guests follow, too!
- * Set up a free Hootsuite or TweetDeck, track [#OutNorthDoc](#), and see the conversation.

WHAT'S NEXT?

So you hosted a watch party with a great group of folks creating your own moment in LGBTQ history. Now what?

- * **Complete a survey.** Your feedback is essential. Share details on your watch party, how many people attended and how the film impacted you. Follow the link here:

HOST SURVEY

- * **Ask your guests to complete a survey.** You can print the sample survey on the next page, or share the link here:

GUEST SURVEY

If your guests complete the paper survey, you can email scanned copies to outnorth@tpt.org or mail to:

Twin Cities PBS
172 E Fourth St
St. Paul, MN 55101

- * **Keep the conversation going.** Share your photos, thoughts, ideas, and more on social media with #OutNorthDoc.



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What did you learn from the film? What surprised you?

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