

Greg Louganis Documentary "Back on Board" showing at Miami Film Festival

On Sunday April 26th, members of the ISHOF staff attended the showing of "Greg Louganis, Back on Board" in Miami Beach at the Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. The movie released in June of 2014 is an incredible mixture of rare insights into the life of 4-time Olympic Champion Greg Louganis. The film contains wonderful diving footage of Greg's career and chronicles the complexities of life after sports for the world's most famous diver. It also delves deeply into his close relationship with 8-time Olympic Coach and Hall of Famer, Dr. Ron O'Brien and their incredible journey of dominance that spanned a decade, from 1978-1988, culminating in Greg's amazing performance in the 1988 Seoul Games. Filmmakers Cheryl Furjanic and Will Sweeney created a great film that encapsulates the many issues, and challenges that many athletes face including the inevitable retirement from the sport they love and the search for meaning and success afterwards. As many in the aquatic sports know, the public only sees the Games every four years and don't see the day to day commitment necessary to become an elite athlete at the Olympic level. Greg faced and overcame a multitude of challenges throughout his career with the guidance and love of his coach in this truly moving film.