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VANCOUVER, WA-BASED SHORT FILM *HOLD MY BEER*, FEATURING LOCAL AND NEURODIVERGENT TALENT, TO PREMIERE AT KIGGINS THEATRE

VANCOUVER, WA – *Hold My Beer*, a short film by local filmmaker Brian Tashima, will be holding its premiere screening at Kiggins Theatre in downtown Vancouver on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Admission to the event is free, and all ages are welcome (the film is self-rated PG-13 for alcohol use and mature themes). There will be a “Happy Half-Hour” from 6:00pm to 6:30pm with \$5 pints of limited-edition “Hold My Beer Vancouver Hazy IPA” courtesy of Loowit Brewing Company, and the first 30 attendees to arrive will receive a free “Hold My Beer” logo swag pack, including a 5-ounce sampler glass, coaster, and sticker.

Hold My Beer is a 40-minute, scripted comedy-drama that takes you into the life of an autistic young adult from Vancouver, Washington who discovers a passion for craft beer and embarks on a mission to open his own brewpub. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Vancouver’s arts, music, and craft beer scenes, this short film celebrates local talent and neurodivergent creativity while exploring themes of family, forgiveness, and having the courage to pursue one’s dreams.

It was filmed almost entirely in Vancouver, and nearly half the cast and crew (including the lead actor) identify as neurodivergent. It was co-produced by multimedia production team Second Player Score and Autism Empowerment, a Vancouver-based nonprofit organization devoted to enriching and empowering the lives of youth, adults, and families within autistic and neurodivergent communities, and it was funded in part by a generous grant from the Vancouver, Washington Culture, Arts, and Heritage Commission. Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle also appears in a cameo role.

Tickets are now available at <https://www.kigginstheatre.com/movie/hold-my-beer>

(The purchase page says there’s an additional \$1.00 Booking Fee per ticket, but that fee will be waived at checkout).

A trailer for the film and other information can be found at <https://holdmybeer.mov>

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