

# Inlaws & OUTLAWS

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## VIRGINIA IS FOR (MOVIE) LOVERS — and EQUALITY

### Award-Winning “INLAWS & OUTLAWS” Documentary Partners with Churches, Schools & Equality Groups to Win Over Hearts and Minds

(SEATTLE) Filmmaker **Drew Emery**'s award-winning documentary, [Inlaws & Outlaws](#) presents its **400<sup>th</sup> community screening** this **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** as it kicks off a six-city [Virginia Outlaws Tour](#). The film and filmmaker headline the [6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gay in Appalachia](#) gathering at **Virginia Tech** in Blacksburg before heading on to five more Virginia screenings in [Harrisonburg](#), [Charlottesville](#), [Chesterfield](#), [Richmond](#) and [Williamsburg](#).

*(See attached Fact Sheet for screening details.)*

With remarkable honesty, good humor, great music and real heart, [Inlaws & Outlaws](#) weaves together the true stories of couples and singles, gay and straight, to embrace our common desire to love and be loved. At the top of the film, we meet a variety of storytellers one on one. We don't know who's gay or straight or who's with whom. As their stories unfold and stereotypes fall by the wayside, we find ourselves rooting for everyone.

The Virginia tour is a homecoming of sorts for the film's director and producer, [Drew Emery](#). Emery earned his storytelling chops while receiving a theatre degree from the **College of William & Mary** (BA '86) and an MFA in playwriting from the **University of Virginia** in 1989. He went on to win that year's **Virginia Playwriting Prize** before moving to Seattle and

embarking on a long journey that led from theatre to documentary film by way of oral history.

[Inlaws & Outlaws](#) is Emery's feature debut. It received its Virginia premiere at the 2009

**Virginia Film Festival.**

The Virginia tour of the film is being presented by the [Hearts + Minds Campaign](#) in partnership with Virginia schools, churches and equality groups. The [Campaign](#) is the film's DIY grassroots program that empowers activists, schools, non-profits or congregations to present the film locally, build constructive dialogue and inspire change. Since its launch, the [Campaign](#), has given the film an unusually long afterlife, playing in cities and small towns from Oklahoma, Indiana, Maine and now, Virginia. With Thursday's event in Blacksburg, [Inlaws & Outlaws](#) will have presented 400 community screenings — nearly half of them in houses of worship.

“Our goal with the film has always been to reach across the usual divides and create common ground.,” says Emery. “Now as the gay marriage debate has finally moved from the fringe to center stage, more and more of the country come around to understanding what is at the heart of the desire for equal marriage: this is about love. Marriage is about making family, pursuing happiness — pretty basic American values. I think a lot of folks would be shocked to learn that over half of our screenings take place in churches where faith leaders and lay people alike are eager to advance a dialogue of reconciliation, inclusion and celebration.”

A **True Stories Project** production, [Inlaws & Outlaws](#) and [Hearts + Minds Campaign](#) is a fiscal project of Three Dollar Bill Cinema, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

*For more information see the attached Fact Sheet.*

*Press kits, high-res photos, reviews and more available here:*

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## “Inlaws & Outlaws” Virginia Outlaws Tour

<b>Thu, Oct 28, 7 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>6th Annual Gay in Appalachia</u></a> Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
<b>Fri, Oct 29, 7 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Sanctuary UCC &amp; Emmanuel Episcopal Church</u></a> Harrisonburg (at Emmanuel Episcopal)
<b>Sat, Oct 30, 2 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Sojourners UCC</u></a> Charlottesville
<b>Sat, Oct 30, 7 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>First Congregational UCC</u></a> Chesterfield
<b>Sun, Oct 31, 4 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>Richmond Gay Community Center</u></a> Richmond
<b>Mon, Nov 1, 7 pm</b>	<a href="#"><u>College of William &amp; Mary</u></a> Williamsburg

### About the Film:

**Inlaws & Outlaws** weaves together the true stories of couples and singles—gay and straight — and all into a collective narrative that is as hilarious as it is heartbreaking.

At the top of the film, you meet real people one on one. You don't know who's gay or straight or who's with whom. As their stories unfold and stereotypes fall by the wayside, you'll find yourself rooting for everybody. With candor, good humor, great music and real heart, Inlaws & Outlaws gets past all the rhetoric to embrace what we have in common: we love.

A True Stories Project production  
Produced and Directed by Drew Emery  
Produced by Larry Schlessinger & Lisa Halpern  
Executive Producer: Robert D. Lemon

*100 minutes. Not rated. Suitable for mature teens on up.*

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## **Inlaws & Outlaws**

Marriage from the inside. And out.

### **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*

"It's easy to see how the film could become a word-of-mouth success. Its collection of stories **is accessible and consistently absorbing**, and in a couple of cases, devastating." — Robert Horton, *Everett Herald*

**“Excellent. Intelligently done... it’s impossible not be completely absorbed.”** *Seattle Gay News*

“As the cacophonous gay marriage debate crashes on, *Inlaws & Outlaws* makes a **convincing and poetic argument** that at the nucleus of the social custom known as marriage is a mixture of hormones, emotion and beauty that we call "love." —*Toledo City Paper*

“An **excellent documentary** about people who personify everything that is right about the phrase "I do." *NewsOK*, Oklahoma City

“A **timely, often affecting documentary** [that] investigates with subtlety and insight... a heartfelt and surprisingly tender story...” *Cincinnati City Beat*

“An effective treatise on love... **honest and heartfelt.**” *Kitsap Sun*

**Photos and press kit available at:**

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