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Tom Hollander and Julie Graham in *Bedrooms & Hallways*, playing at the Green Mountain Film Festival

**Green Mountain Film Festival
March 24-30, 2000
Montpelier (Savoy Theater; City
Hall Arts Center)**

Among the Green Mountain Film Festival's social-justice picks are two GLBT-themed films, *Bedrooms and Hallways* and *Chutney Popcorn*.



Thinly Veiled, a solo performance by Gail Marlene, will be performed at 135 Pearl in Burlington, at 8:00 on Saturday, March 18, and at 2:00 on Sunday, March 19. These special Women's History Month performances are being produced by The Green Mountain Guild as a benefit for the Vermont Freedom to Marry Action Committee.

The play tells the story of Corinne, a young woman wrestling with her craving to wear *The Dress*, yet keenly aware of the social and political issues raised by a traditional wedding. Gail Marlene portrays Corinne at many different ages as her ideas about marriage evolve, as well as portraying all the women in Corinne's life, from her domineering mother to a bridal shop saleslady to Corinne's lesbian ex-lover.

The play is directed by Chris Tebbetts, who has worked with the Green Mountain Guild for much of its 28-year history, as well as Off Broadway and regionally.

Chutney Popcorn is the tale of Reena, a photographer who lives with her girlfriend in Manhattan. Her traditional Indian mother tries to ignore her younger daughter's lesbian identity, focussing her attentions on Sarita, Reena's older and married

sister. But when Sarita discovers she can't conceive a child, Reena may well have a way back into her family's good graces — unless it blows up in her face.

Chutney Popcorn plays on Saturday, March 25 at 8:45pm and again the following day at 6:30pm. Both shows are at the Savoy. As of press time, there's a tentative forum scheduled with the film's director, Nisha Ganatra, and its producer, Susan Carnival, after the March 25 showing.

The festival features a number of other films on a variety of social justice issues. *Chile: Obstinate Memory* (Friday, March 24, 4pm; Saturday, March 25, 4pm — Savoy) is a work by exiled director Patricio Guzman about returning home for a showing of another of his films, a documentary record of the 1971 Chilean coup. The second showing will be followed by a discussion.

A Dyslexic Family Diary is a film by Warren resident Dorothy Tod chronicling 18 years of struggle to obtain a proper education for her bright dyslexic son. Tod will lead a discussion following the March 30 showing at the City Hall venue.

The latest film in Michael Apted's acclaimed documentary series, *42UP*, revisits the 14 subjects he has profiled every seven years since they were seven. Whether you're familiar with the *7UP* series or not, you'll find this a fascinating chart of various life journeys and an incredible use of the medium. (Friday, March 24, 8:45pm; Sunday, March 26, noon; Tuesday, March 28, 7pm — City Hall)

Other films cover ambition and familial love in Queens, murder in a small Greenland village, extraordinary biographies, and child refugees of the Holocaust. Many of the films will feature discussions, often with filmmakers themselves. The festival will also include a Latino dance and a celebration following the opening night presentation of the Cuban film *Life Is to Whistle*.

Single ticket prices are \$5-6 with reduced price options for multiple-ticket sales. For more information or a complete schedule, call Focus on Film at 229-0598.

**Women's Film Festival
March 3-29, 2000
Brattleboro (Latchis Theatre,
Hooker-Dunham Theatre & Gallery)
Bellows Falls (New Falls Cinema)**

This eighth annual event, a benefit for the Women's Crisis Center of Windham County, features more than two dozen features, short films and documentaries as well as artwork by regional female artists.

Featured films will include *Show Me Love*, the controversial Swedish film that puts a twist on young love in the story of two teenage girls' relationship and its effect on the social fabric of their small town in Sweden.

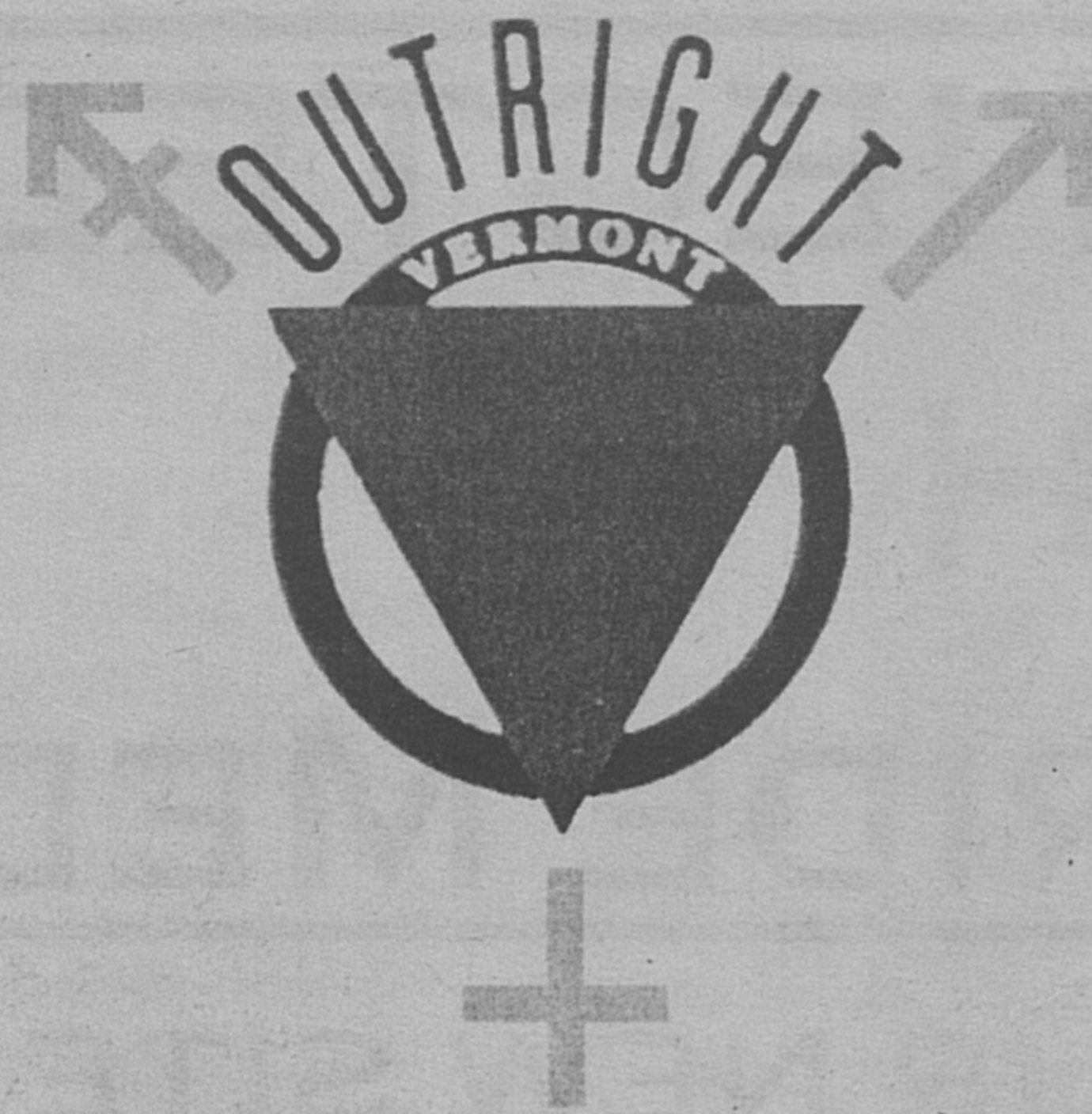
Earth, the second film in a trilogy by Deepa Mehta, the acclaimed director of *Fire*, will see its area premiere on the festival's final weekend. *Earth* is set during the partition of India in 1947 as India struggles to win its independence from Great Britain. Lenny, an 8-year-old Parsee girl, tells the story even as her life becomes inevitably enmeshed in the growing turmoil.

Other festival highlights include famed Barbie documentay *I, Doll*, Cauleen Smith's exploration of black urban landscapes, *Drylongso*, and Telluride Film Festival crowd favorite *Me, Myself, I*. This Australian film starring Rachel Griffiths (*Hillary and Jackie*) takes the notion of "what if?" and runs with it

A celebration of Women's History Month, the festival kicks off on Friday, March 3 during Brattleboro's Gallery Walk with the opening of "Visions and Voices," a visual arts exhibit. Musical performances and poetry readings will begin at 5pm at the Hooker-Dunham Theatre & Gallery.

Film screenings begin with two takes on women in traditionally male industries. *Righteous Babes* offers an inside look at being female in the rock and roll world. It's followed by *No Man's Land*, a documentary about women correspondents on the front line.

Film admissions range from \$4-7; discount coupons are available in advance from a number of nearby VT/NH bookstores. For a detailed schedule of events or more ticket information call (802) 254-3270. ▼



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- Advanced Trans Workshop

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Transgender Awareness Month

TRANSGENDER PANEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Saturday, March 11, 3-5pm
Pickering Room Fletcher Free Library, College St. Burlington
People of all ages are encouraged to attend and bring questions for discussion.
(Join the Youth Planning Committee of Outright VT as they host the R.U.1.2? Coffeehouse event at 7:30 at Stone Soup.)

TRANZ-formations

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30-9pm
XANDO Youth Space at Outright Vermont, College St (above Nan Patrick)
Girlz & Boyz get dragged over. Come as you are, leave as you want to be.
Our gender technicians Jaime, Kellie, and friends will assist you.

TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 19, all day
Rhombus Gallery, corner of College & Church (2nd floor), Burlington
Transgender themed movies will be shown throughout the afternoon and evening.
There will be opportunities for discussion after each film. Please join us for one or more.
For movie listings and times, contact Outright VT