

Chris & Don: A Love Story

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Directed By: Tina Mascara, Guido Santi Narration: Don Bachardy (90 min.)



CHRIS & DON: A LOVE STORY is the true-life story of the passionate three-decade relationship between British writer Christopher Isherwood (whose *Berlin Stories* was the basis for all incarnations of the much-beloved *Cabaret*) and American portrait painter Don Bachardy, thirty years his junior.

From Isherwood's *Kit-Kat-Club* years in Weimar-era Germany (the inspiration for his most famous work) to the couple's first meeting on the sun-kissed

beaches of 1950s Malibu, their against-all-odds saga is brought to dazzling life by a treasure trove of multimedia.

Bachardy's contemporary reminiscences (in the Santa Monica home he shared with Isherwood until his death in 1986) artfully interact with archival footage, rare home movies (with glimpses of glitterati pals W.H. Auden, Igor Stravinsky and Tennessee Williams), reenactments, and, most sweetly, whimsical animations based on the cat-and-horse cartoons the pair used in their personal correspondence. With Isherwood's status as an out-and-proud gay maverick, and Bachardy's eventual artistic triumph away from the considerable shadow of his life partner, *CHRIS & DON: A LOVE STORY* is above all a joyful celebration of a most extraordinary couple.

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