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**{Docurama Film Festival II}  
*Official Selection***

“Affectionate, energetic... a worthy and entertaining tribute”  
-- *Variety*

**SHOWBIZ SAID THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR HIM...  
HE PROVED THEM ALL WRONG!**

**THIS SEPTEMBER, DOCURAMA® UNVEILS THE  
DRAGS TO RICHES STORY OF ONE OF THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS  
AND CELEBRATED NEW YORK THEATER ARTISTS WITH**

**THE LADY IN QUESTION IS CHARLES BUSCH**

This Wildly Entertaining Festival Features Interviews With Kathleen Turner,  
Rosie O' Donnell and Boy George and is Packed With Exclusive Extras Including  
Never-Before-Seen Clips, An Original Theatre-in-Limbo Poster Gallery, the Short Film,  
*The Royal Escape to Love*, Photo Galleries, and More!

**NEW YORK, NY** – From the scandalously sex-charged, cross-dressing stage classic “Vampire Lesbians of Sodom”, “Psycho Beach Party” and “Die, Mommie, Die!” to the Broadway smash “The Tale of The Allergist’s Wife”, outrageous New York actor, writer, drag performer and genius leading lady Charles Busch has carved an indelible place in showbiz history. On September 26, join Docurama® for **THE LADY IN QUESTION IS CHARLES BUSCH**, an affectionate and wildly entertaining tribute that delves deeply into the world of one of the most prolific theater artists of the last several decades. Fresh off its theatrical run, this crowd-pleasing favorite, an official selection at the prestigious Tribeca Film Festival, will be available as an extras-laden DVD as part of the Docurama Film Festival II for \$26.95srp.

From a tragic, lonely childhood lived through classic Hollywood films to writing and starring in the riotous and raw off-Broadway hit “Vampires Lesbians of Sodom” at a gloriously rundown theater in the East Village and scaling the heights of success on Broadway and in Hollywood, **THE LADY IN QUESTION** wonderfully casts Busch’s fascinating life as the turbulent and triumphant “drags to riches story<sup>1</sup>” that it is. Expertly cut with awe-inspiring performances of Busch channeling the great female actors of

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<sup>1</sup> Village Voice

classic Hollywood, the film also intertwines interviews with admirers and renowned colleagues who are charmingly eccentric characters themselves, and an original short film made by Busch about his near-death experience. Directed by award-winners John Catania and Charles Ignacio, who followed Busch for four-and-a-half years gaining extraordinary and unprecedented access, the film roars as an informative, graceful, and energetic reflection on themes of success and failure, gender, sexuality, and the magic of theater.

By popular demand, the DVD release is packed with over 60 minutes of bonus materials including the short film, *Her Royal Escape to Love (2005)*; an original Theatre-in-Limbo photo/clip gallery; rare archival photo galleries: Fabulous Fashions & Set Design, East Village Stage & Streets; several fascinating featurettes “1980s East Village Scene” and “Taboo Broadway Opening”; “In the Life” backstory; Filmmaker biographies and a Charles Busch biography and filmography.

A must-see for theater fans and the uninitiated alike, THE LADY IN QUESTION makes for a worthy tribute to a true gay icon.

#### **About Docurama Film Festival™**

Inspired by the unique, creative energy and exclusive “buzz” only experienced at a film festival, Docurama launched an innovative, home entertainment industry first in June 2006 with the DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL (DFF). Creating a new way for audiences to experience the excitement of a festival, anywhere, and at any time, on DVD, the DFF features a slate of astonishing, unforgettable films home viewers won’t see anywhere else and a host of singular tools to help deepen the viewing experience -- a dedicated website featuring filmmaker Q&A’s, podcasts, an interactive “buzz” blog, a festival catalog and more. The first festival launched on June 27; DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL II is scheduled for September 26, 2006. The DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL will change the way audiences view documentaries on DVD forever.

#### **About Docurama**

Founded in 1999 by parent company New Video Group Inc., Docurama is the only label dedicated exclusively to bringing critically acclaimed and cutting-edge documentary films to the home entertainment marketplace. Since its launch, Docurama has released over 150 award-winning and highly acclaimed films including D.A. Pennebaker’s *Bob Dylan: Dont Look Back*, *Brother’s Keeper* and *Paradise Lost* from acclaimed filmmaking partners Joe Berlinger & Bruce Sinofsky, *Southern Comfort*, *Lost in La Mancha*, *Lost Boys of Sudan*, *Andy Goldsworthy’s Rivers and Tides Working With Time*, the 2005 theatrical sleeper hit *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* and the widely acclaimed Sundance Channel documentary series *The Staircase*. Among Docurama’s collection of Academy Award® winners and nominees are *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, *The Weather Underground*, *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision*, *Regret To Inform*, *Children Underground*, *Sister Rose’s Passion*, and *Sound and Fury*. New Video is also the exclusive label and distributor for the A&E Home Video, The History Channel® and Biography®. To find out more about these or any Docurama films visit [www.newvideo.com](http://www.newvideo.com) or [www.docurama.com](http://www.docurama.com)

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