

# Event Arrangements



- Event will begin at 7:00 pm EST.
- Event is being recorded.
- If you do not want to disclose your name, voice, or image, please change your participant name, mute microphone, and keep video off.
- You may type questions or comments in the chat.
- Speaker view or Gallery view recommended.
- Introduce yourself in the chat if you wish. Share your name, location, and organization affiliation, if applicable.



*Transgender Short Film  
Festival 2023*  
with  
**Mackenzie Beninati  
& Nico Wilkinson**  
June 29, 2023

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# Session Outline



- **Introducing Our Speakers**
- **Short Film Rounds (1-3)**
  - **Breakout Session**
  - **Whole Group Reflection**
- **Q&A Discussion**

# Presenters



**Chris Walonski**  
(He/Him/His)  
Peace Through  
Action USA



**Mackenzie Beninati**  
(She/Her/Hers)  
Spoken Word Poet,  
Ultramarathon Runner,  
Transcriptionist



**Nico Wilkinson**  
(They/Them/Theirs)  
Spoken Word Poet,  
Community Organizer

# Project Purpose



Peace Through Action USA activates and equips Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country.





# Project Partners



## ▪ Broadview Church

- Mission to grow deeper and broader in our spiritual lives while partnering to meet needs in our community.
- Serving Calvert County since 2003.

## ▪ The Calvert Peace Project

- Our project's mission is to increase understanding, collaboration, and community among youth and adults in Calvert County by providing civic and social engagement activities with a focus on peace.



# Featured Presenter Introduction



- Mackenzie Beninati (she, her, hers)



# Featured Presenter Introduction



- Nico Wilkinson (they, them, theirs)



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# Sharing Personal Intentions & Goals



- What inspired you to attend this event with us tonight?
- Is there anything you're hoping to learn?

**Please share in the chat!**

# Gentleness, Empathy, & Positive Effort

- This is a safe container for learning, growth, understanding, & connection.
- Identifying personal, social, & cultural barriers to communication.



# The Mullah Nasruddin

- What can we learn from the archetype of the Wise Old Fool?



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# Three Rounds of Film Viewing

- A.) Film Viewing
- B.) Breakout Discussion
- C.) Whole Group Conversation





# Digital “Mise En Place”

- Setting up our browsers for viewing.



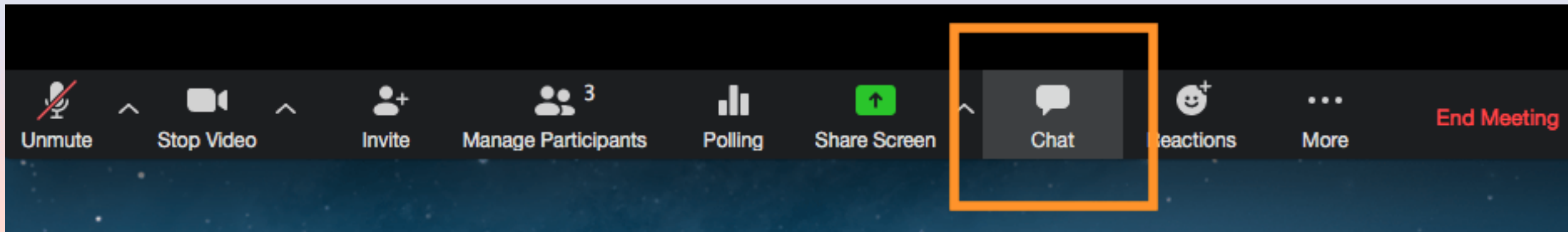
# Step 0:

- Have both the Zoom meeting and a web browser open on your computer.



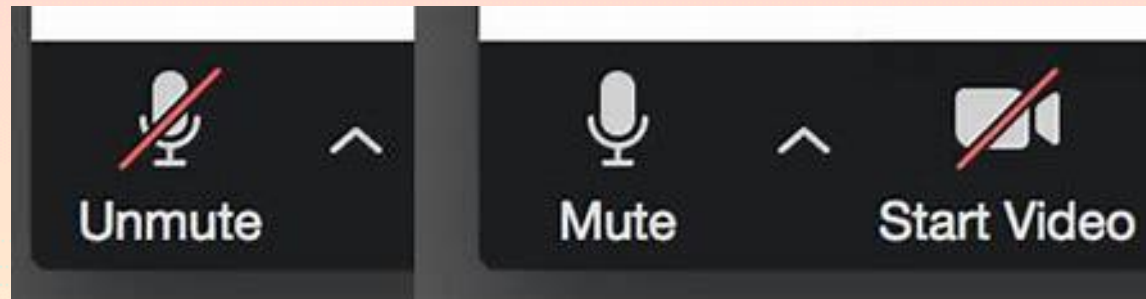
# Step 1:

- Copy (CTRL+C) the link for the film from the Zoom chat.



## Step 2:

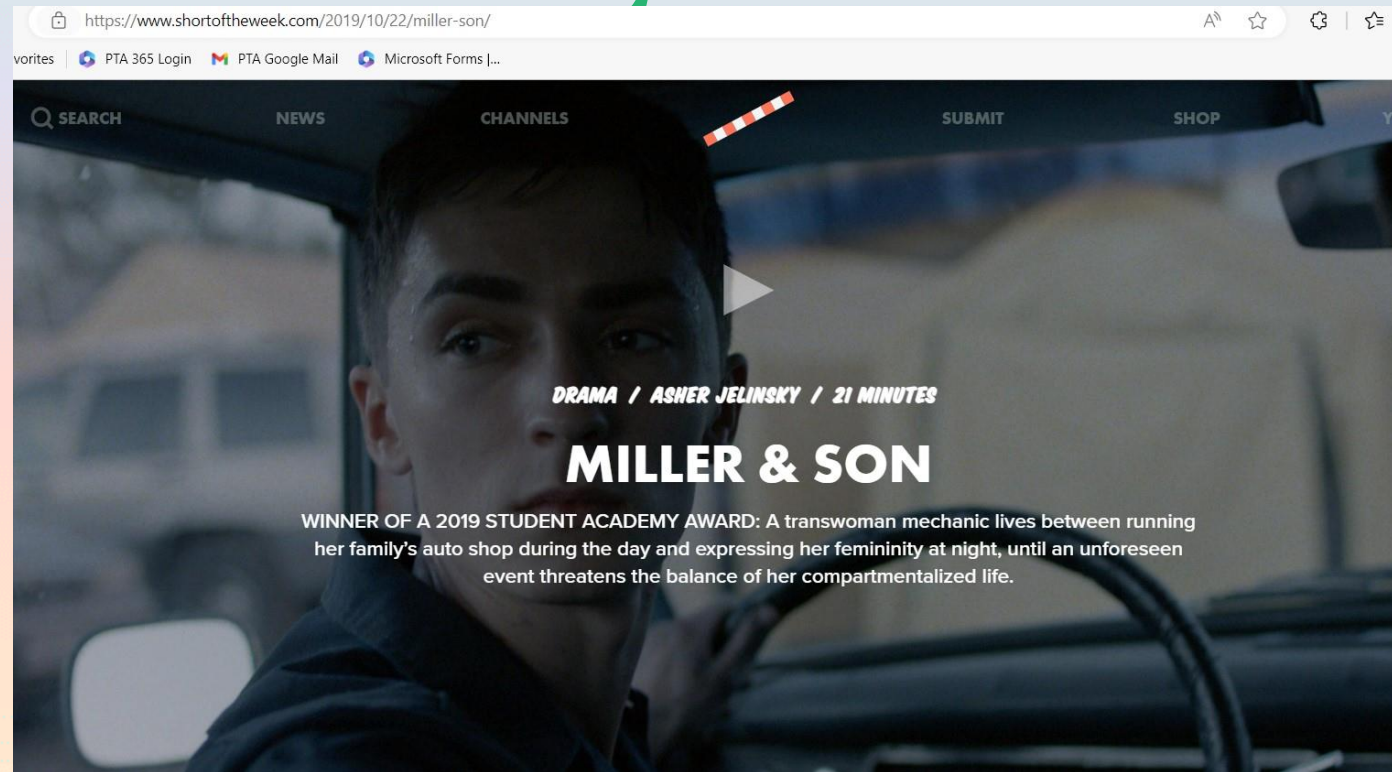
- Turn on your Zoom camera and microphone.
- Please do NOT leave the Zoom meeting. Instead, just minimize it until you have finished the film.





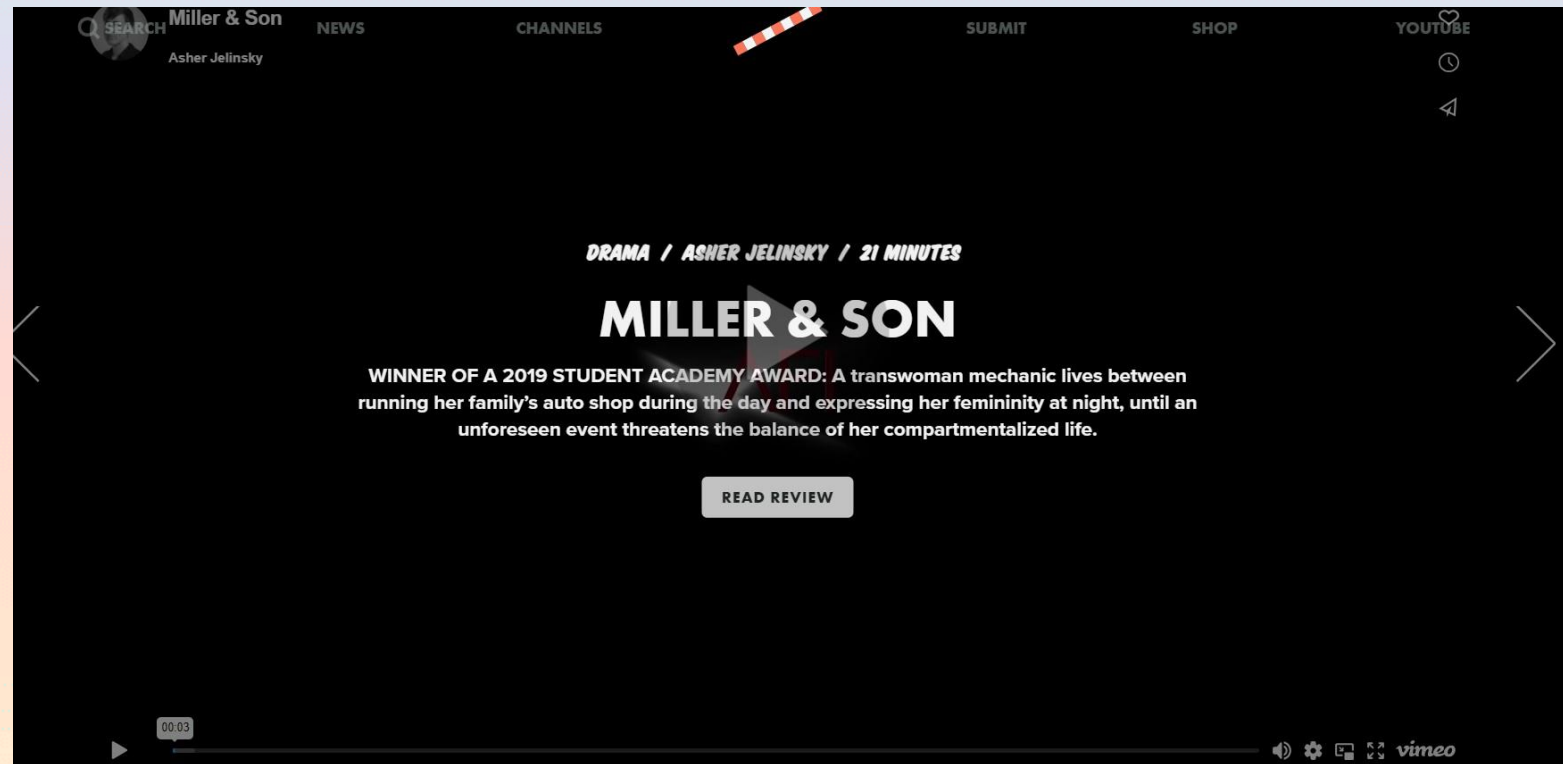
# Step 3:

- Paste (CTRL+V) the link from the Zoom chat into your web browser.



# Step 4:

- Watch the short film and note your thoughts, feelings, and reflections.



# Step 5:

- Come back to the Zoom meeting ready to share your thoughts and reflections. Turn your camera back on.



# Step 6: Breakout Session

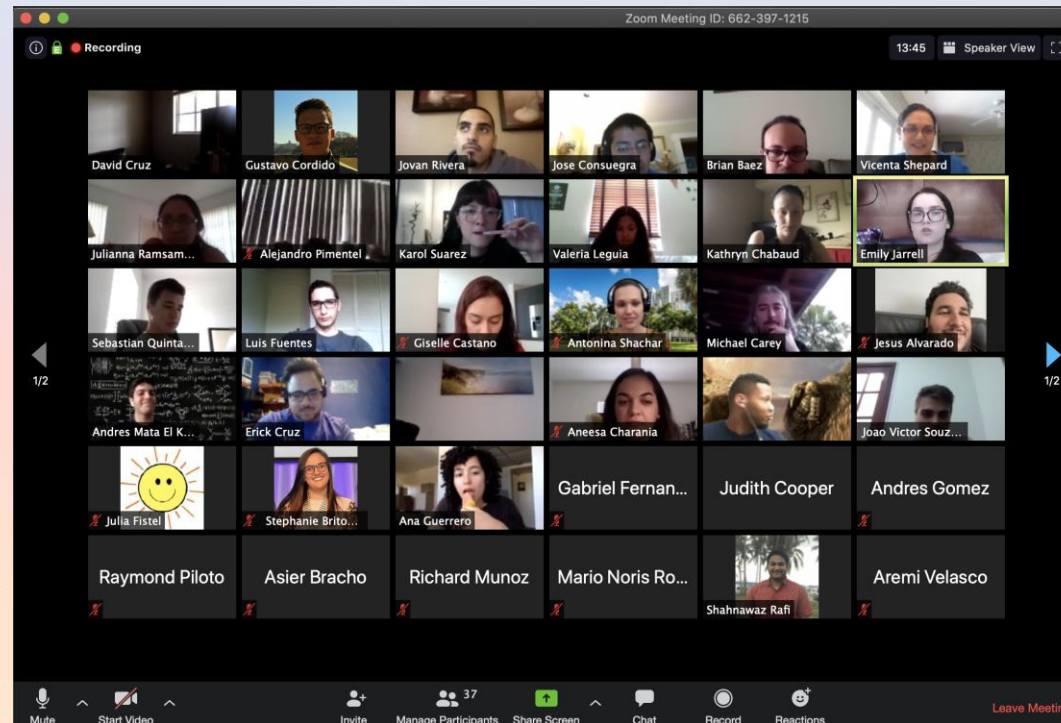
- We will then have small breakout group conversations about the film.





# Step 7: Whole Group Discussion

- Lastly, we will discuss the films and share our breakout chats as a full group.



# While You Watch

As you are viewing tonight's films, please record any questions or themes you would like to bring up for discussion. At the end of our session, we will have an opportunity to engage in breakout sessions and an interactive Q&A conversation.



# Film 1: “Miller & Son”



# Round 1: Watch the Film

- Paste the link from the Zoom chat into your web browser.
- Turn off your camera.
- Watch the film.
- Return in ~ 22 minutes.



# Round 1: Breakout Session



## Themes for Discussion:

- **Compartmentalization, disclosure, professional environments, gender performativity, self-protection, family, “work-life balance,” safe spaces, and more.**

# Round 1: Whole Group Conversation

## Themes for Discussion:

- **Compartmentalization, disclosure, professional environments, gender performativity, self-protection, family, “work-life balance,” safe spaces, etc.**

# Film 2: “Nasir”



# Round 2: Watch the Film

- Paste the link from the Zoom chat into your web browser.
- Turn off your camera.
- Watch the film.
- Return in ~ 19 minutes.



# Round 2: Breakout Session

## Themes for Discussion:

- **Communication, acceptance, identity, family, “coming out,” self-expression, community, speaking & listening, and more!**

# Round 2: Whole Group Conversation

## Themes for Discussion:

- **Communication, acceptance, identity, family, “coming out,” self-expression, community, speaking & listening, and more!**

# Film 3: “Pink Boy”



# Round 3: Watch the Film

- Paste the link from the Zoom chat into your web browser.
- Turn off your camera.
- Watch the film.
- Return in ~ 17 minutes.



# Round 3: Breakout Session

## Themes for Discussion:

- Parenting, identity, gender transition, decision-making, childhood development, acceptance, youth, and more!

# Round 3: Whole Group Conversation

## Themes for Discussion:

- Parenting, identity, gender transition, decision-making, childhood development, acceptance, youth, and more!

# Q & A Discussion



Please share any questions or comments that you would like to present for discussion.

# Community Resource Share



Please share any resources or community efforts being implemented in your local areas supporting trans and queer people.



# Project Engagement Opportunities

- Volunteer with us!
- Sign up for project newsletter
- Follow project on social media
- Attend speaker and film discussion events
- Join virtual events
- Join service projects

# Project Engagement Opportunities

- Encourage youth participation in leadership development group
- Invite us to present to your group
- Promote project activities and events
- Donate event space or project supplies
- Make a donation of money

# One-to-One Interview Invitation

- We would love to hear your thoughts about tonight's experience and gather your insight for potential future programs in service of peace.

# Calvert Peace Project Advisory Group Invitation



# Calvert *Peace* Project



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