



Dear Federation of Gay Games,

We at Denver Film confirm our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

Denver Film (DF) has been transforming and entertaining the Colorado community through diverse voices in film since 1978. DF has become a signature cultural organization in the West, screening international and independent films not presented elsewhere in the region. DF serves over 100,000 patrons annually through 600+ screenings. Our programming includes year-round screenings, our flagship Denver Film Festival, and spotlight festivals highlighting underrepresented communities. For example, every August we produce CinemaQ, Colorado's only LGBTQ+ film festival that celebrates queer stories and builds resilience within the community.

Denver Film has a long track record of supporting efforts and causes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We leverage the power of film to foster empathy and understanding, removing barriers to widen access to the arts. Our mission underscores our dedication to amplifying lesser-told stories, increasing representation, and creating inclusive, equitable spaces. Internally, DF's staff and board reflect the diverse communities we serve. We prioritize transparency by disclosing salary ranges and removing financial barriers for board members. Our recruitment focuses on diverse backgrounds to reflect and serve our community effectively.

Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to these principles.

Denver's central location within the United States, with non-stop flights to all fifty states and eighteen countries, along with its incredible cultural diversity and access to world class outdoor recreation make the city an ideal location for hosting the Gay Games. The city's vibrant music, theater, and arts scenes, along with world class dining options and proximity to world class natural attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver the ideal location for hosting Gay Games XIII.



Denver Film would leverage our local network of 100,000 annual patrons in supporting Denver as the host city of Gay Games. By promoting opportunities for employees to participate in athletic events, volunteer at the Games, and/or attend cultural events put on by the games, Denver Film would help ensure the Games success.

We are excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present for not only Denver Film, but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee in ensuring Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with broad global reach.