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Phallocy

How does a thirty-two-year-old lesbian become a man?

by Jay Sennett, Filmmaker, Writer, Activist

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Jay Sennett has been in the trans community since 1994 and his recent video, *Phallocy*, has been playing around the United States.

According to Sennett: "my private motto for my production company is "movies for the rest of us". I am passionate about including trans and intersexed people, fat people, people of colour, people with disabilities, queers - my people - on the screen. My vision for the screen is the world in which I live.

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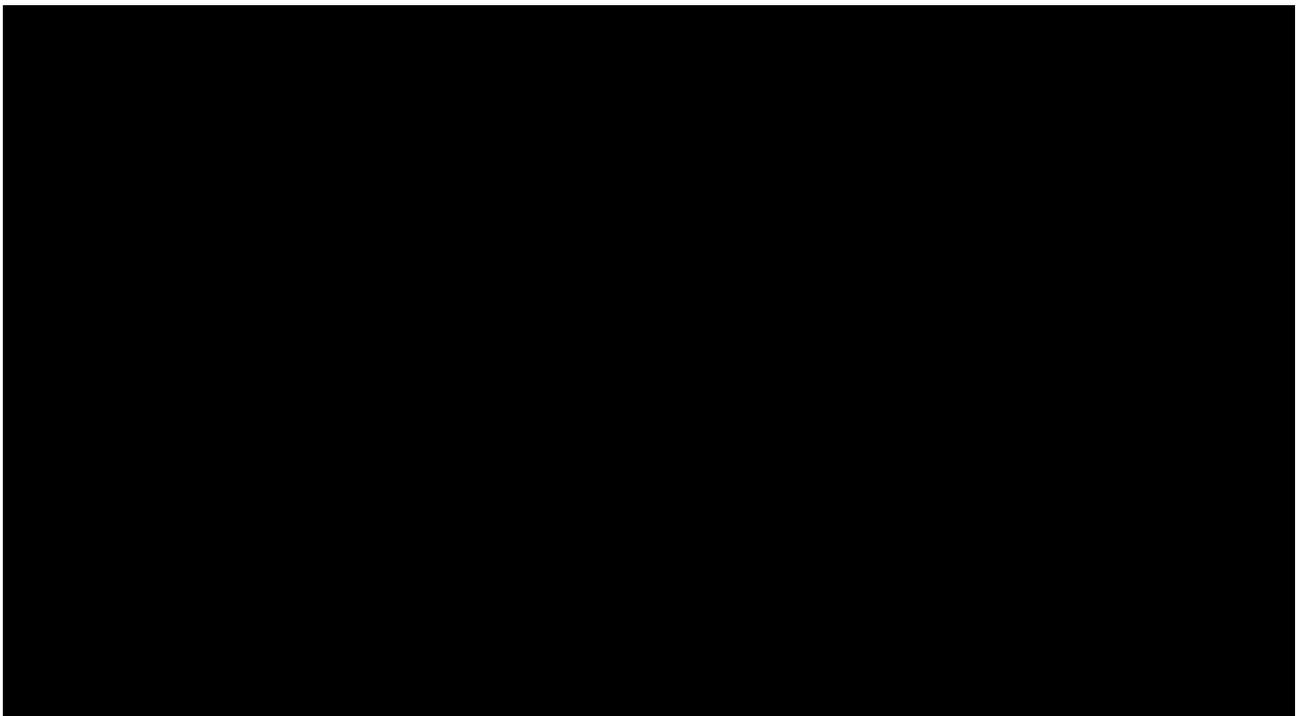
"Whether we want to admit or not female-to-males struggle with the fact that we live in female bodies, without factory direct penises.

Phallocy is my attempt to come to terms with this reality, for myself", says Sennett.

Phallocy has screened at Women in the Director's Chair Film and Video Festival, The Northwestern Gender Queer Film and Video Festival, and was a finalist in the Pink Apple Short Film competition, Fraunfeld, Switzerland. Other scheduled screenings include Inside Out Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival, Outfest 2001: The nineteenth Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival twenty-fifth Anniversary and Bologna Festival Internazionale di Cinema Gay-Lesbico. Sennett is also the 2001 recipient of the prestigious Cultural Award, given by the Detroit Gay and Lesbian Pride and Community Service Awards Committee.

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