

STRAIGHTLACED

HOW GENDER'S GOT US ALL TIED UP

See this important movie free:

Thursday, March 4 @ 7:00 pm

UW-Oshkosh
Halsey Science Center
931 Elmwood Ave

Room106 - South Halsey
Oshkosh, WI



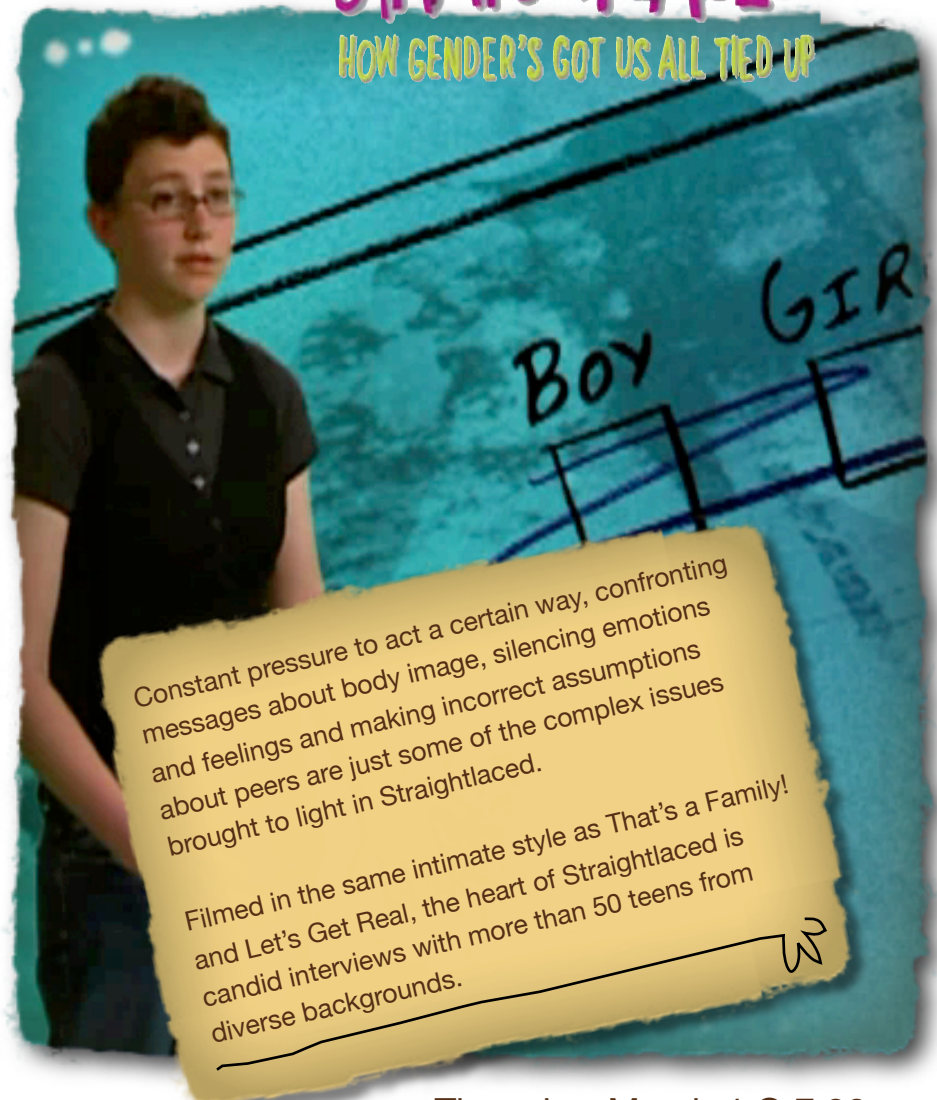
Free parking will be permitted in these area's only on the night of the movie.



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Constant pressure to act a certain way, confronting messages about body image, silencing emotions and feelings and making incorrect assumptions about peers are just some of the complex issues brought to light in Straightlaced.

Filmed in the same intimate style as That's a Family! and Let's Get Real, the heart of Straightlaced is candid interviews with more than 50 teens from diverse backgrounds.

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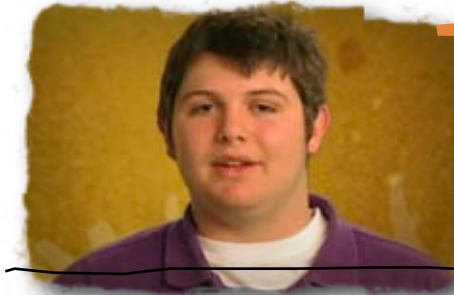
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Straightlaced is directed by Academy Award winning filmmaker Debra Chasnoff, and is the latest documentary film production from GroundSpark's highly acclaimed Respect For All Project. The film will be coupled with a student panel and discussion.

Straightlaced, which features unscripted high school youth from around the country speaking candidly about harmful pressures caused by rigid gender roles and homophobia is surprisingly uplifting and entertaining. From girls who dumb down so they don't intimidate boys, to boys who are sexually active just to prove they aren't gay, to non-conforming teens who face relentless bullying, the students in Straightlaced show how gender expectations are having unhealthy and often dangerous impact on the lives of today's teens.

"No matter where we filmed, students jumped at the opportunity to speak their mind about this very taboo subject," says Chasnoff, who is also GroundSpark's Executive Director. "It was shocking to hear that the same pressures that led to the murder of Lawrence King in Oxnard, CA in 2008 are being intensely felt by all students, all day, every day."



Adam L. - Wears a purple shirt, even though he can tell people think he's gay because of it. Feels pressure to act tough and be violent, like someone is controlling him. Makes sexual comments about girls even though he doesn't want to. Thinks negative comments about sexual orientation are a terrible and powerful tool to control everyone.



Edilson - Likes to get manicures, which is common in Brazil where he is from. Feels annoyed at pressures to work out at the gym. Decided to no longer say 'that's so gay' after feeling bad for using that phrase around a gay teacher.



Hannah - Heard students laughing after learning about the suicide of her friend Josh. Committed to building a hate-free zone in the school's memorial garden for him. Hannah was killed in a car crash during production, and the film is dedicated in her honor.

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The Lt. Governor's conference on LGBT Youth Pre-Conference Kick-off: You are invited to attend a FREE community screening of "Straightlaced" from Groundspark on Thursday, March 4th from 7-9 p.m. at Halsey Science Center. A student panel and discussion will follow.

Go to www.groundspark.org/straightlaced for more information on this great film.

For more information on the the Lt. Governor's conference:
Go to: <http://www.gsaforsafeschools.org> and download a registration flyer.