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“Cincinnati, Ohio Film Takes Rare Look At Same Sex Domestic Abuse”

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Domestic abuse in mainstream film is not a rarity. *Bastard Out of Carolina*, *What's Love Got To Do With It* and *Sleeping With The Enemy* all showcase women abused by men. What happens when you aren't a woman? This is the question Piñata Productions raises in the same sex domestic violence short drama *Boys Will Be Boys*.

The story melds concepts of reality and fantasy as the film explores the world of Billy Higgins (newcomer Grayden Stroud), a young man assaulted by his long-time partner Chris (Michael C.Potter). While locked in his bathroom, Billy imagines how his life might be if he opens the door and faces the guests at his birthday party.

Boys Will Be Boys exists very much as art-imitating-real-life. Executive Producer Chuck Beatty had been a victim of same sex domestic abuse (see [Kickstarter](#) video for more). After the assault, he felt isolated, ashamed and unsure where to turn. Everything he knew about domestic abuse related to heterosexual couples. In an effort to highlight the issue, Beatty approached director and writer e.E. Charlton-Trujillo. Charlton-Trujillo, winner of the 2009 Cincinnati Fringe Festival film category for *Vanessa Rising*, was a perfect fit for the surrealistic drama.

“Chuck wanted a film of truth and art,” comments Charlton-Trujillo. “Fiction with darkness and beauty. That’s what I loved about *Vanessa Rising* and savor about *Boys Will Be Boys*.”

The film won the Audience Choice for Best Short at the Louisville LGBT Film Festival. The festival held in early August was the film's first submission in the festival circuit. This comes after completing its Kickstarter campaign and generating over 400 percent of its initial \$500 dollar goal for post production. “We are elated at the generosity of people,” Beatty says. “It is the single best thing I could have asked for.”

On September 28 at 7:30 pm, *Boys Will Be Boy* makes it Cincinnati Premiere at the Kenwood Theatre. Local previews and a series of domestic and international award-winning short films will also screen. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/194756> . General admission is \$5 dollars. Premiere admission is \$10 dollars and includes VIP seats and a signed movie poster.

Piñata Productions, LLC is a Cincinnati based company founded by multi-award-winning filmmaker and novelist e.E. Charlton-Trujillo. Award-winning filmmaker Josh Flowers serves as Executive Director for the company that produces movies, commercials, promotional stories and music videos.