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National Film Board of Canada brings *In the Closet* to YouTube for Pride Month
Ajahnis Charley's six-part docu-series launches online May 25, following a May 24 debut at Toronto's Inside Out



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The [National Film Board of Canada](#) (NFB) kicks off **Pride Month** in style as [In the Closet](#), Ajahnis Charley's hilarious and intimate docu-series about **non-binary fashion and identity**, premieres **May 25** on the [NFB's YouTube channel](#).

Two episodes from this **6 x 13-minute series** will be released exclusively on YouTube every **Monday at 8 p.m. EDT**, from **May 25 to June 8**.

The online premiere follows a **screening and variety show on May 24** at the 36th Annual [Inside Out Toronto 2SLGBTQ+ Film Festival](#).

About *In the Closet*

Figuring out who you are is messy—especially when the world is telling you you're “**not non-binary enough**.”

In the Closet is **written, directed and hosted by Ajahnis Charley**—a Black, non-binary writer, filmmaker and comedian based in Toronto—who **raids their enby besties' closets** looking to affirm both their identity and their hotness.

Ajahnis is joined in the series by iconic comedian **Bren D'Souza**, actor **Amanda Cordner**, improviser to the stars **D.J. Mausner**, creator **Meg MacKay** and Drag Queen extraordinaire **Chelazon Leroux**.

Yes, they're in a **literal closet**, but these **non-binary artists** are **anything but closeted**, in a docu-series that isn't afraid to **wear its heart on its drop sleeves**.

Complete schedule

Starting May 25

- ***D.J. Mausner Is Literally Gender Goals***

Ajahnis gets into it with writer and activist **D.J. Mausner**—who loves to play with formalwear but doesn't play with politics.

- ***Chelazon Leroux Pulls a Femme Top***

“Are you a boy or a girl?” “I’m an icon.” Ajahnis kiks in the closet with Drag Queen **Chelazon Leroux**.

Starting June 1

- ***Amanda Corder Found Self-Love in the Strip Club***

Ajahnis and actor **Amanda Corder** talk auditioning while Black and not fitting in—to clothes or spaces that weren't designed for you.

- ***Meg Mackay Is Bringing Dress-Up Back***

Ajahnis gets all the tea on comedian **Meg MacKay**'s East Coast upbringing, their eclectic androgyny and the oh-so-familiar act of using “customer-service voice.”

Starting June 8

- ***Bren D'souza Puts the A** in Acid Grunge***

Ajahnis enables Bren D'Souza's use of psychedelic... prints! From rosaries to rhinestones, Bren knows how to accessorize.

- ***Ajahnis Charley Is a Real Bougie B*tch***

Silk! Suede! Cashmere! Oh my! Ajahnis reflects on the closets we met along the way, clocking their own journey of gender and fashion.

In the Closet: A Very Queer Variety Show

Following the May 24 premiere screening of ***In the Closet*** at **Inside Out**, join Ajahnis Charley and their enby besties for an **extra special, one-night only program of performances** as part of **In the Closet: A Very Queer Variety Show**.

Taking place in the **TIFF Gallery** space, the evening will feature a fashionable blend of **standup comedy, drag and improv** by familiar faces from the series and special guests. The show is **free to attend**, with tickets available via the [Inside Out website](#).

About Ajahnis Charley

In addition to starring in the HBO miniseries *Station Eleven* and Bell Media's sitcom *Shelved*, story editing and writing for shows like *Bria Mack Gets a Life*, *Stay Tooned*, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, *The Beaverton* and *Because News*, **Ajahnis Charley** makes art about and for the queer community. They've written and directed for the web series *The Bloom Room* and worked with Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, Soulpepper Theatre's Queer Youth Cabaret and Just for Laughs. ***In the Closet*** will be their second film project with the NFB. Their first was [I AM GAY](#), a short film for the NFB's pandemic series, [The Curve](#).

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