

American Vagabond



James ran away from his parents' home because they didn't accept that he is gay. He tries to find refuge in San Francisco with his boyfriend, Tyler. They thought they would find a community in the world's gay Mecca. Instead, they end up sleeping in a park and panhandling in the city's gay neighborhood. They find themselves stranded in a world of homeless people and the community of other kicked-out queer youth. Eventually, James has to face his past and the place he has left behind. AMERICAN VAGABOND is a coming of age story of a gay boy growing up in small town America. It's a story about a family coming to grips with what it fears the most.

Festivals / Awards

DocPoint Helsinki 2013
 Visions du Réel Nyon 2013
 Midnight Sun FF 2013
 Espoo Ciné FF 2013
 Gender DocuFest Rome 2013
 Nordisk Panorama Malmö 2013
 Chicago IFF 2013 (Q HUGO Special Jury Prize)
 Finnish Film Week Budapest 2013
 ImageOut GLFF Rochester 2013 (Jury Award for Best Documentary)
 Dok Leipzig 2013
 Outrageous GLFF St. Barbara 2013
 IDFA Amsterdam 2013
 Cinema by the Bay FF San Francisco 2013
 This Human World HRFF Vienna 2013
 One World HRFF Prague 2014
 Tempo IDF Stockholm 2014
 Thessaloniki IDF 2014
 One World HRFF Bucharest 2014
 Sarasota FF 2014
 Planete + Doc FF Warsaw 2014
 Toronto Inside Out GLFF 2014
 Out Twin Cities FF Minneapolis 2014
 Giffoni FF 2014
 Syracuse HRFF 2014
 Queer Lisboa FF 2014
 Kyiv IDF 2014
 Document 12 Glasgow HRFF 2014 (closing film)
 New Caledonia IDF 2014
 Guth Gafa FF 2014
 Fringe! Film & Arts Festival London 2014
 MEZIPATRA Queer FF Prague & Brno 2014
 Cluj LGFF 2014

Details

Country of Production
 Finland, Denmark

Year of Production
 2013

Format
 DCP, Digi Beta Pal

Length
 85 min

Director
 Susanna Helke

Production
 For Real Productions in co-production with Radiator Film in cooperation with YLE

Original Language
 English

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