

PUZZLES WHEN HATE CAME TO TOWN

a film by David Pavlosky & Tami Gold

Today LGBT people are far more likely than any other minority group in the United States to be victimized by hate crimes. Through telling the story of a violent hate crime in a LGBT bar PUZZLES explores the connections between joblessness, homophobia, intolerance, and, ultimately, violence.

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...Deeply human exploration of the roots of hate violence and how a horrendous crime becomes a catalyst for a community to reach out for greater understanding and connection.

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The story is chillingly familiar, yet different. In Pavlosky and Gold's "Puzzles," an apparently safe haven is suddenly and brutally transformed by a lone intruder's acts of violence and hate. What follows is the unraveling of a riveting mystery and an unusual journey into the lives of two subcultures whose very different values and outlooks led one young man to commit this horrific act of aggression against people whom he had never met. At the same time "Puzzles" is a story of redemption, one in which the mean streets of a down-and-out New England town are reborn as avenues for tolerance and love.

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