



**Friday November 17 @ the
Brighton Center for the Performing Arts
8:00 PM Feature Film:**

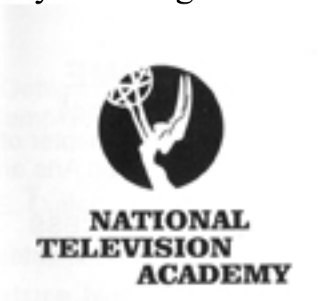
“Haley and Madonna”

Synopsis of “Haley and Madonna”

Haley and Madonna is a story of a handicapped individual, who expresses herself in her own way and overcomes her disability with a positive outlook on life. Haley Crabtree, a 13-year old girl diagnosed with cerebral palsy, has been involved in local Miss America pageants since she was 5 years old and has performed on stage singing, "Don't Laugh at Me" at several local pageants. After moving with her family to Michigan from North Carolina, Haley made friends with one of the Miss Michigan contestants, Madonna Edmond, who later became the Miss Michigan 2003. Madonna, an award-winning Jazz dancer, chose education for disabled students as her platform. When Madonna was 13 years old she faced with a life-changing accident, which disabled her left leg. Madonna was so moved by Haley's singing that they decided to perform together at a local pageant. While Haley sings "Don't Laugh at Me," Madonna dances her own choreography behind Haley. This impressive performance was brought to the attention of Tim Nagae, a local filmmaker. Nagae was so touched by the story of Haley and Madonna that he came to know them and their families and decided to produce this documentary.



Q & A By Tim Nagae after the film



2004 Thunderbird International Film Festival (Cedar City, Utah)
2004 DADA International Film Festival (Duhuram, North Carolina)
2004 Detroit Docs International Film Festival (Detroit, Michigan)
2004 Delta Film Festival (Manteca, California)
Category Award (Thunderbird Festival)
Jury Award (DADA Festival)
2004 Accolade Award - Best of Show
2004 Pegasus Award - Pegasus Award of Excellence
2005 Philo Farnsworth Award - Winner, Documentary Professional
2005 Michigan Chapter EMMY Award

"Haley and Madonna" has been broadcast nationally on PBS network. About 20 percent of PBS stations in the United States broadcast it. Tim Nagae produced two more versions of "Haley and Madonna"; the sing language version for the Deaf & the Hard of Hearing, and the audio descriptive version for the Blind & the Vision Impaired Individuals