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NUNE SHORT FILM PREMIERES AT QUEENS WORLD FILM FESTIVAL IN LGBTQ 2016 LINEUP

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When writing the script for NUNE the 'Q' in the acronym of LGBTQ stood out to writer-director Ji Strangeway. The 'Q' in LGBTQ stands for either Queer or Questioning. It's the questioning that the world of NUNE examines. NUNE goes beyond a short film about coming out as it takes on timeless questions that teens of all backgrounds and identifications struggle with.

While the characters in 'NUNE' question their sexuality, they also question love itself, something all teens can relate to. 'NUNE' was inspired by Strangeway's love for the 'The Ugly Duckling' fairytale, which she feels has timeless resonance and is a valuable reminder of the special nature of being different and lessons in peacefully overcoming abuse.

The filmmaker hopes NUNE's message will quell feelings of alienation among teens who often cope with pain by internalizing it through self-harm or destructive acts of aggression. Her remedy is told in a love story.

'Today, there is too much violence, too much cynicism and numbing of our senses that gives us permission to become detached passersby watching others get hurt, whereas sensitivity ought to be treasured. 'NUNE' is about the permission to feel pain and love honestly, rather than escape from it.' says Ji Strangeway

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