

Gloriously Free

(1 x 47 min.)



A stunning profile of how the world's gay refugees are fleeing discrimination, persecution and murder from the native lands in search of freedom and human rights. Powerful stories fuel international dialogue told by five young men as they search for welcoming arms outside their countries of birth where prosecution and hatred of alternative lifestyles may lead to torture or death.

Their compelling stories have global reach as same sex partnerships fuel international dialogue about why North America have softened their stance on same sex preference and orientation. First-person accounts from Al-Hussein, who hails from a wealthy political family in Jordan; Julian, blackmailed and blacklisted in his homeland of Mexico; Bruno, who immigrated from Brazil and now makes his living as a singer; David, a former U.S. Port Captain with a prominent Texas-based drilling company; and Frantz, a graphic artist from Jamaica.

Directed by: Ed Sinclair Produced by: Noemi Weis

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Gloriously Free, dynamic in it's format and in it's message brings the viewer to feel what the participants have gone through in their native lands and their cry to freedom. Ramping, in conjunction with other aperture effects such as slight over-exposure result in vibrant images that jump off the screen providing in many instances of pageantry and playfulness. Gloriously Free shows the gay life in particular in a more exciting, resonant way, one that positively accentuates the notion of personal freedom while acting as a calling card to those who view it. The richness is inherently out there, but it takes a special eye to focus on it. The overall sensibility is something that doesn't change. The participants show their determination to empower themselves in as much as their new-found stability has empowered them. In essence, they act as vivid tour-guides on the journey towards achieving the basic human rights of any person deserves. to be "gloriously free".

**Winner the Golden Ribbon Award from the Canadian Broadcast Association for
Best documentary in the social issues category -2005**

Official Selection

Commonwealth Film Festival, Reeling International Film Festival Chicago,
Africa in the Picture-Netherlands, Southern Arizona's Lesbian Gay Film Festival,
The Munanitas, Bogocine-Colombia, among others.

Gloriously Free is available in English, Arabic, Spanish, Polish, Russian, Hindi, Mandarin.



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