

CURED at BFI Flare



CURED was one of only nine documentaries featured at the 2021 edition of BFI Flare, London's LGBTQ+ Film Festival. The festival programmers described the film as "astonishingly rich ... one of the best documentaries of this or any year," and critics and journalists across the UK agreed. A summary of coverage in features, interviews, reviews, and roundups is below.

BBC Features & Interviews

- **BBC News Online:** CURED: How mental illness was used as a tool against LGBT rights
- **BBC Radio 4 Today Programme:** Interview with Patrick Sammon and James Barr about the film CURED
- **BBC Radio Scotland, Good Morning Scotland:** Feature on CURED, at the BFI Flare Festival [at 50:40]
- **BBC World Service, Newshour:** Feature on CURED, at the BFI Flare Festival
- **BBC World Service, Weekend:** Feature on CURED, at the BFI Flare Festival

More Features & Interviews

- **Business Doc Europe:** "A 'flare' for queer doc"
- **DIVA:** An interview with Patrick Sammon and Bennett Singer, directors of CURED
- **A Gay and a NonGay Podcast:** Chat to the co-director of CURED

Reviews

- **500 Days of Film:** "Incredibly powerful and inspiring"
- **Beatrice Colbrant:** "A very moving piece"
- **Bina007 Movie Reviews:** "Brilliantly constructed ... there's so much resonance to the ongoing civil liberties fights around the world"
- **Cinerama Film:** "Timely, urgent and important"
- **The Dream Cage:** "A fantastic documentary that made me angry [and] hopeful"
- **Film Carnage:** "Perfectly captures how change happens"
- **Gary Cruise / Letterboxd:** "A real eye-opener and essential viewing – ★★★★★½"
- **James Green Review:** "A story of queer tenacity, resilience and solidarity – one as uplifting as it is infuriating – ★★★★★"
- **Jumpcut Online:** "An incredibly timely film, providing an essential history lesson for queer and straight people alike"
- **Shadows on the Wall:** "Rousing ... hugely informative and inspiring"
- **The Queer Review:** "Riveting ... deserves its place alongside other seminal documentaries such as *How to Survive a Plague*, *The Celluloid Closet*, *Before Stonewall* and *The Times of Harvey Milk*"
- **The Reviews Hub:** "The story resembles a spy thriller ... the narrative is smooth and gripping"
- **Upcoming on Screen:** "Compels you from start to finish [and] moves you a great deal"



Picks & Recommendations

- **500 Days of Film:** [Documentaries To Watch At BFI Flare](#)
- **Asian Culture Culture:** [BFI Flare 2021 – What to look out for at online LGBTIQ+ festival...](#)
- **Attitude:** [12 LGBTQ films not to miss at this year's BFI Flare — “Brilliant, empowering, essential viewing”](#)
- **The Bigger Picture:** [Programme announced for 35th BFI Flare: London's LGBTIQ+ Film Festival](#)
- **BN1:** [BFI Flare: the simply brilliant queer films to watch from this year's festival — “Utterly mind-boggling and riveting”](#)
- **Daily Mirror:** [BFI Flare Festival 2021 preview: Exciting LGBTIQ+ stories and talent hitting our screens](#)
- **Empire:** [BFI Flare 2021 Preview: Five Films To Watch Out For](#)
- **Evening Standard:** [BFI Flare: the simply brilliant queer films to watch from this year's festival](#)
- **Gscene:** [BFI Flare: London LGBTIQ+ Film Festival](#)
- **Harper's Bazaar:** [What to watch at the online BFI Flare Festival](#)
- **Huffington Post:** [BFI Flare Festival 2021: The Best LGBTQ Films To Watch Online](#)
- **Love London Love Culture:** [NEWS: Full Programme Announced for BFI Flare: London LGBTIQ+ Film Festival](#)
- **Mediashotz:** [BFI Flare LGBTIQ+ Film Fest full programme announced](#)
- **MSN:** [BFI Flare: the simply brilliant queer films to watch from this year's festival](#)
- **Popcorn Hub:** [35th BFI Flare's LGBTIQ+ London Film Festival 2021](#)
- **Show Studio:** [What to Watch at BFI Flare 2021](#)
- **Time Out:** [This year's BFI Flare line-up has been announced](#)
- **We Love Cinema:** [10 Must-See Films at BFI Flare](#)

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