

## More information about THE CELLULOID CLOSET:

Narrated by Lily Tomlin and based on a now-classic 1981 book by Vito Russo, this groundbreaking 1995 documentary states from the outset that in one hundred years of cinema history, homosexuality had until that time rarely been acknowledged, and only then for laughs, pity, or fear. As the film continues, it details the depiction of gays during each decade, showing how the visibility of LGBTQ characters increasing and evolving. The film includes interviews with Tom Hanks, Susan Sarandon, Whoopi Goldberg, Tony Curtis, Shirley MacLaine, Gore Vidal, Harvey Fierstein and many others. Over 100 film excerpts date from 1895 to 1994, including dozens of legendary and popular movies.

According to the New York Times, THE CELLULOID CLOSET is "an indispensable addition to the history of Hollywood, with the popular appeal of THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT."

This award-winning documentary is directed by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman. Though the LGBTQ community and its representation in film has progressed significantly since the 1990s, THE CELLULOID CLOSET and the book upon which it is based represent landmarks in shedding light on our history of repression of LGBTQ people in film. Rated R.