Arthouse Films 005 Black White + Grav A Portrait of Sam Wagstaff + Robert Mapplethorpe

SYNOPSIS Yale-educated and born with a silver spoon in his mouth, Sam Wagstaff transformed himself from innovative museum curator to Robert Mapplethorpe's lover and patron. Mapplethorpe brought the formerly starched-shirt preppie to the world of drugs and gay S&M sex, welldocumented in his still-startling photographs. Twenty-five years separated the lovers, but their relationship was symbiotic to its core, and the two remained together forever. Black White + Gray reveals the powerful troika these two men formed with Patti Smith, and the influence their collective work continues to have over present-day art and culture.

BLACK WHITE + GRAY

The true story of Sam Wagstaff and his partner, controversial artist Robert Mappelthorpe

- Film earned rave reviews from major publications, including The New Yorker ("Fascinating!") and The New York Times ("A potent exercise in art-world mythography...")
- An official selection at the Tribeca Film Festival and SilverDocs, BLACK WHITE + GRAY grants access to the private life of one of the world's most shocking photographers.
- Books of Mapplethorpe's photography are perennial favorities, including Mapplethorpe and Mapplethorpe: The Complete Flowers.
- Includes interviews with Mapplethorpe's former roommate, musician/poet Patti Smith, whose 1975 debut album Horses catapulted her to fame.
- Potential for outreach to GMHC and similar LGBT organizations, especially NY-based, for promotional opportunities and the International Center for Photography.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

DVD FEATURES: Additional Interview with Sam Wagstaff at the Corcoran Museum

SRP: \$29.95 U.S.

FORMAT: DVD Single

PACKAGING: Single amaray

LENGTH: Approx. 72 mins + extras

GENRE: Documentary

YEAR: 2007

LANGUAGE: English

COLOR: Color and Black & White

WIDESCREEN: No **AUDIO FORMAT: Stereo UNITS PER CARTON: 30**

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