

L.A. Scene July '09: Dykeotomy, Outfest, and Parties
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Outfest 2009

Outfest is the annual GLBT film festival in Los Angeles. The ten day event showcased hundreds of gaylesbitran films which ran the gamut from comedies (often about sex toys) to dramas (often about prison) with some dramas about sex toys thrown in for good measure. There were way too many films to cram into my dainty column so here are some highlights....

Edie and Thea: A Very Long Engagement was my absolute favorite. This is a documentary that chronicles the relationship of two women who were engaged in the 1960's and got married in Canada in 2007 when they were pushing eighty. It is one of the most beautiful love stories I have ever seen.



While many gay films speak only to a gay audience, I find it absolutely incomprehensible that anyone could walk away from this film without a new respect for the gay community. May it get a massive distribution deal and be required viewing for everyone in America. In the meantime, look for it in upcoming festivals and on the Sundance Channel sometime this winter.

Outfest Awards were announced on Sunday the 19th. The Outfest 2009 Audience Award for Outstanding Documentary Feature Film went to Edie and Thea: A Very Long Engagement. Excellent news! See it.