Dear friends,

OUTWORDS is excited to invite you to a private virtual screening of the award-winning new documentary CURED, which highlights a pivotal but little-known moment in LGBTQ history when activists rose up to challenge a formidable institution — and won! The film will be available to screen online from April 5-12. There also will be a live Q&A about the film on April 8th at 5 pm PT.

Described as “fascinating” (Hollywood Reporter), “riveting” (The Queer Review) and “one of the best documentaries of this or any year” (British Film Institute) — and the winner of Audience Favorite awards at Frameline, the world’s oldest and largest LGBTQ film festival — CURED takes viewers inside the David-versus-Goliath battle that led the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to remove homosexuality from its manual of mental illnesses in 1973. The film spotlights a diverse group of activists who achieved this epic victory in the movement for LGBTQ equality. Watch the trailer for CURED.

April 8th is the anniversary of the date in 1974 when the APA announced its final decision on this issue, so it’s appropriate that we get together on this day to discuss this powerful film and talk about the legacy of this battle.

OUTWORDS is thrilled to partner with the filmmakers for this special screening. The film will be available to stream at any point between April 5-12. Dr. Ralph Bruneau, 2017 International Mr. Leather, is providing a special video introduction for this event that you’ll see at the start of the film. Tickets are now available.

Your $15 ticket also includes a live Q&A session moderated by OUTWORDS board member Andrea Pino-Silva, featuring the film’s co-director Patrick Sammon and three OUTWORDS interviewees: trans activist and lawyer Kylar Broadus; psychologist Dr. Charles Silverstein (CURED interviewee); and trans actress and activist Elizabeth Williams.
The live Q&A is scheduled for **Thursday, April 8th at 5 pm PT.+++ TICKET BUYERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE ZOOM LINK TO THE Q&A ON THE MORNING OF THE EVENT.+++**

While CURED highlights a little-known story from the past, its lessons are profoundly relevant today. Ultimately, the documentary celebrates the pathbreaking contributions of LGBTQ pioneers while demonstrating that even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, determined individuals can work together to create lasting social change.

We hope you’ll be able to join us to watch and discuss this inspiring new film!

Kind regards,

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