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**LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert to Present
Acclaimed Documentary Film *Nelly & Nadine* at Cinema Diverse**

(Palm Springs, CA) – August 31, 2023 - **The LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert**, in partnership with **Strait Knot Productions**, is pleased to announce they will be sponsoring the 2022 acclaimed documentary film, ***Nelly & Nadine***, at Cinema Diverse: The Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival in September.

On Christmas Eve, 1944, Belgian prisoner and opera singer Nelly Mousset-Vos is asked to sing Christmas carols in one of the barracks at the Ravensbrück concentration camp. After she meets Nadine Hwang, the pair begin a secret relationship. They get separated, but after the war, Nelly and Nadine moved together to Venezuela, and lived as a couple until Nadine's death.

An astonishing love story directed by Magnus Gertten, *Nadine* is first identified in newsreel footage of refugees arriving in Sweden after the liberation of the camps. This footage alone would be noteworthy; but it's equally remarkable that Nelly and Nadine's love story was preserved and now shared by her granddaughter Sylvie Bianchi. The film is moving for the intimacy it depicts, an archive as unlikely as the love story itself, and a glimpse into the life of these women who love other women.

Nelly & Nadine, courtesy of Wolfe Productions, will be shown during the **second weekend of the festival on Saturday, September 30, at 2:30 pm**, at the Palm Springs Cultural Center, 2300 East Baristo Road, Palm Springs. Tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxf5ykk> with a portion of the sales to benefit the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert.

Strait Knot Productions is a 501c3 organization that supports art, education, recovery, and health and provides production opportunities in the arts. Dr. Ronni Sanlo and Dr. Kelly Watson are the co-founders of Strait Knot Productions. <https://ronnisanlo.com/strait-knot-productions/>

Formed in 2019 the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert is a community-based archive that documents, collects, preserves, and makes accessible the history of LGBTQ individuals, businesses, organizations, and events centered in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley. For more information, please contact the organization by email at lgbtqpshistory@gmail.com. You can also visit their web site www.lgbtqpshistory.org or follow them on Facebook [@lgbtqpshistory](https://www.facebook.com/lgbtqpshistory).

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