

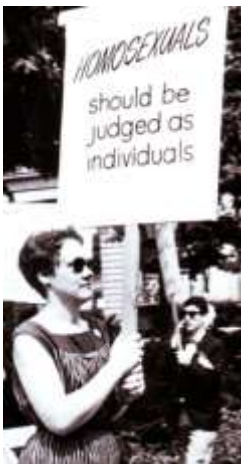


40 YEARS ON FROM THE NOTORIOUS STONEWALL RIOTS...



On DVD 22nd June 2009

Certificate: E RRP: £14.99 Duration 87mins approx (180 mins inc. extras)
Language: English Sound: Dolby Digital 2.0 DVD 9 PAL for all regions USA 1984



On June 27, 1969, police raided The Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York. In a spontaneous show of support and frustration, the city's gay community rioted for three nights in the streets, an event that is considered the birth of the modern Gay Rights Movement.

This multiple Emmy award winning documentary pries open the closet door, setting free the dramatic stories of gay communities of eras past. Revealing and often humorous, the award winning *Before Stonewall* exposes the fascinating and unforgettable decade-by-decade history of homosexuality in America, from 1920's Harlem through to World War II and the witch hunt trials of the McCarthy era, before winding up at the Stonewall Inn one summer night. *Before Stonewall* is essential viewing for all those who have celebrated their sexuality, or have been persecuted because of it.

Directed by **Greta Schiller** (*Paris Was a Woman*) with cinematography by Sandi Sissel (Tyler Perry's *Meet The Browns*, Wes Craven's *The People Under the Stairs*), *Before Stonewall* is narrated by prolific lesbian writer **Rita Mae Brown** (*Rubyfruit Jungle*, *The Slumber Party Massacre*) and features gay poet **Allen Ginsberg**, lesbian author **Ann Bannon**, and a cornucopia of gay activists and normal folk telling their stories.

Best Historical/Cultural Program and Best Research – Emmy Awards

"Touching, warm and funny... a near-perfect balance between historical and political perspectives" - Time Out

DVD Extras:

Archive interview footage of Allen Ginsberg, Audre Lorde, Jose Sarria

Q&A session with Ken Livingstone, Greta Schiller, hosted by Richard Kwietniowski (*Love and Death on Long Island*) with Richard Newman (*Big Brother*), recorded April 2009 at the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (50mins)

Short film 'Tiny and Ruby' (30mins, dir. Greta Schiller), an award-winning documentary about prominent black jazz trumpeter Tiny Davis and her drummer/pianist partner Ruby Lucas.



GRETA SCHILLER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW VIA TELEPHONE AND EMAIL

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