



Meet the Creators — Suggested Questions

Your Work. Your Conversation. Your Time.

These questions are here to help you get the conversation started. You do **not** need to use all of them. Choose the questions that feel natural and relevant to you and your work.

There is no “right” way to do this. Your conversation can be relaxed, personal, and informal. You can interview one another, include collaborators or guests, or simply talk about the work and what inspired it.

START HERE: QUESTIONS FOR EVERYONE

- Tell us a little about yourself and the work you create.
- What inspired you to create this particular work?
- What story, experience, person, place, or idea is at the heart of this work?
- What do you hope people notice, feel, or think about after experiencing your work?
- Who or what has influenced your creative journey?
- Were there any unexpected discoveries or challenges while creating this work?
- What part of the creative process was especially meaningful to you?
- Who are the people or communities that have supported or shaped your work?
- What would you like audiences to know that they might not see in the finished work?
- What are you working on or exploring next?



THREADS OF BELONGING

The 2026 OUR PRIDE Shorts & Arts Fest explores **Threads of Belonging**.

Your work may connect with identity, community, family, love, resilience, visibility, human rights, history, or the ways people create places and relationships where they can belong.

- What does “belonging” mean to you?
- Are there particular communities, relationships, or experiences that have influenced your sense of belonging?
- How does your work connect to identity, community, visibility, or human rights?
- Is there a thread of belonging running through this particular work?
- What do you hope your work contributes to conversations about LGBTQ+ communities and experiences?
- What does community mean to you as a creator?
- Can art, storytelling, books, or social media help people feel less alone? How?

MEET THE ARTIST

For artists, the conversation can become a personal introduction to your creative work and the ideas, experiences, and communities behind it.

- How would you describe your creative process?
- Where do you find inspiration?
- What is the story behind this particular work or body of work?
- How have your experiences as an LGBTQ+ artist—or your connection to LGBTQ+ communities—influenced your work?
- Are there particular artists, mentors, or creative traditions that have influenced you?
- How do identity, visibility, community, or human rights appear in your work?
- What do you hope audiences see, feel, or think about after encountering your work?



MEET THE AUTHOR

For authors, the conversation can give readers a chance to hear the story behind the book and meet the person who created it.

- Why did you write this book?
- What story, person, experience, or question inspired it?
- What was your writing or research process like?
- Were there discoveries during the process that changed the direction of the book?
- What LGBTQ+ themes, experiences, history, or issues does the work explore?
- What communities and relationships shaped the book?
- How does Threads of Belonging connect to your work?
- What do you hope readers take away from the book?
- Would you like to share a short reading or excerpt?

MEET THE SOCIAL MEDIA CREATOR

For Social Media Creators, the conversation can give audiences an opportunity to meet the person behind the content and learn more about the stories, ideas, and communities that inspire the work.

- How did you become a Social Media Creator?
- What inspires the content you create?
- What stories, experiences, or communities influence your work?
- How do you use social media to share LGBTQ+ stories and perspectives?
- What does creating visibility and connection mean to you?
- How would you describe the relationship between you and your audience?
- What are some of the challenges and opportunities of being an LGBTQ+ creator?
- How can social media build community and create a sense of belonging?
- What do you hope people take away from your content?