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## Hot Bits, Touring Queer Erotic Short Film and Arts Festival, Coming to Baltimore

Baltimore, March 14, 2018- The third annual Hot Bits festival, showcasing queer erotic short films from around the world and performing and visual artists from Baltimore, will be held in Baltimore for the 2nd year at Creative Alliance on Thursday May 2nd and Friday May 3rd after premiering in Philadelphia the previous weekend and traveling to Boston later in May.

Hot Bits features representations of pleasure, empowerment, and self-love made by and for people who are marginalized and misrepresented in mainstream porn and sex industries, including people who are fat, disabled, black, trans, indigenous, queer, and non-white. These representations range from erotic to explicit films and also include visual art and live performances.

This festival celebrates and elevates representations of sex and pleasure that are positive, playful, and political. The Hot Bits collective (comprised of queer artists) believes that sex-positive art participates in liberation and collective healing and views this festival as a form of activism. Hot Bits is not just a festival, it's a platform for organizing, networking, and art making: there are vendors from like-minded organizations, and enthusiastic attendees are encouraged to create first-time films and DIY projects for submission the following year.

Creative Alliance / 3134 Eastern Ave. / Baltimore, MD

Thursday, May 2nd Doors at 7:30 PM, Show at 8:00 PM

Friday, May 3rd Doors at 7:30 PM, Show at 8:00 PM

Ticket pricing:

Festival pass: \$20; single night only: \$12 (in advance); \$15 (day of/at the door)

Discounted (Creative Alliance members; and queer/trans/intersex people of color only):

Festival pass: \$17; single night only: \$9 (in advance); \$12 (day of/at the door)

The festival will also occur the weekend before in Philadelphia, April 26-27th, at Light Box Film Center and then in Boston, May 24th at Oberon.

More about Hot Bits: <a href="https://www.hotbitsfilmfest.com/">https://www.hotbitsfilmfest.com/</a>

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