



UNLABELLED

DETAILED SYNOPSIS



How do we overcome the labels society places on us? This question affects each of us personally, growing up and into adulthood. For those from marginalized communities, the challenge of being perceived differently is even greater. In light of gender non-conformity discrimination, our film, *UNLABELLED*, explores the journeys of three individuals who identified as being born in the wrong body and their transformative paths to becoming who they truly are.

We follow the stories of Emery, Lucy, and Lucah, who all navigated the complexities of their assigned genders at birth. They share their experiences with gender dysphoria and their courageous steps towards self-acceptance. Emery, for instance, found self-expression through burlesque dancing. His dance metaphorically captures the transition from shame and fear to the freedom of self-acceptance—a journey mirrored by Lucy and Lucah.

The film also features Robyn, a transgender nurse who underwent her own medical transformation and now assists other transgender patients. She provides medical insights into hormonal treatments and surgeries, offering audiences a deeper understanding of these processes as we hear about our subjects' choices for their bodies.

Historically, transgender identities have been celebrated in various mythologies and cultures. Some societies recognize multiple genders and consider transgender individuals as auspicious. We highlight these historical and cultural aspects to show that gender diversity is not a modern phenomenon. A visual artist in the film also shares how her work reflects gender non-conformity found in her Indian and African heritage.



To connect with contemporary society, we feature influential transgender public figures who are making a significant impact today. They continue to shape history and inspire others to live authentically.

Emery, Lucy and Lucah are inspiring unto themselves as their story unfolds from experiencing despair in their early childhood and youth, to their ultimate happiness and success to just BE themselves.