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**KCTS 9 CELEBRATES GAY PRIDE MONTH LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH SPECIAL LINEUP**

*In a special night of programming, KCTS 9 explores the diversity—and complexity—of love and relationships today.*

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9 will air two unique programs as part of a special Gay Pride Night, Wednesday, June 11, beginning at 7 p.m. *Anyone and Everyone* and *Inlaws and Outlaws* both explore relationships, marriage and family life to demonstrate how diverse yet uniquely similar we all are.

***Anyone and Everyone*** (7 p.m.), by first-time filmmaker Susan Polis Schutz, focuses on parents from all walks of life and various religious denominations who share a common experience: they have a child who is gay. Susan Polis Schutz, who herself is mother to a gay son, captures the intimate accounts of how their children revealed their sexual orientation—and their responses as parents—to open a national dialogue about the challenges faced by gay youth and their families. The film could not be more important: Up to 26 percent of gay teens who come out to their parents or guardians are told they must leave home, where they become a major proportion of the approximately 1.6 million homeless American youth. Of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teens who stay at home and in school, nearly 40% report being physically harassed, and they are about four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers (Massachusetts Department of Health, 2001).

***Inlaws and Outlaws*** (8:30 p.m.) takes on one of the foremost questions for gay adults: marriage. Drew Emery's award-winning film is moving and thought-provoking; it delves into the lives and opinions of couples and singles, gay and straight, to open our eyes to the commonality of all relationships: we love. Director Drew Emery will be live in the KCTS 9 studio to discuss the making of this documentary and the reactions it sparked across North America.

Both programs will air as part of a live, in-studio fundraiser for KCTS 9. Volunteers from the Pride Foundation and leaders from the Northwest LGBT community will be in the studio to answer phones and participate in this special evening. Individual donors provide over 70 percent of the station's annual operating budget, making thousands of hours of high quality public television programming available to a potential universe of seven million viewers. Viewers can donate online at [KCTS9.org/support](http://KCTS9.org/support) or by phone at 1.800.937.5287.

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