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**aGLIFF Launches Monthly Film Screening Series with
THROUGH THICK AND THIN**

Launch Party with the film's Director Sebastian Cordoba to Follow

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009

Time: Screening 7pm, Launch Party 8:30pm

Place: The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum's Spirit Theatre

Admission: \$5; Free for Members of aGLIFF, the Austin Film Festival, the Austin Film Society, Cine las Americas, and the Texas State History Museum

AUSTIN, TX – The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival will begin its Monthly Screening series with **THROUGH THICK AND THIN**, a documentary by filmmaker Sebastian Cordoba, who will be in attendance. This screening is also a collaboration with the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum's *Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series*.

THROUGH THICK AND THIN follows the extraordinary stories of seven bi-national gay and lesbian couples whose lives are dramatically affected by the current state of immigration laws in the United States. Cordoba intimately captures integral moments of each of the couples as they struggle to stay together at whatever cost, sometimes demonstrating that love does not conquer all.

For some couples, this means immigrating to a different country, while others try to maintain a semblance of normalcy by commuting between distant places overseas. And, for some of them, in which the foreign partner is already illegal, they try to keep things as they are while avoiding the scrutiny of immigration enforcement.

The immigration rights issue is a sensitive and personal one to the director, Sebastian Cordoba, who will join us to discuss the film and his own experience as he was in a binational relationship with an American citizen and has struggled with this very issue first-hand. In fact, he was able to maintain a working visa status by producing this documentary.

Following the screening, aGLIFF will host a launch party for the organization's Monthly Screening Series as well as the launch of the Texas State History Museum's *Immigration Film Series* outside the Spirit Theatre.

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aGLIFF premiered in 1987 as a festival that included only five films screened over seven evenings at the Dobie Theater. By 2000, the festival had grown to include 150 films and videos from 14 countries. In 2003, attendance reached a record-breaking 16,000 people! Today, aGLIFF continues to be the largest gay and lesbian cultural event in Austin.

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