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Frameline is pleased to announce the availability of **TONGUES UNTIED**, the acclaimed account of Black gay life by Marlon Riggs.

TONGUES UNTIED pitches personal testimony, poetry, rap, drama and wit against the homophobia and racism that divide Black gay men. It's the story of the film-maker and of others who've endured intolerance and hatred. Some of the tales are bleak: the man refused entry to a gay bar because of his color; the college student left bleeding on a sidewalk after a fag-bashing; the transvestite walking down a cold Oakland street.

TONGUES UNTIED also gives us a shot of the rich flavor of the black gay male experience. We're introduced to the languages of the "snap diva" and the Vogue dancer. We're invited to the rites of this brotherhood in smoky clubs, militant protest marches, and on the streets of our cities.

A collaboration between national Emmy Award-winning director Marlon Riggs and Black gay poet Essex Hemphill, **TONGUES UNTIED** also features poets Alan Miller, Steve Langley and singer/composer Blackberri. Amongst many prizes, **TONGUES UNTIED** recently received an Outstanding Merit Award from Black Film-makers Hall of Fame and - at the Berlin Film Festival - a Gay Teddy Bear for best documentary.

"An intense film... tastefully presented"

-Sue Adolphson, San Francisco Chronicle

"Usually, politically and socially admirable films fall short of the mark in the aesthetics department. They are praised more for good intentions... Marlon Riggs has created that rarest of birds - a brilliant, innovative work of art that delivers a knockout political punch."

-Vito Russo, The Advocate

"The message slams you in the stomach while the poetry caresses your cheek."

-Michael Fox, S.F. Weekly

TONGUES UNTIED is currently playing theatrically in San Francisco and is now available for bookings nation-wide. For rentals and further information contact Mark Finch, Frameline (415) 861 5245.