Welcome to Outbeat College – Out in the Arts. I’m Gary Carnivele finally back in the studio live with Mary Moore Campagna. Happy Fathers Day and Happy Pride. Tonight, we’ll be joined by filmmaker Kate Stilley Steiner who co-directed the documentary “Prognosis: Notes on Living” which premieres at Frameline 45 San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival. Also, Nancy Otto, who appears in the film will be part of the conversation. Later, we’ll chat with Ryan Cassata, who will perform at Sonoma County Pride next Sunday. First up, is Greg Miraglia with Outbeat Radio News.

Thanks Greg. “Prognosis: Notes on Living” explores Academy-Award winning director Debra Chasnoff’s struggle with stage-four breast cancer. Debra decided to make a film about everything that followed her diagnosis. Joining us tonight to talk about this beautiful film are Kate Stilley Steiner and Debra’s widow and one of the film’s producers Nancy Otto. That you both for joining us.

Nancy, talk about your life with Debra and about the home you made for youselves and your children in San Francisco.

Kate, tell us some about Debra’s career, which includes the terrific 1996 documentary “It’s Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School.”

Nancy, what was your re-action to Debra’s desire to make a film about what would follow her cancer diagnosis?

Kate, were you involved from the beginning and what different hats did you need to wear as co-director when Debra wasn’t feeling well?

Nancy, were you and Debra both fully committed to finishing the film or were there times when you wanted to throw in the towel?

Kate, do you feel the film truly captures Debra’s joy for life during such challenging times for her and her loved ones?

Nancy, was it difficult to get medical professionals on board with being part of the documentary?

Kate, talk about finishing the film after Debra’s death and some of the folks who assisted you.

Nancy, what was your emotional response to the final cut of the film?

Kate, how can our audience see the film?

Nancy and Kate, that you for joining us this evening and thank you for sharing Debra’s journey with audiences. Best wishes with the film and Happy Pride to you both.

Play Ryan interview. 26 min.

I want to thank all our guests tonight. Frameline San Francisco’s LGBTQ Film Festival and Sonoma County Pride continues through the week, so check out their websites. Happy Pride to you all. It’s wonderful we can finally get out there and be with our community. Pride is a time of reflection and determination, as well as celebration. Our community still faces many battles as we struggle for equal rights for all the members of the LGBTQI+ Community. Thank you for listening and remember to listen to Outbeat Radio at this time every Sunday night. Good Night.