



Documentary on Unique Challenges Facing LGBT Elders Released on DVD

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Ten More Good Years, a feature documentary produced by director Michael Jacoby, features the unique challenges, injustices and life-altering triumphs experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults in the United States today. This groundbreaking film has been licensed by both the Sundance Channel and Logo and is now available on DVD for both home and educational use. Educational DVDs are accompanied by a lesson plan written by the gerontology department at San Francisco State University.

Ten More Good Years follows the moving stories of four elders and explores the reasons why so many LGBT people age alone, without financial stability—and why some feel forced to return to the closet. In addition, the film features professionals in the field of aging, who explain why so many pioneers of the gay rights movement have found themselves left behind and struggling to survive in their old age. At the same time, the film portrays both the dauntless spirit of LGBT elders and the efforts of the LGBT community to bring them services and support.

"*Ten More Good Years* is a one-of-a-kind documentary that challenges all of us to rethink the way we perceive aging," says Jacoby. "I hope that with the release of the DVD, everyone will have an opportunity to discover the amazing elders who share their stories in the film. I'm sure that viewers, whether straight or gay, will find the film both enlightening and inspiring. And for anyone working with or around older adults, the film will provide an excellent educational tool."

LGBT aging has become a topic of growing interest. According to the Aging Initiative of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, over 3 million Americans over the age of 65 are thought to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. This number is estimated to double by 2030. *Ten More Good Years* looks at life for these elders today—and suggests directions for the future of LGBT aging.

Ten More Good Years aired on the Sundance Channel in June and July of 2008 and will premiere on Logo (an MTV network) on Sept. 13, 2008. The film has screened at international film festivals in London and San Francisco. Both the Vancouver International LGBT Film Festival and Nigah Film Festival in New Delhi, India, will screen the film on Aug. 17, 2008. The Washington, D.C., International LGBT Film Festival will be screening *Ten More Good Years* in October 2008.

Ten More Good Years also has been screened at prestigious national aging conferences such as the 2008 ASA-NCOA Aging in America Conference held in Washington, D.C., and the 2008 Aging Well Conference in Evanston, Ill. On the horizon, Jacoby has been invited to screen his film at the Fourth National Conference on LGBT Aging Oct. 12-14 In New York City. Organized by Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) and cosponsored by AARP, the conference will bring in over 1,000 professionals working in the field of aging.