

CHASING RAINBOWS SEEKS THE REAL TRUTH

'Chasing Rainbows' is a movie that seeks the 'real truth' in the debate around same-sex marriages. The question of gay rights are highly relevant nowadays.

The movie features a great collection of different standpoints from different perspectives. With the help of psychologists, religious leaders and homosexual couples, the movie ultimately explores this widely disputed issue arguing all aspects, one after one (as nature vs. nurture, civil rights etc.) – truly an effective and clean way of illustrating this tricky and heated discussion!

What strikes me is how neutral this documentary is; it was really great to see how balanced the arguments were, and how the featured panel of experts represented different perspectives. The director himself stated after the showing that he tried to be "as neutral as possible", and that the selection of the panel was a difficult process.

'Chasing Rainbows' is a great path to walk for those who seek a broader insight in the debate of same-sex marriages, or the homosexual debate in general. In an unbiased and captivating way the movie leaves the audience touched and illuminated. Greg Andermann has directed a high-quality and significant debate, that once again underlines the importance of documentaries. There is no 'Don't ask, don't tell' after this movie – 'Chasing Rainbows' says it all. Highly recommended.

Kristin Corea - Cinema in Paradise

AN UNBIASED CANDID LOOK AT SAME-SEX UNIONS AND THE ISSUES

'Chasing Rainbows' chronicles the battle between the evangelical Christians and gay rights advocates in America, as it pertains to local politics and way of life. The film provides a good forum for both sides of the debate and a catalyst to understanding.

The battle began in Hawaii in the 1990s with the first lawsuit from a same-sex couple suing a state for the right to marry. This film gives an unbiased, candid look at same-sex unions, and the issues.

Director Greg Andermann says, "I had to stay neutral. It's a responsibility; somebody has to stay neutral to be a mediator. I understand both sides really well. I have friends and colleagues on both sides. It is about two subcultures that exist in our larger culture; they both want affirmation." Andermann, an award winning filmmaker has dedicated the past 10 years to making historical documentaries, but this is the first film that Andermann gets in front of the camera. Andermann adds, "The real work of the documentary is the heart and soul of the people that opened up and shared. What I found out is that the issue is really deep. It's not a simple topic, it has a lot of layers."

Lisa Chow - Honolulu Magazine

ONE OF THE MOST DIVISIVE ISSUES OF OUR TIME

There are no star actors or chase scenes, but it is real and raw. The Hawaii documentary 'Chasing Rainbows' is about one of the most divisive issues of our time - civil unions and gay marriage.

Both sides of the issue have been heard, but 'Chasing Rainbows' gives a different side, one that's from the perspective of the average Joe. It's a movie that explores all sides of the same sex unions debate, and the issue is seen through relatively neutral eyes.

"Wow, for a middle-aged straight American guy with a wife and kids like me, this is really something new, it's really confusing," said the film's creator, Greg Andermann, in a clip of the movie, as he tries to understand same sex unions.

Andermann says 'Chasing Rainbows' is meant to give clarity on an issue he says has been demonized. "Because there are a lot of people fighting that don't really know the other side, they just know their side, so this is about bringing our community together," said Andermann.

The film has sparked Hollywood's interest. Andermann says at least three distributors have contacted him. "One would like to do something just institutional with it, another would like to put it on HBO right away," said Andermann. Hollywood or not, Andermann says the point is to start reconciliation in the community, and agree to disagree with understanding and respect, not judgment.

'Chasing Rainbows' was featured at the Hawaii International Film Festival to sell out crowds. Andermann says people stuck around for hours after the film talking about it. 'Chasing Rainbows' is really the first neutral film on gay marriage.

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