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“TAL COMO SOMOS (JUST AS WE ARE)”
FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION



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“Tal Como Somos (Just As We Are)” reveals what it’s like to be Latino yet not fit the cultural ideals of man, woman, and family. This feature length documentary follows the lives of six Latino gay and bisexual men and a transgender woman capturing their shared realities: the love and separation from their families, the support of friends, the struggle with religious faith, the unkindness of the school years, the alienation created by race and immigration, and the courage to confront adversity and HIV/AIDS.

Jesus Ramirez-Valles is a scholar, filmmaker, and an advocate of Latino and GLBT health. He is author of the award-winning book, “Compañeros: Latino Activists in the Face of AIDS” (2011) and creator of “Tal Como Somos/Just As We Are.” He was named one of the “Top Gay Latino Activists who Have Broken Boundaries” by the Huffington Post. Dr. Ramirez-Valles has received awards from the National Institutes of Health and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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