

Pride Week!: Audio Review of ‘The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson’

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CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com audio film review on the PRIDE film “The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson” (2017), currently on Netflix, about the mysterious death and challenging life of the drag queen icon of New York City. Happy Pride Week!



Rating: **4.0/5.0**

Born Malcolm Michaels in New Jersey, the doc’s hero left for New York City in the mid 1960s, and found her niche among the colorful street people of the era, renaming herself Marsha P. Johnson. Three years later, on the night of June 28th, 1969, Johnson found herself in the midst of the Stonewall Inn Uprising, and several witnesses described her as being a prime motivator in the riots that began gay liberation. The documentary chronicles her mysterious death in 1992, her body floating in the Hudson River off the Christopher Street pier. The police ruled in a suicide, but in the 2010s an advocate named Victoria Cruz – a drag queen in the same era as Johnson – reopens the case.

“The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson” is currently streaming on Netflix. Written and Directed by David France. Rated “R”



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