

Game Face

10 Year Anniversary

LOGLINE:

Ten years after its acclaimed worldwide release, *Game Face* revisits the groundbreaking journeys of Fallon Fox — the first transgender female MMA fighter — and Terrence Clemens — a gay college basketball player in Oklahoma — whose courage to live authentically in sports remains as timely and vital today as ever.

SYNOPSIS:

Ten years ago, *Game Face* made history as one of the first documentaries to spotlight LGBTQ+ athletes breaking barriers in professional and college sports. The critically acclaimed film — praised by *The Hollywood Reporter* and ESPN — released worldwide on Netflix in 2016, screened at over 50 international film festivals, and earned 12 awards, including the Audience Award for Best Documentary at Frameline.

Today, *Game Face* resonates as powerfully as ever. In an era when trans visibility, inclusivity in sports, and the rights of LGBTQ+ youth are once again under public debate, the film's intimate dual portrait of Fallon Fox — the first transgender female MMA fighter — and Terrence Clemens — a gay college basketball player in conservative Oklahoma — feels both historic and urgently relevant. Revisiting *Game Face* a decade later invites audiences to reflect on how far we've come — and how far we still have to go — in the fight for equality, authenticity, and representation in athletics.



Photo: Fallon Fox & Terrence Clemens

FILMMAKER:

Game Face marked the debut of Emmy®-winning filmmaker Michiel Thomas, launching a decade-long career defined by empathy and authenticity. Since then, the Belgian native has created projects for Netflix, Hulu on Disney+, PBS, and AMC Networks.

Filmmakers Statement:

"Making Game Face was where I found my passion, both professionally and personally, to tell socially driven stories that matter to me. As a former pro basketball player and an out and proud gay man, this subject has always been deeply personal. Though my work has since expanded into other themes, I remain drawn to stories where sports and identity meet."

"After reconnecting with Fallon and Terrence, we felt that ten years later, our journey with this film isn't over. The conversations it started are still urgent today, which is why we're breathing new life into Game Face for a second round."



Photo: Terrence Clemens, Fallon Fox & Michiel Thomas

SELECT PRESS:

- **Queerty:** ["10 years ago 'Game Face' broke ground exploring the perils & joys of Black queer athletes, today the doc still stands"](#)
- **The Hollywood Reporter:** ["As engaging, thoughtful and inspiring as its subjects. A timely documentary focuses on sports as a crucial frontier in LGBT rights."](#)
- **ESPN:** ["Game Face shines a light on the sexism and transphobia facing transgender athletes, and just how difficult finding acceptance can be. But the beauty of "Game Face" is the honesty with which it portrays Fox's story, and that includes the happier moments."](#)

METADATA:

Title	<i>Game Face</i>
Category	Documentary
Genre	Sports – LGBTQ+ – Social Issues
Niches	Sports, LGBTQ+, Social Issues, African-American, Education, Women
Country	Belgium / USA
Language	English
Length	95 minutes
Specs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple ProRes 422 HQ & DCP• Color• HD 1.78 (16/9)• Stereo

PAST SCREENINGS & AWARDS:

APRIL 2015

- 04/26/15 — Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
 - ***World Premiere***

MAY 2015

- 05/07/15 — Translations: The Seattle Transgender Film Festival
 - ***Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary***
- 05/09/15 — Dommelhof, Neerpelt, Belgium
- 05/14/15 — QDoc: Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival
 - ***Opening Film***
- 05/23/15 — Inside Out, Toronto, Canada
 - ***Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary***
- 05/30/15 — FilmOut, San Diego
 - ***Winner Jury Award: Outstanding Emerging Talent***

JUNE 2015

- 06/06/15 — Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival
- 06/14/15 — OUTeast Film Festival, Halifax, Canada
 - ***Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary***
- 06/20/15 — Frameline 39, San Francisco
 - ***Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary***
- 06/25/15 — Frameline 39, San Francisco
 - ***Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary***

JULY 2015

- 07/04/15 — Rio Festival De Gay Cinema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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- 07/08/15 — qFLIX Philadelphia
 - **Winner Jury Award: Best Documentary**
- 07/11/15 — Salt Lake City International LGBT Film Festival
- 07/15/15 — American Cinematheque, Aero Theatre, Los Angeles
- 07/24/15 — Black Alphabet Film Festival, Chicago, IL
- 07/26/15 — Houston Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
- 07/31/15 — Kaleidoscope Film Festival, Little Rock
 - **Winner Audience Award: Best Documentary; Winner Cheryl Maples Rainbow Award**

AUGUST 2015

- 08/02/15 — GAZE International LGBT Film Festival, Dublin, Ireland
- 08/15/15 — North Carolina LGBT Film Festival
- 08/20/15 — North Carolina LGBT Film Festival
- 08/23/15 — Vancouver Queer Film Festival — Closing Film
- 08/30/15 — Reel Affirmations, Washington, DC

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 09/11/15 — Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival
- 09/13/15 — Oostende Film Festival, Belgium
- 09/15/15 — Oslo Fusion International Film Festival, Norway
- 09/15/15 — Outflix Memphis
- 09/22/15 — Sportraad Hamont-Achel, Belgium
- 09/27/15 — Cinema Queer International Film Festival

OCTOBER 2015

- 10/01/15 — Eau Queer Film Festival, Eau Claire, WI
- 10/03/15 — Montreal International Black Film Festival, Canada
- 10/07/15 — Outfest West Hollywood Series
- 10/08/15 — MIX Copenhagen, Denmark
- 10/08/15 — Out On Film, Atlanta, GA
 - **Winner Jury Award: Best Documentary**
- 10/10/15 — Southwest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Albuquerque, NM
- 10/11/15 — ImageOut, Rochester, NY
 - **Winner Special Jury Award**
- 10/15/15 — Your Normal LGBT Film Festival
- 10/17/15 — Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival
- 10/17/15 — Buffalo International Film Festival, Buffalo, NY
- 10/17/15 — Reel Q Pittsburgh LGBT Film Festival
- 10/18/15 — MiFo Film Festival, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 10/22/15 — Ottawa LGBT Film Festival

NOVEMBER 2015

- 11/10/15 — Kansas International Film Festival
- 11/15/15 — Long Island Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
- 11/16/15 — DOC NYC
- 11/21/15 — TRANS/fluential Film Festival, Chicago, IL
- 11/28/15 — Fringe! Queer Film & Arts Fest, London, UK

JANUARY 2016

- 01/26/16 — USC School of Cinematic Arts, Los Angeles, CA

FEBRUARY 2016

- 02/03/16 — Wagner College, Staten Island, NY
- 02/04/16 — Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 02/10/16 — Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 02/12/16 — Toronto Black Film Festival, Canada
- 02/22/16 — Mardi Gras Film Festival, Sydney, Australia

MARCH 2016

- 03/09/16 — Rainbow Health Ontario 2016 Conference, Toronto
- 03/14/16 — Colby College, ME

APRIL 2016

- 04/18/16 — Outview, Athens, Greece
- 04/21/16 — Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA
- 04/22/16 — Students of Color Conference, Yakima, WA
- 04/26/16 — University of Maine, ME MAY 2016
- 05/01/16 — Kansai Queer Film Festival, Osaka, Japan
- 05/20/16 — Kansai Queer Film Festival, Kyoto, Japan

OCTOBER 2016

- Vinokino, Turku & Helsinki, Finland