

# LGBT+ FILM HISTORY

LGBT+ History Month

## First ever LGBT+ Film

The Dickson Experimental Sound Film showed 2 men dancing together which shocked audiences



1894

1912 - 1930



At least 5 LGBT+ themed films are released during this time including "Salome"

## The Hay's Code

This list of rules for films banned certain "immoral" themes including "sex perversion" - LGBT people and relationships



1930

1930 - 1968



## Queer Coding in films

LGBT+ people were taboo so any instances of queerness in film had to be carefully coded in subtext and character traits only

## The Hay's Code is lifted

The code stopped being enforced as strictly towards its later years and was lifted in 1968 to make way for the age classification system



1968

1970



## The Boys in the Band

One of the first LGBT+ films to be made after the Hay's code is lifted. This film focused on a friendship group of gay men

## Dog Day Afternoon

Chris Sarandon played a transwoman + was nominated for an Oscar. This was based on a true life story of a man robbing a bank to pay for his partner's gender affirming surgery



1975

1993



## Philadelphia

Tom Hanks won an Oscar for playing a Gay man fired for having AIDS. This started to shift the idea that playing LGBT+ characters would end careers

## Ian McKellen

Ian McKellen was the first Out Gay man to be nominated for an award playing a Gay man in "Gods and Monsters"



1998

1999 - 2016



There was an increase in LGBT+ themes and characters, and nominations and awards gained including for films like "Boys Don't Cry" & "Brokeback Mountain"

## Moonlight wins Oscar!

Moonlight made history as the first LGBT+ film to win an Oscar. It was also the first film with an all black cast to win an Oscar making it a milestone of an award!



2017

2019



## Year of Representation

2019 saw the most LGBT+ representation ever in film and behind the lens. Some films from this year include "Rocket Man" "Booksmart" & "Love, Simon"