

Inlaws & OUTLAWS

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"Inlaws & Outlaws" Comes to Olympia for Equality Day Preview Screening of Award-Winning Documentary Rounds out Important Day of Lobbying for LGBT Equality

(SEATTLE) The Seattle film **"Inlaws & Outlaws,"** winner of the **deadCENTER Film Festival's Grand Jury Prize**, will be screened in Olympia to cap off **Equality Day** on Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at the Capitol Theatre in Olympia. Tickets are \$7 and available at theatre on the day of the screening (Olympia Film Society members are just \$5).

Equality Day is hosted by Equal Rights Washington and the Religious Coalition for Equality. On February 26th, clergy and people of faith—both straight and gay—will gather with other allies and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to lobby their legislators to end legal discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals and families.

Coming at the end of Equality Day, the film screening will round out the day of rallying and lobbying on behalf of LGBT equality. State Senator Ed Murray (D-Seattle) and State Representative Joe McDermott (D-Seattle) are expected to attend as well as members of the Olympia community representing many organizations across the Puget Sound. Drew Emery, the film's director will also be joined by stars of the film.

Filmmaker **Drew Emery** made the documentary as a way of bridging what he calls the "false divide" between gay and straight people around love marriage. "We've shown this film with great success in red states and blue states, urban centers and rural communities," says Emery. "It's played in churches in Oklahoma and small college towns in Ohio and everywhere we go, we find audiences embrace the idea that love is absolutely the thing that connects us all as human beings — and not at all the thing that divides us."

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Celebrated by critics and audiences alike in festivals around the country, “Inlaws & Outlaws” examines the nature of love and marriage by weaving together true stories of straight and gay couples side by side. By weaving together a series of refreshingly honest interviews with straight couples, gay couples, and singles, “Inlaws & Outlaws” takes a humorous and wide-angled look at real relationships of all shapes and sizes.

“‘Inlaws & Outlaws’ goes straight to the heart of the matter because it is composed of the stories of real people. And this is the perfect time to bring this film to Olympia because Equality Day is a way for Washington citizens to have their voice heard by the legislature,” says director Drew Emery. “We are honored to be working with Equal Rights Washington and the Religious Coalition for Equality to make this effort a success. Our film hasn’t been screened in Olympia yet and we know it will be well received.” The February 26th event will introduce the film to the greater Olympia community and build support for the **Hearts + Minds Campaign**, where the film will be distributed at the grassroots level in early 2007.

By making the film affordable and available directly through their website, the Campaign will eventually enable thousands of screenings in churches, schools, community centers, and inside the homes of ordinary citizens.

A noontime rally will provide legislators and others an opportunity to hear prominent clergy & community leaders speak in support of gay rights. The Equality Day rally typically draws over 1,500 attendees. Past speakers have included Rev. Monica Corsaro, Rabbi Jonathon Singer, Governor Christine Gregoire, and Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown.

“This day is about continuing the dialogue for equal rights for all,” explains Rev. Cosaro, co-convener of RCE. “Capping the day off with a screening of ‘Inlaws & Outlaws’ will continue the conversation about these important issues. I’m anxious to have Drew share this film in Olympia – and with our elected officials.”

For more information on “Inlaws & Outlaws,” see the attached Fact Sheet, or visit:
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Fact Sheet:

- WHAT:** “Inlaws & Outlaws” Marriage from the inside. And out.
- WHERE:** Capitol Theatre in Olympia
- WHEN:** Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm
- HOW:** Tickets are \$7 and available at theatre on the day of the screening (Olympia Film Society members are just \$5).

About the Film: “Inlaws & Outlaws is a film about love. We set out to create a film that bridges the usual divides and speaks to everybody. We interviewed couples and singles, gay and straight, and wove their true stories into a collective narrative that shows that we all have in common. We love. We lose. We long for family. We’re all human and we all want to belong.

About the Campaign: The Campaign is a partnership with RCE, the Pride Foundation, PFLAG, the GSBA and many other organization to share the movie across the state – in congregations, schools and individual homes. From the campaign’s website, any individual or organization can connect with others and host a community screening, raising money for your organization, become a corporate or organizational sponsor or volunteer.

What the Critics Say:

“Captures the heart of love...” John Hartl, *The Seattle Times*

“Lovingly rendered... a timely examination of the nature of marriage, whether straight or gay.” Ken Eisner, *Variety*

“Excellent. Intelligently done... it’s impossible not be completely absorbed.” Herb Krohn, *SGN*

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