

PRESS RELEASE: A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN DVD RELEASE
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AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY "A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN" NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD

" Melody Gilbert's riveting and shocking documentary...profiles three children with "congenital insensitivity to pain,' a disease seemingly out of science fiction, charting their injuries, triumphs and setbacks unflinchingly and with a note of hope."

-Austin American-Statesman (4 stars ****)

(April 16, 2007) The documentary A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN, directed and produced by Minnesota filmmaker Melody Gilbert, is now available on DVD. The film, which premiered at the South By Southwest Film Festival and has been broadcast on the Sundance Channel, features three children who literally can't feel pain: three-year-old Gabby from Minnesota, 7-year-old Miriam from Norway and 10-year-old Jamilah from Germany. Director Gilbert spent a year following these families as they coped with the enormous challenge of living with Congenital Insensitivity to Pain (CIPA), a disorder so rare that it is shared by only fewer than 200 people people in the world. By watching this documentary, we learn that pain is a gift that no one wants, but none of us can do without.

This documentary has been featured on Oprah, C.N.N, Good Morning America, Montel, Entertainment Tonight and ABC News. It has also been screened a more than a dozen film festivals, in classrooms and on television worldwide, including networks in France, Sweden, Belgium, Finland and Canada. It won an honorable mention at the Fargo Film Festival for best documentary and top ten "Best of Fest" at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival.

Melody Gilbert is an independent documentary filmmaker who shoots, directs and produces her films. She has made three independent documentaries: A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN, WHOLE (www.whole-documentary.com) and MARRIED AT THE MALL (www.marriedatthemall.com) and is currently in post-production on a new film about urban explorers (www.urbanexplorersfilm.com). Ms. Gilbert has received grants and fellowships from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Jerome Foundation, and she was named the IFP/McKnight Foundation Artist Fellow for Filmmaking in 2004. Her production company, Frozen Feet Films, is based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Passion River Films is distributing A LIFE WITHOUT PAIN. For more information about the DVD purchase, please contact Allen Chou at Passion River Films 732-321-0711 @ or at www.passionriver.com.