



"It's remarkable" - Neil Gaiman

THE LAST AMERICAN FREAK SHOW

Could You Survive It?

U.K. DVD Release Date 26th July 2010

Award-winning director **Richard Butchins** has achieved a stunning landmark in documentary filmmaking. Making its U.K. DVD debut on the **26th July 2010**, **'THE LAST AMERICAN FREAK SHOW'** explores the shocking world of people choosing to exploit their disabilities in order to be seen as performers in control of their own lives. Rather than be perceived as victims, these amazing residents-of-the-road sing, dance, spit fire and party heavily—taking fierce joy out of life.

At first Richard, a disabled filmmaker, has a dim view of this. A massive 3000-mile odyssey from Portland, Oregon to Austin, Texas in an old school bus run on stolen cooking oil helps change his mind, but maybe not for the better...

'THE LAST AMERICAN FREAK SHOW' makes the viewer question perceptions on disability and normality, and shines a light on the ethics of a freakish spectacle. Going against the tradition which wants freaks to be the object of exploitation and manipulation for the sake of profit, the performers in 'THE LAST AMERICAN FREAK SHOW' become the motor of empowerment, transforming from objects to subjects, and in the process, receiving a purpose and a voice of their own.

Originally broadcast on **More 4** in **December 2009**, as part of their **True Stories** series, 'THE LAST AMERICAN FREAK SHOW' asks the question, shouldn't we all run away and join the circus?

Nominated for *Best Newcomer* at the **2008 DisaDeaf Arts Festival**
Nominated *Best Documentary, Best Cinematography* and *Best Performance* at
Maverick Movie Awards (USA) 2009
Shortlisted for *Best Newcomer* - **The Grierson Awards 2009 UK**

Selected for

LIDF (London International Documentary Festival)
Boston Underground Film Festival
Atlanta Underground Film Festival
Montreal Fringe Festival
Royal Flush Film Festival NYC
The Other Film Festival Melbourne
Revelations International Festival - Perth Australia
South Appalachian Film Festival
DisaDeaf Arts Festival Liverpool



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