

Leon Acord

Artist Profile

Part of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival

Name: Leon Acord

City of Residence: West LA

Age: 49



1) Who are you, where do you live, and what kind of art do you make?

My name is Leon Acord, I am creator/writer/producer and one of the actors in the WeHo-based web series *Old Dogs & New Tricks* playing in the festival. I have over 25 films and 30 plays to my credit. I live in West LA.

2) How old were you when you came out, and what is your coming out story?

I was 17 when I came out, a farm-boy high school student in Indiana, in 1980. To say I scandalized my high school is putting it mildly!

3) How does being queer affect your artwork?

Hmmm. I suppose it does give me a point-of-view from the “outside.”

4) In your mind, what is gay pride and how do you celebrate it?

In my mind, Gay Pride is simply living your life without shame or guilt, and not letting others impose theirs on you, either. And I celebrate it daily, by living without either! It’s not a once-a-year event.

5) Where can we see your artwork during the One City One Pride LGBT Arts Festival this year?

a) Name of event: CMG Film Fest *Old Dogs & New Tricks*

b) Date of event: TBA

c) Time:

d) Location:

e) Admission charge, if any:

f) For more info visit www.weho.org/pride or www.OldDogsNewTricksTheSeries.com

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