



**MY QUEER CANADA
MON CANADA QUEER**

Montreal, August 17 2017 – DGLQ, the producer of image+nation, Canada's first LGBTQ Film Festival, is proud to announce the launch of it's newest project, MY QUEER CANADA / MON CANADA QUEER.

Sharing communities, sharing histories, sharing stories: MY QUEER CANADA / MON CANADA QUEER is an online Canadian queer history project. In association with Canada 150, this project encourages participation and engagement from LGBTQ+ peoples across the country – both urban and rural – to connect queer voices across generational and geographical lines, **literally** mapping out a queer Canada and a Canadian queer history.

"Canada is strong not in spite of our differences, but because of them. Our government is proud to support projects like My Queer Canada that provide a platform for Canadians from LGBTQ+ communities to share their stories. As we mark Canada 150, let's ensure that Canada remains a place where everyone has the ability to reach their full potential." — The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage

MY QUEER CANADA / MON CANADA QUEER brings together voices of the past and the present on a personal level through its dynamic, interactive website (www.myqueercanada.ca). Participants upload stories and images to a virtual map of the country. Each story becomes a geo-located pin – mapping out a living history of queer people, cultures and communities from all regions of the country that will grow over time with each new addition. Visitors to the site will experience the impact that LGBTQ+ Canadians have made on the nation, engage with their personal stories and importantly, see that queers are everywhere!

"MY QUEER CANADA's aim is to collect experiences of queer peoples - young and old - from all regions of the country - from big cities to small villages - to show that our lives, our memories, our histories are vast and far reaching, and part of our Canadian cultural heritage. MQC is a space where we can see beyond the often victimizing headlines of LGBTQ+ lives and create and share key moments in people's lives living as LGBTQ+ in Canada - what has shaped their experience of being queer in the country. The voices and stories from our queer elders are also central, as they are the holders of important histories that need to be recorded and shared, to help create a map of our Queer Canada." — Charlie Boudreau, MQC project director

How MY QUEER CANADA / MON CANADA QUEER works: participants sign in with their name, location and send in a **photo**, **video** telling their favourite queer story / person, or **write** out their anecdote to be shared on the MY QUEERCANADA.CA web site. Regionalism and intergenerational participation are core to this project. MY QUEER CANADA / MON CANADA QUEER encourage Canadians to help a queer elder tell their story to help keep our past and create our future.

MY QUEER CANADA / MON QUEER CANADA – putting Canadian queer culture on the map!

With the participation of the Government of Canada



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