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Filmmaker Brings Powerful LGBT Movie to North Carolina in light of HB2

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Ticket proceeds from the evening will be donated to Safe Schools NC, a non-profit dedicated to creating a safe and positive learning environment for all students and educators in North Carolina. 'Love is All You Need ?' is a forbidden love story that takes place in a world where gay is straight, straight is gay, and heterophobia is prevalent. The feature film made its world premiere in March and has been showing at festivals around the country since, amassing awards and garnering critical acclaim. It's adapted from the viral 19-minute short film of the same name, which was so powerful that it organically garnered over 40 million views online and was translated by fans into more than a dozen languages, touching individuals around the world.

'The movie can feel shocking, especially because there's a startling authenticity to the characters' experiences,' said Shields. 'While the sexualities are flipped, all the stories are all based on true events. The recent legislation in NC is positioned to encourage a fresh wave of LGBT discrimination, but talking about our differences to better understand one another may help diminish HB2's effects in the Durham community.'

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