Dominic Haxton

Artist Profile Part of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival

Name: Dominic Haxton

City of Residence: West Hollywood

Age: 27



Teens Like Phil publicity still

1) Who are you, where do you live, and what kind of art do you make? Dominic Haxton. I live in West Hollywood . I am a filmmaker.

2) How old were you when you come out, and what is your coming out story?

I came out when I moved to LA to go to USC film school. I was 18. Since I was in a new city, meeting new people it was easier for me to present myself as gay instead of telling people I already knew that I wasn't straight.

3) How does being queer affect your artwork?

I always include a gay theme and/or openly gay characters in my films. My work tends to deal with sexuality and the violence/suffering that can come with not being honest about who you are. My short film, Teens Like Phil, that is being featured in this event is about gay teen bullying and suicide. It has won 3 awards and screened at 25 film festivals to date, including LACMA's Young Directors Night 2013, Frameline, and Palm Springs ShortFest.

4) In your mind, what is gay pride and how do you celebrate it?
Gay pride is an opportunity to embrace and celebrate your sexuality as well as other queer qualities.

5) Where can we see your artwork during the One City One Pride LGBT Arts Festival this year?

a) Name of event: CMG short film festival

b) Date of event: June 15th and 16th

c) Time: TBA d) Location: TBA

e) Admission charge, if any: TBA

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