

FREEP FILM FESTIVAL



'America You Kill Me'

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 | 8:00 P.M.

Post-film panel: 9:40 P.M.

Admission: \$20.00 Available online at:

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Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201

“America You Kill Me” tracks the rise, fall and legacy of Detroit-based gay rights warrior Jeffrey Montgomery, whose activism was spurred when his partner was killed outside a Detroit nightclub in 1985, and was told police would not likely investigate because it was “just another gay killing.”

Montgomery later co-founded the Triangle Foundation, an organization dedicated to battling violence against LGTBQ people and supporting other gay rights issues. As the film details, he became particularly well-known as an expert in the so-called Jenny Jones case of 1995, when a guest on “The Jenny Jones Show” revealed a gay crush on another show participant and was murdered a few days later by that same man.

Shot primarily in Detroit, the documentary uses archival footage, news coverage, animation and in-depth interviews with Montgomery and those who knew him to build its portrait of a man who became a figurehead of the gay rights movement in Michigan and beyond. Among those appearing in the film are former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm, former Detroit mayor Dennis Archer and former Detroit police chief Isaiah (Ike) McKinnon.

While the film makes Montgomery’s heroism and intellect clear, it does not shy from his struggles, including political battles, difficulties with alcohol and health issues. World premiere.