



Media Contacts: PMG +1.323.337.9042

Henry Eshelman, heshelman@platformgrp.com

Saeli Eshelman, saeli@platformgrp.com

[PAUL & TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY](#)

WHAT: Fia Perera's feature documentary **PAUL & TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY** premiered at the prestigious Oscar qualifying Cinequest Film Festival in August 2023 and will be screened at Ojai Film Festival Nov 6 2023 and NewFilmmakers Film Festival Nov 16 - 19.

PAUL & TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY is a colorful documentary exploring the lives of two 77-year-old British artists who exist in one genderfluid body: Paul Whitehead and Trisha Van Cleef. Paul Whitehead is a

painter, graphic designer, writer, and musician who worked as an art director for Time Out and John Lennon; founded the Eyes and Ears Foundation and its Artboard Festival, which allowed artists to showcase their work on billboards; and made album covers for music icons like Genesis, Credence Clearwater Revival, Van der Graaf Generator, and Peter Hammill. Whitehead began exploring his gender identity through cross-dressing during the 1960s, leading to the emergence of the converged artist Trisha Van Cleef in 2004. The film delves into the brutal challenges and beautiful victories that Paul and Trisha have faced— together and individually—in the mercurial and competitive art world while unapologetically navigating the uncharted waters of gender identity and artistic expression, breaking down perilous stigmas along the way.

What Critics are saying:

A tough road to choose, Perera reveals the challenges and joyful moments both souls celebrate and endure. Perera presents the subject matter with great dignity and purpose, revealing how the art of two people in one body can be pretty significant as a man and a woman through interviews with both Whitehead and Van Cleef – **Film Threat**

The other film is **PAUL & TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY**, a full-length documentary. It was unlike any documentary I have ever seen. The artwork alone is worth the price of admission, but the story is amazing and its presentation is brilliant – **Splash magazine**

The film is a complex, yet friendly and honest conversation with an artist whose range is amazing, and it's all because he decided to accept unconditionally who the artists are: Paul & Trisha.- **Movie.Blogger.com**

It is a very interesting movie about a lifestyle that not a lot of people understand. As Paul says "not everybody gets you". And Paul & Trisha are ok with that - **Debbie Bretschneider**

In this documentary, no one segment is more important than any other. They interlock to form a person - a lifestyle. A brilliant, beautiful, sensitive documentary – **Broadway to Vegas**

About the Filmmaker: Fia Perera has written more than a dozen off-Broadway shows and has written, directed, or produced several films and TV series in various stages of development, including pilot episodes for *Do the Voice* and *Baby Steps* and the award-winning short MERMAID, which will also be screening at Ojai Film Festival Nov 6. The focus of Perera's work is making a positive impact on the LGBTQ+ community. She says, "As a filmmaker and activist, my passion is spotlighting and elevating individuals like Paul and Trisha, who navigate their gender fluidity and duality with great freedom. My mission with this film is to help inspire other people who are struggling to be their true selves to take the leap!"

In companion with a screening of the film, there is an opportunity to book a TEDx talk with Paul & Trisha in tandem with a live painting exhibition. For Film event bookings & Inquiries contact: **Pererapictures@gmail.com**

THE ART OF FLUIDITY

Presented by Perera Pictures and Fisky Enterprises

Running Time: 75 minutes

Writer/Director/Producer: **Fia Perera** Executive Producer: **Adam Fisk**

Cinematographer/Editor: **William Gilmore** Subjects: **Paul Whitehead, Trisha Van Cleef**