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First Person Show Explores Sexual, Gender Identity

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WNET, the flagship PBS station based in New York and PBS Digital Studios, launched *First Person*, an original digital series exploring sexuality and gender identity. The series, the first to come as a result of the previously announced strategic partnership between WNET's Interactive Engagement Group and PBS Digital Studios, releases new episodes every other week.

Through candid personal narratives, each five-to-eight minute video will examine a different set of issues facing the LGBTQ community, using interviews and host commentary to illustrate intimate experiences that speak to larger conversations about gender, sexuality, social norms and identity development. *First Person* also incorporates comments from viewers, discussion prompts and engagement with viewers to continue the conversation on the *First Person* social media accounts.

Hosted by [Kristin Russo](#), the co-founder of LGBTQ youth organization [Everyone Is Gay](#), the series topics include transgender transitions on YouTube, bisexual erasure, queer fashion and coming out in sports, and features conversations with trans artist and YouTuber Skylar Kergil, author Vivek Shraya, fashion icons Nicolette Mason, Arabelle Sicardi and Rae Tuteria, ESPN correspondent Kate Fagan, and others.

"*First Person* gives us the exciting opportunity to start a meaningful and respectful dialogue about LGBTQ issues," said Dan Greenberg, WNET's Chief Digital Officer.

"Together with WNET, PBS is committed to exploring diverse viewpoints and we look forward to fostering thoughtful conversations through *First Person*," commented Don Wilcox, Vice President, Digital Marketing and Services at PBS.

For WNET's Interactive Engagement Group Daniel B. Greenberg and Cultural Weekly subscriber Joe Harrell are executive producers; Meredith Heil is producer, camera and editor; Kristin Russo is producer and host; and Casey de Pont is associate producer and art director.

Here's an episode on bisexual erasure with Kristin Russo interviewing Vivek Shraya, author of *She of the Mountain*.

More information about First Person [here](#).

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