

Rhode Trip Pictures in association with OUT at the Movies presents

# "Oscar Wilde About America"

A documentary fantasy of American life in 2024 as experienced through the wit and wisdom of one of history's most enduring and indomitable iconic figures.

**Run Time:** 98 min **Genre:** Documentary Fantasy

Year: 2024 Language: English Country of Origin: United States

Producers: 534 Productions, Adrienne Shepherd, Barbara Grecki,

Brad Moss, OUT at the Movies, Rex Welton

Executive Producers: Kimberly Chesser, James Andrew Walsh, Oscar Conlon-Morrey

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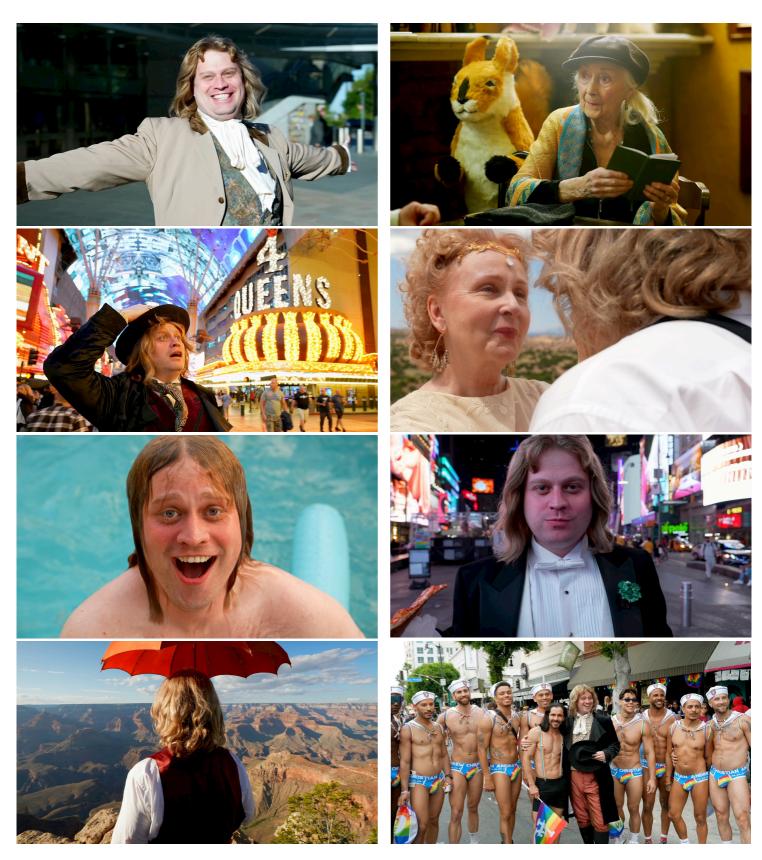
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Filmed in London and in locations across the United States, "Oscar Wilde About America" is directed and edited by James Andrew Walsh and stars London West End's Oscar Conlon-Morrey and co-stars Academy Award, Emmy, Golden Globe, Tony, Olivier, and BAFTA nominees and winners Rosemary Harris and Kate Burton.

Film features the original song "Be Yourself, Everyone Else is Taken", music and lyrics by Eamonn O'Dwyer, courtesy of Eamonn O'Dwyer and Rhode Trip Pictures.



"Oscar Wilde About America" reimagines Oscar Wilde's 1882 tour as a present-day American roadtrip. Traveling coast-to-coast from New York City to Hollywood, the film is a fantastical journey through America in 2024, where our Oscar finds the queer joy, love, and liberation that eluded him 141 years ago.





## **DIRECTOR-EDITOR | James Andrew Walsh**

A 2019 Cannes Silver Lions award winner, James co-created and directed "Oscar Wilde About America", starring Oscar Conlon-Morrey, Academy Award, Golden Globe and Tony nominees and winners Rosemary Harris, Kate Burton, Christine Pedi, and Michael Childers. He wrote and directed the award-winning "Jimmy and Carolyn", starring TV and stage veterans Gregory Harrison and Mary Beth Peil, and the award-winning "The Extinction of Fireflies", starring Tony nominee, Drama Desk winner Michael Urie, two-time Olivier Award winner Tracie Bennett, and Drew Droege. James directed the award-winning immersive theatre piece "As Much As I Can" at the Public Theater in NYC. He is the co-executive producer of the upcoming "Murder at the **Breakers**", premiering on the Hallmark Mysteries Channel in February 2024. While at Lorimar and Warner Bros, James executive produced the ABC miniseries "A Fearful Joy: The Mother Teresa Story".

"I have been fascinated by Oscar Wilde's 1882 North American tour from the moment I stumbled upon David L. Friedman's wonderful book, "Wilde in America". A yearlong, highly publicized journey that made him the world's second most famous queen, Wilde's tour was pivotal in the Irish-English playwright's personal life and illustrious career, as well the American pop cultural experience" J. A. Walsh



#### Produced in association with OUT at the Movies:

"OUT at the Movies International Film Festival is proud to be the official festival partner for Oscar Wilde About America. This film embodies the essence of our organization's mission: celebrating queer joy and building community through film."



#### From our producer 534 Productions:

"Oscar Wilde About America" arrived at a point in time when finding 'joy' was at the top of our list. At the hands of Oscar Conlon Morrey, leading us through the soul of Oscar Wilde on his American tour, was joyful and profoundly insightful. Filling in with laughter and pathos, James Andrew Walsh demonstrates in this film, that inherently we are more alike than different. 534 Productions is honored to be part of this beautiful message!"





Oscar Conlon-Morrey as "Oscar"



Rosemary Harris as "Lady Bracknell"



Kate Burton as "Sarah Bernhardt"

### **CAST**

Oscar was last seen in the London West End Productions of "Treason" and in "Mother Goose" opposite Sir Ian McKellen. Other West End credits include "Only Fools and Horses the Musical", for which he was nominated for the WhatsOnStage Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. Oscar is the winner of the Julia McKenzie prize at the Stephen Sondheim Society Student Performer of the Year Award 2017, the same year he received the Gyearbour Asante Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts Valedictorian Award for achieving the highest scoring degree in his graduating year. He currently splits his time between England and France.

Rosemary is an inductee into the American Theater Hall of Fame. She is a four-time **Drama Desk Award** winner and **nine-time Tony Award** nominee, winning the Tony Award for **Best Actress in a Play for "The Lion in Winter"**. She won the **Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie for** the BBC serial "Notorious Woman", and the **Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Television Series Drama for the miniseries "Holocaust"** (1978). She is also known for **Aunt May** in **Spider-Man (1, 2, 3)**. Rosemary received multiple nominations for her performance in "**Tom & Viv**",, including the **Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress**.

Kate has received multiple Tony Award nominations for Best Leading Actress and Best Featured Actress in a Play for her portrayal of the title role in Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler", for her portrayals of Pinhead/Mrs. Kendal in the revival of The Elephant Man and for "The Constant Wife". Her films include "Big Trouble in Little China", "The First Wives Club", "Life with Mikey", and "The Ice Storm". Among her prodigious television work, Kate is best known for her multi-season appearance in the titular role of Dr. Ellis Grey in ABC's "Grey's Anatomy", for which she has received multiple Emmy nominations. Since 2012, she has played Vice President Sally Langston in the ABC hit show "Scandal", for which she received an Emmy nomination.



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London Unit Gareth Munden (Director of Photography), Ben

Chapman (1st AC), Spencer Emanuel (Location

Sound Mixer)

Appearances

Alyson Williams Lufonda Vieys
Amy North Michael Childers
Billy Francesca Michelle Wallace
Carl Man Milla Ranieri
Chad Allen Ortiz Paul Peppers
Christine Pedi Randy Jones

Elspeth Burdette Ron Stacker Thompson

Felix Aispuro Rosemary Harris
Harriet Thorpe Rulan Tangen
Jeff Chesser Shona Simpson

John Cooper Sushi

Kate Burton Ulyana Ulshep

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