

**PRESS RELEASE**

**EDGE - perspectives on drug free culture:**

**Launch of the official Homepage [www.edgethemovie.com](http://www.edgethemovie.com)**

**Muenster, May 4th, 2009** - The web site was released to introduce and promote the feature documentary 'EDGE - perspectives on drug free culture' which will be shown in cinemas across the U.S. in fall 2009. The homepage provides an official trailer, further information on the production, a detailed cast and press kit.

28 years after the band Minor Threat released the song 'Straight Edge', the drug free subculture has become a worldwide phenomenon. Originating from Punk and Hardcore music, the most widely associated perception of Straight Edge involves the abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Directors Marc Pierschel and Michael Kirchner's feature-length debut is a stunningly honest insight look at the lives of 9 people who embrace the label 'Straight Edge'. Through additional interviews with Ian MacKaye (Minor Threat, Fugazi), Ray Cappo (Youth of Today, Shelter) and Karl Buechner (Earth Crisis, Freya) who directly shaped the idea of Straight Edge from its inception until today, the documentary reveals that the abstinence from drugs was established as a youth counter culture rejecting a society dominated by substance abuse and hegemony. **EDGE - perspectives on drug free culture** is a striking documentary about different aspects, motivations, and beliefs with an authentic and very personal touch.

**EDGE - perspectives on drug free culture**

Feature Documentary, 82 minutes, miniDV, Color, 16:9 Widescreen

**Release Date:** Fall 2009 (U.S.A.), Winter 2009 (Europe)

**Studio:** compassion|media

**Screenplay and Direction:** Marc Pierschel, Michael Kirchner

**Starring:** Ian MacKaye, Ray Cappo, Karl Buechner, Russ Rankin (Good Riddance), Dr. Ross Haenfler, Pat Flynn (Have Heart), Kent MacClard (Ebullition Records), Peter Young, Eva 'Genie' Hall (Gather), Bull Gervasi (R.A.M.B.O.), Priyesh Patel, Taylor Clements

**Genre:** Documentary, Music

**Music:** Minor Threat (Dischord Records), Youth of Today (Revelation Records), Earth Crisis (Victory Records), Have Heart (Bridge Nine Records), Tristeza (Better Looking Records), Forever Young (xThreatx Records), Verse (Bridge Nine Records)

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