



curious thing

A Short Film

from Fine Young Man Productions

Press Kit

Running Time: 9 mins.

Genre: Drama

Format: DVCPro HD

Completed: June 2009

Synopsis

Jared is closeted. Sam is straight. They find a connection in each other that neither has had before, but where do they go from there?

Over the course of three nights, six gay men sat down for interviews with the filmmakers about their experiences, sexual and otherwise, with straight men. Those documentary interviews provide the narration for 'Curious Thing' as we watch Jared and Sam form a friendship that tests the boundaries of what they know about love. But as Jared's walls slowly come down and his passion for Sam grows, things take an unexpected turn.

Filmed in New York City over five days, 'Curious Thing' captures the freedom that only comes when you confront the thing that terrifies you most. A romance, a coming out story, and a documentary all in one, 'Curious Thing' is the first of a three part trilogy examining the lives of gay men in NYC.

Log Line

It's really just a love story.

Filmmaker Biographies



Fine Young Man Productions

FYM's first film, "8 Easy Steps", premiered at the Palm Beach International Film Festival in April 2009 to a sold out audience and was picked up for world-wide distribution by Shorts International. With "Curious Thing", Alain Hain and Jason Mills have taken their love of documentary and narrative film and combined it to tell the story of a friendship between a gay man and a straight man. Screened at over a dozen film festival around the world. "Curious Thing" was featured in The New York Times for the filmmakers' fresh format and unique view on gay/straight relationships. The film has been nominated for multiple awards and picked up the Best Short Film awards at Atlanta Film Festival, Palm Beach International Film Festival, and Southwest Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

Alain Hain (Director, Producer) Alain has produced music videos for such artists as Maya Azucena, David Berkeley, and Dujous. He most recently produced the TV pilot, Alter Ego and has worked in the commercial world with clients like Frederic Fekkai, Ferragamo, Chanel, and Snapple. Alain has directed the 2009 short film, "8 Easy Steps" as well as "Curious Thing" and "the in-between".

Jason Mills (Writer, Producer) began his career as a playwright in NYC, presenting his work at The Living Room Festival, The HERE Arts Center, and the Queer at Here Festival in Soho, before becoming a screenwriter and producer. Jason wrote "Curious Thing" based on his own experiences with straight men and the experiences that it turned out others had shared as well. He has followed up "Curious Thing" with the next installment in this trilogy, "the in-between" and is currently finishing two feature length screenplays - one co-written with his producing partner, Alain Hain.

Contact

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Biographies - Cast



Danny Bernardy - (Jared) Danny has appeared in the FYM comedy, "8 Easy Steps" as well as "Curious Thing" and its follow up, "the in-between". Other notable indie film credits include a project with Follow Productions (of "Paula Deen Show" fame) called "Feed Me!" in which Danny appears as Tucker. Television credits include recurring and guest starring roles on ABC's One Life To Live and CBS' As the World Turns. Danny has also worked extensively in the New York and regional theatre circuit, including work at NY Theatre Workshop, The Cherry Lane, SoHo Rep, Virginia Stage Co and at the Cape Playhouse. Carnegie Mellon, BFA.



Matthew Wilkas - (Sam) A New York Theatre actor who's Off Broadway credits include: *The Last Sunday* in June at The Rattlestick and The Century Center, *Far and Wide* at the Mint Theatre, and *Carrie* at PS122. Television Credits: Ugly Betty, Hope and Faith, Law and Order, All My Children, As the World Turns. Film: Heights (Merchant/Ivory), The New Twenty, Sad Sack Sally, and current festival film, "Gayby". Matthew trained at Boston University School for the Arts and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) Matt can be contacted through The Mine at (212) 612- 3200



Rebecca Pappa - (Becky) Rebecca is a NY based actress who is appearing in the upcoming Indie films "Dumping Lisa" and "As Planes Take Off". Rebecca can be contacted through Abrams Artists Agency at (646) 486-4600

Credits List for 'Curious Thing'

Crew:

Producers	Jason Mills & Alain Hain
Director	Alain Hain
Writer	Jason Mills
Director of Photography	Tom McWilliam
Editor	Jason Mills
Original Music	Milosh
1st AD	Jennifer Kim
Camera Operator	Tom McWilliam
2nd Unit DP	Craig Feldman
Key Grip	John Connuck
Key Gaffer	Tony Gale
Wardrobe	Ellen Stevenson
Makeup	Martyna Truszkowska
Asst. Makeup	Jessica Abel
Still Photographer	Jennifer Kim
Production Assistant	Tony Gale

Cast:

Jared	Danny Bernardy
Sam	Matthew Wilkas
Becky	Rebecca Pappa

