

Todd Wilson -- S.F. filmmaker honored at international festivals

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Todd Wilson, an award-winning San Francisco filmmaker whose 2003 romantic comedy "Under One Roof" was honored at international film festivals, has died.

Mr. **Wilson**, 42, died Sunday of lung cancer in San Francisco.

A native of Troy, N.Y., Mr. **Wilson** became passionate about photography as a boy. His parents installed a home darkroom so he could pursue his passion.

He was a graduate of the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology and a student at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. At that school, he founded the institute's first gay radio show, "Homo Radio," which is still on the air. With his mother, he toured local churches to promote tolerance toward gays.

After moving to San Francisco in the early 1990s, Mr. **Wilson** began making movies. His first one, a short called "Haiku Love," involved Barbie dolls re-enacting a friend's failed first date.

His documentary "Rice and Potatoes," about the relationships between Caucasian and Asian men, played at the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

"Under One Roof," a comedy about a closeted Asian man who falls for a Caucasian tenant and tries to hide it from his landlord mother, played at film festivals around the world, including the Mill Valley Film Festival. It won top audience awards at film festivals in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Barcelona, Spain.

Mr. **Wilson** enjoyed collecting cameras and walking his dog, Taiko, on the streets near his Eureka Valley home.

He is survived by his partner, Chris Chung; his father, Dwight **Wilson** of East Orleans, Mass., and his mother, Aline **Wilson** of E. Greenbush, N.Y.; his brothers Rob **Wilson** of Mill Valley, Win **Wilson** of Center Brunswick, N.Y., and Elliott **Wilson**, of Glenmont, N.Y.; and his stepmother, Alice **Wilson** of East Orleans, Mass.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 17 at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St., San Francisco.

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