



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, well-documented 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.

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BLACK WHITE + GRAY

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

- 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 favorites, 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

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