



## MEDIA RELEASE

**Documentary on the relationship between women and gay men on OUTtv**

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OUTtv, the world's first LGBTQ+ television network and the leading LGBTQ+ streaming service, has acquired the documentary feature film *Handbag: The Untold Story of the Fag Hag*, which looks at the LGBTI rights movement from the unique angle of the straight female best friend to the gay man, or the 'fag hag'.

Phoebe Hart, producer, says, "Handbag is a terrific film full of heart, humour and a message about friendship which will resonate with OUTtv's audience both young and old."

*Handbag: The Untold Story of the Fag Hag* is a heart-warming documentary about Monica, a vivacious third generation 'fag hag' who is on a quest to burst the stereotype and demonstrate the value of straight allies in the struggle for gay equality. She and her fellow fag hags (or handbags) are the community's strongest unsung activists.

Director and self-proclaimed 'handbag' Monica Davidson says "*Handbag* is a film about the invisible women who have been maligned and misjudged advocates alongside their gay allies. It's really been my life's work, to shine a spotlight on these extraordinary women and their love and support of the gay community". Monica is a third-generation handbag.

She says, "I've been an activist since my teens, my mother was an AIDS volunteer, and my grandmother was a 'beard' and a fake girlfriend for her close gay friend, who was obviously closeted as being homosexual was a crime back then. My kids are all part of the rainbow and fighting the good fight... So many women have acted as protectors, cheerleaders and supporters of their gay friends, but always in the background," says Ms Davidson. "I think that straight allies, and particularly women, are a vital part of the of the fight for gay rights."

Work began on the documentary several years ago but it suffered numerous setbacks in both production and completion. Now the film will be broadcast on OUTtv and available to stream on OUTtvGo anytime. The film goes live in Canada and the USA (via Amazon Prime) as of Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, then in the United Kingdom (via Amazon Prime) on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, with South Africa, New Zealand and Australia to follow (TBC).

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