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FILM: Love Exiled
True Expatriate Love

COMPLETION YEAR: 2010

RUNNING TIME: 10:51

PRODUCTION FORMAT: 720p HD video

ASPECT RATIO: 16:9

AUDIO: Stereo

SCREENING FORMAT: DVD (NTSC), miniDV (NTSC)
HD formats available upon request



OFFICIAL SITE/TRAILER: <http://picturesquepictures.com/movies/LoveExiled.html>

"Warms the heart." — Hot Pink Shorts

"Particularly affecting ... It's forceful, and to the point." — Kenton Smith, Uptown Magazine

"I admit to an immense sense of pride as I watched ... " — Mark Robins, Gay Vancouver Online

"Author Truman Capote wrote, 'Love, having no geography, knows no boundaries.' Directors Chin and VanDeventer explore this romantic wisdom by capturing the stories of gay and lesbian couples who have migrated to Canada for love and recognition. With marriage equality and LGBT families continually under fire, this eye-opening docu-short will be relevant today and for years to come. "

— Amber Dawn, Director of Programming, Vancouver Queer Film Festival

LOGLINE (38 words):

LOVE EXILED chronicles the stories of four same-sex couples who immigrated to Canada where their relationships are fully recognized. Their dreams of returning home are still in the distant future. Until then, they live their love in exile.

SYNOPSIS (78 words):

On November 4th, 2008, three states - California, Florida and Arizona - voted to amend their constitutions, denying and revoking the rights of same-sex couples to marry. With Canadian allies, gay American families rally at a Vancouver demonstration to protest these amendments that persecute the LGBTQ community. Four families share their stories of how they met, their decision to escape to freedom in Canada, their Canadian experience and their dreams of returning to their home country, family and friends.

SYNOPSIS (123 words):

On November 4th, 2008, three states - California, Florida and Arizona - voted to amend their constitutions, denying and revoking the rights of same-sex couples to marry. On May 26, 2009, with Canadian allies, gay American families rally at a Vancouver demonstration to protest these amendments that persecute the LGBTQ community. Demonstration organizer Roger Chin relays the California Supreme Court's infamous decision on Prop 8. Subsequent speakers talk about couples living in exile. Weaving elements of public protest and intimate interviews, four families share their stories of how they met, their decision to escape to freedom in Canada, their Canadian experience and their dreams of returning to their home country, family and friends. In the end, the organizer celebrates the freedom to marry that exists in Canada.



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FILM CREDITS:

Directed by Jim VanDeventer

Produced by Roger Chin

Starring Roger Chin, Carl Meadows, Donald Lim, Steven Rowe, Michael Smith, Paul Holzapfel, Terry Frost, Kenzie Frost, Catherine Frost, Richard Dalton, Luis Grisales, Jim VanDeventer, Meg Andronowska

Music by Kevin MacLeod (Incompetech)

Edited by Jim VanDeventer

Cameras: Patrick J. Monaghan, Carl Meadows, Meg Andronowska, Roger Chin, Jim VanDeventer

Additional Photographs: Richard Johnstone, Matt Stoller

SCREENINGS:

2010-08-21 — Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Vancouver, BC, Canada (premiere)

<http://www.queerfilmfestival.ca/viewshowtime.php?stid=424>

2010-10-07 — Reel Pride Film Festival, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

<http://www.reelpride.org>

2011-01-30 — Reelout Queer Film + Video Festival, Kingston, ON, Canada

<http://www.reelout.com>

2011-11-13 — Indianapolis LGBT Film Festival, Indianapolis, IN, USA

<http://www.indylgbtfilmfest.com>

2011-11-20 — Pink Life QueerFest, Ankara, Turkey

<http://festival.pembhayat.org/en/132/queerly-canadian-points-of-view/>

2010 & 2011 — Out in Schools anti-homophobia program, Vancouver, BC, Canada

<http://www.outinschools.com>

Screenings at numerous high schools and universities throughout British Columbia.

2010-10-28 — Killarney Secondary School, Vancouver, BC (first screening)

2010-11-17 — University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

INTERNET:

Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1705770/>

YouTube trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvYqpyM4-Ew&hd=1>

Facebook fan page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Love-Exiled/146569722026806>

REVIEWS:

Hot Pink Shorts:

<http://www.hotpinkshorts.com/content/exclusive/view/id/135>

Gay Vancouver Online:

<http://www.gayvancouver.net/2010-vancouver-queer-film-festival/canadians-take-on-prop-8-in-festival-short>

<http://www.gayvancouver.net/2010-vancouver-queer-film-festival/love-exiled-tells-its-story-in-the-simplest-of-terms>

Uptown Magazine:

<http://www.uptownmag.com/movies/reviews/Reel-Prides-Short-Film-Competiton-104441688.html>



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FILMMAKER BIOGRAPHIES:



Jim VanDeventer has worked on critically acclaimed documentaries to technically ambitious ventures such as a 3D movie and music videos. Although Jim is a relatively fresh face to the film scene, a masterful command of the visual narrative has already earned him numerous awards. He is a graduate of the Art Institute of Vancouver and professional editor with a social conscience.

- 2010 - **Violet Violence**, short film, editor
- 2010 - **Love Exiled**, documentary short film, director/editor
- 2009 - **Health & Healing with Dr. Bill Code**, television pilot, editor
- 2009 - **Island Chef**, television pilot, editor
- 2009 - **Kicking in the Kitchen**, television pilot, editor
- 2009 - **Keyeye**, television series, episodes 2 & 3, editor
- 2009 - **Sea to Sky**, music video, cinematographer/editor
- 2009 - **Vancouver Vagabond**, feature film, editor (2006 to 2008)
- 2006 - **Sasquatch in the Mist**, short film, writer/editor/producer (Best Documentary, BC Student Film Festival)
- 2006 - **Rocket**, short film, script editor
- 2006 - **MADD Fundraiser**, corporate video, editor
- 2005 - **It Came From Uranus!** (3D), short film, director/SFX engineer/editor
- 2005 - **Sharp as Marbles**, feature film, location audio
- 2005 - **The Matthew Harrison Workshop**, training video, grip/lamp operator/camera
- 2005 - **Karaoke Idol**, short film, writer/actor/editor
- 2005 - **Radical!** (The Art Institute), commercial, director/editor
- 2005 - **Twenty Something**, short film, writer/director/editor (2nd place Experimental, BC Student Film Festival)



Roger Chin, after hearing about California's Proposition 8 that banned gay marriage, organized the 2008 and 2009 protest rallies in Vancouver. This led to the documentary short film, **LOVE EXILED**, his first film to premiere at a film festival. He is a teacher who ventured into filmmaking during his education degree, producing, directing and editing an educational film. After sailing across the Pacific Ocean, he presented his travelogue film to several audiences including a show at the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

- 2010 - **Love Exiled**, documentary short film, *producer/camera*
- 2000 - **The Adventures Aboard Aramoana**, feature film, *producer/director/editor/camera*
- 1993 - **UBC Rocks**, educational short film, *producer/director/editor/camera*

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

The gay community is at ground zero of the modern day civil rights struggle; Proposition 8 is today's Stonewall and a declaration of war from the far right. Melancholy and contempt were strong motivators when I began this project. Little did I know that, by the end of the day, we would be celebrating freedom.

PRODUCER'S STATEMENT:

In November 2008, I organized the Vancouver contingent of the worldwide protests in response to California's Proposition 8. I didn't know that I would meet so many "love exiles". Their search for freedom encouraged me to produce **LOVE EXILED**.



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PROPOSITION 8

This initiative measure is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 8, of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereto; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

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This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "California Marriage Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Section 7.5 is added to Article I of the California Constitution,

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Sec. 7.5. Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

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PROPOSITION 9



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