

We Exist: Beyond the Binary



A film by
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a [Flannel Projects](#) Production
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TRT: 56 minutes



LOGLINE:

A look at people living outside the gender binary through the story of Lauren - a non binary athlete - and others.

SYNOPSIS:

What if the world told you that you do not exist? For many gender non-confirming individuals this is the reality. [‘We Exist: Beyond the Binary’](#) is one of the first films to document this growing community living life “beyond the binary” construct of gender. ‘We Exist’ offers a first-hand account of what it is like to exist other than male or female while living within the confines of a world that is slow to catch up.

The narrative is an intimate portrait of Lauren: a person in their mid-twenties who identifies as gender neutral. Lauren’s story chronicles their life across continents capturing the emotional, physical, and mental changes and obstacles Lauren must face in order to be their authentic self. From abandoning a promising basketball career to a near-death experience in the depths of the rainforest to top surgery, Lauren’s journey is transformative and while unique, echoes the stories of so many around the world.

FEATURING:



ANDREW SEGER
(DIRECTOR/EDITOR/PRODUCER)

Andrew Seger is an interdisciplinary creative, adept at problem solving from preproduction through post. After completing a Master's in Radio & Television from San Francisco State University, Andrew went on to instruct Experimental Video there. Relocating to New York in 2009, he worked in fashion, ultimately becoming the post production

manager for New York Fashion Week, MIAMI SWIM, and ARUBA IN STYLE. He has edited and produced commercials, documentaries, features, music videos, television, corporate, and fashion. His clients include FUSE.TV, VOGUE, Westfield, Adult Swim, Pepsi, BBDO, Getty Images, and countless others. He is currently the Creative Director at [INDISTRY TV](#) and is the founder of [Flannel Projects](#)
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LAUREN LUBIN
(PRODUCER/FEATURING)

Lauren Lubin is pioneering a new frontier of gender awareness and equality by producing [WE EXIST: BEYOND THE BINARY](#). Lauren's work shatters traditional constructs that define gender as either male or female.

Lauren's work extends beyond the film and into the athletic arena. Both an avid runner and activist, Lauren made

headlines in 2015 with their "WE RUN" campaign—which advocates for equal space and recognition for nonbinary athletes in the world of sports. Lauren also founded Andro Runners: New York City's first nonbinary-specific running group. On November 5, 2016, Lauren became the first-ever openly nonbinary runner to compete in the New York City Marathon. In April 2019, Lauren prepares to repeat history competing in the Boston Marathon.

Lauren is a former Division I athlete who has published two books: [The Rain Forest Awakenings](#) and [The Thoughtless Revolution](#). Lauren has been featured in ABC Good Morning, TIME, BBC World Sports, Huffington Post, MASHABLE, COSMO, Curve Magazine, Out Magazine, The Denver Post and countless others.



TYLER FORD (FEATURING)

Tyler Ford is an award-winning nonbinary advocate, writer, and speaker, whose creative and critical writing on queer and trans identity inspires, comforts, and challenges a diverse spectrum of audiences. Crowned one of [Dazed's 100 visionary talents shaping youth culture in 2016](#), and writing for publications including [the Guardian](#),

[Poetry Magazine](#), [Rookie](#), [V Magazine](#), and [MTV](#) ; Tyler's sphere of influence is wide, reaching hundreds of thousands of people and helping LGBTQ+ folks feel more equipped to express themselves with confidence. From SXSW to Columbia University to Stadtkuratorin Hamburg, Tyler's speaking engagements and performances are known to galvanize and educate. Recently honored at the Village Voice Pride Awards as the "young person who best represents the future of LGBTQ+ advancement," the 27-year-old uses their unstoppable voice, passion, and heart to uplift and advocate for queer and trans individuals worldwide. Tyler was a Grand Marshal at New York City Pride in June 2018 and is currently an editor at Condé Nast's LGBTQ+ platform, [them](#).



KRISTIN RUSSO (FEATURING)

Kristin Russo is a writer, speaker, educator and consultant with a focus on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) issues. She is the CEO and Editor-in-Chief of LGBTQ organizations [Everyone Is Gay](#) & [My Kid Is Gay](#), and authored [This is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids](#) (Chronicle, 2014).

She worked as host and producer of [First Person](#), a video series on gender and

sexuality from PBS Digital and WNET, and holds a Master's in Gender Studies from the CUNY Graduate Center.

She has spoken at hundreds of universities nationwide including Harvard, Stanford, and NYU, has worked with large-scale companies such as Tumblr & Bloomberg on diversity inclusion, and works with local businesses with her ongoing [OUR Restroom](#) initiative to take gender markers off of single stall restrooms.

She also co-hosts a Buffy the Vampire Slayer podcast called [Buffering the Vampire Slayer](#).



ANTHONY P. VAVASIS, MD, AAHIVS
(FEATURING)

Anthony Vavasis is the Clinical Director of Medical Services at [Callen Lorde Community Health Center](#). Callen Lorde provides sensitive, quality health care and related services targeted to New York’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities — in all their diversity — regardless of ability to pay. To further this mission, Callen-Lorde promotes health education and wellness

and advocates for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender health issues.

Vavasis has eighteen years of experience working with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and runaway and homeless youths, including providing clinical direction to the Health Outreach to Teens Program, one of the larger adolescent HIV and transgender programs in the country. He holds a medical degree from the University of Michigan.

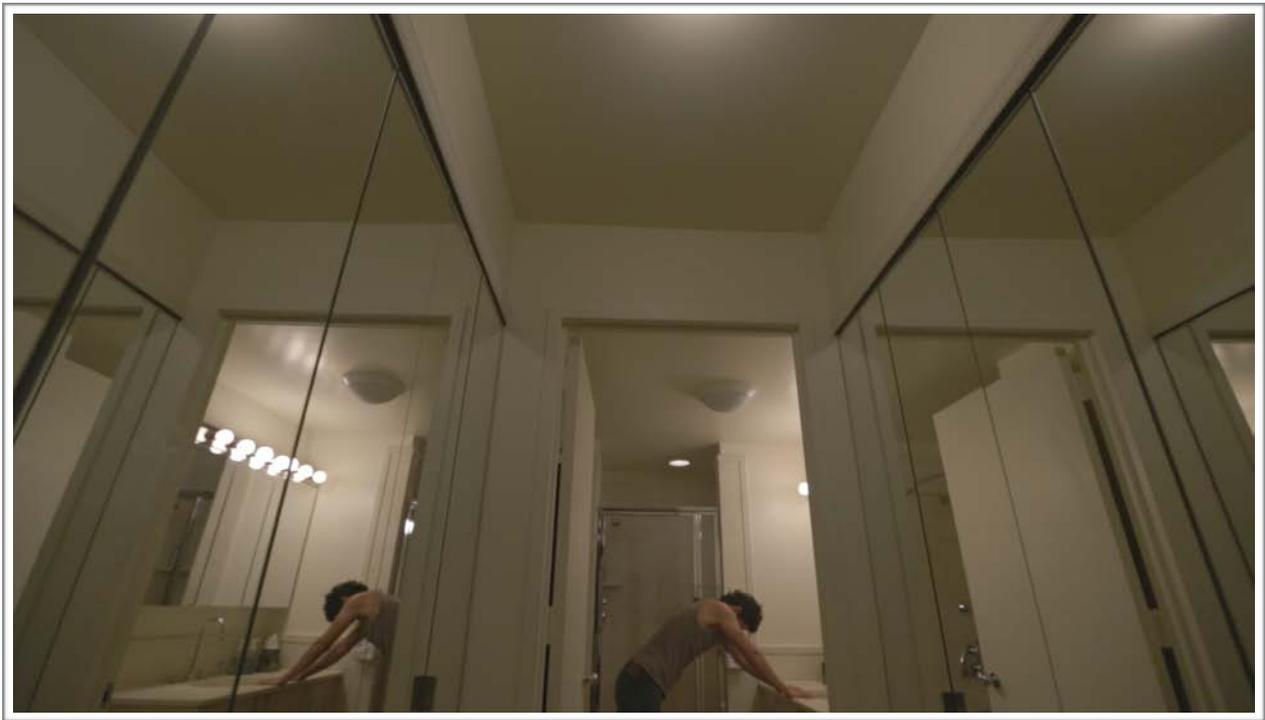


CHARLES GARRAMONE, DO, FACOS
(FEATURING)

Charles Garramone is the current World’s Surgical Authority on FTM Top Surgery (Female To Male Transgender Chest Surgery) and the ManSculpture Procedure (Body Masculinization). His practice serves an international clientele, and is focused primarily on Transgender Sexual Reassignment Surgery and Gender Confirmation Surgery.

Dr. Charles Garramone is a Board Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (FACOS) whose practice at [The Garramone Center](#) is located in Davie, FL just outside of Fort Lauderdale.

Dr. Garramone has been listed in the “Guide to America’s Top Plastic Surgeons, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Editions” and has received the coveted “Patient’s Choice Award for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013”. He has also been ranked as a “Top 10 Doctor” as a Plastic Surgeon Specialist. Dr. Garramone is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, the American Osteopathic Association, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.



PRESS

“You know when you’ve heard your best friend tell a story, even though you’ve only heard it once, you’re buzzing with energy to share it with others? Lubin’s documentary feels like that.”

[“We Exist: Beyond the Binary” Is a Sincere, Open Documentary About Gender](#)
Autostraddle

“We Exist will not only invite and fuel meaningful dialogue, but will also serve as an up-close learning experience—an intimate journey with an honest and crucial message.”

[“We Exist” Documentary Shows Life Beyond Gender Binary](#)
After Ellen

“As the narrator and someone recreating pivotal events from their life, Lubin is very frank and at times, vulnerable.”

[We Exist: Beyond the Binary Is a Powerful Reclamation of Existence](#)
Pride

“Nonbinary identities are rarely made available to people growing up, and are only discovered after adolescence. WeExist is a documentary that fights to change this lack of awareness by elevating nonbinary voices.”

[Not a Man, Not a Woman, But Still Human](#)
Advocate

“Lauren’s work shatters traditional, antiquated constructs that defines gender as either male or female.”

[New Doc, “We Exist: Beyond Binary” To Premiere at Boulder Pridefest](#)
Proudly Yours

“The trailer looks amazing, both sentimentally and aesthetically, and gives us glimpses of Lauren’s childhood, athletic dedication and transition, promising us a multi-dimensional depiction that can raise awareness about people whose gender doesn’t fall within the binary.”

[Lauren Lubin and ‘We Exist’: A Documentary on the Life of Non-Binary People](#)
Kitschmix

[As a Trans Person, Facebook is One of the Only Places I Exist](#)
Huffington Post

[What do you call someone who doesn’t identify as male or female?](#)
Mashable

[Lauren Lubin, former CU athlete, subject of documentary](#)
Daily Camera





CLIPS

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/214241850>

Excerpt 1: <https://vimeo.com/278034490>

Excerpt 2: <https://vimeo.com/278035483>

How do sex, gender and sexual orientation intersect?
<https://vimeo.com/260587399>

What's the difference between sex, gender, and sexual orientation?
<https://vimeo.com/260587381>

Why pronouns matter
<https://vimeo.com/260587361>



PURCHASE

We Exist: Beyond the Binary is available to download from amazon (U.S. only) [here](#).

and from Vimeo on demand (Worldwide) [here](#).

There is currently no DVD option.

If you plan on showing this film at a school or for a community group, please order using the institutional price below.

EDUCATIONAL/COMMUNITY USE

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