# 'Summer Solstice': This Summer’s LGBTQ Must-See Movie



Brooklyn-based writer-director Noah Schamus makes a notable debut with "Summer Solstice," released on June 21, 2024. The film stars Bobbi Salvör Menuez as Leo, a trans man and aspiring actor in New York City. Marianne Rendón plays Eleanor, a college friend who convinces Leo to join her on an upstate getaway, complicating his preparation for a significant audition.

The narrative unfolds over a weekend at an empty country house, revealing the complex dynamics of old friendships and the evolving identities of the characters. Leo's interactions with Eleanor and other characters, including a trans actor named Oliver (Mila Myles) and a bisexual friend, Joe (Yaron Lotan), form the crux of the story. Eleanor's brash behavior and the camaraderie among the queer characters highlight the underlying tension and growth among the group.

Schamus adeptly balances humor and emotional depth, with Jack Davis' cinematography and Margaux’s guitar score enhancing the film's tone. "Summer Solstice," with a runtime of 1 hour and 21 minutes, is the one to watch out for this summer if you’re up for a nuanced exploration of trans visibility within a sunlit, comedic setting.