



Washington DC's Thirteenth International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival



Fight Back, Fight AIDS: 15 Years of ACT UP

Sunday, October 19, 2003
6:00 PM JCC Theater \$9

"We are angry, we want action!" Last year the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. It was March 1987 when ACT UP staged its first protest on Wall Street to draw attention to the profiteering of AIDS drug manufacturers. Ever since, ACT UP has held a prominent position in HIV/AIDS public and political activism. Through ACT UP's own video-documenting affinity group DIVA TV, many public spectacles protesting bureaucratic inaction are captured and shown in this documentary. There is no narration or script, only a timeline. This film powerfully offers the real thing: archival footage of marches, protests, speeches and meetings, including a magnificent speech by Vito Russo on the similarities between AIDS and war. Touching, factual, political and angry, this documentary shows the contribution ACT UP has made in fighting the scourge of AIDS. Dir. James Wentzy, 2002, USA, video, 75 min.

More than just a historical account of ACT UP, this film shows how we can turn anger, fear and grief into action for positive change.

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