

## PREVIEW

### Best Short Film

# WHAT I AM TO MYSELF.

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**O**ften in the film industry a short film means a low budget, ultimately resulting in grainy quality and a half-hearted story line. In the case of "What I Am To Myself" this isn't true. A high octane drama, complete with a gripping storyline from beginning to end, it's about a young girl torn between two very different lives. As if the pressures on a teenage girl aren't enough in modern society, this girl has two more powerful critics on her back.

The oppression of her father's tediously strict religious views oppose her free and easy young spirit and her will to follow her own path. In the midst of the American Pulse night club shootings, her struggle for freedom over oppression comes forth when she meets her first love.

The tension between religion and the acceptance of sexuality in modern culture becomes ever so apparent in this groundbreaking masterpiece of modern film. Zara is a character who you will effortlessly love and connect with, as she undergoes her journey of self acceptance.

Although under 5 minutes in length, the depth of character and commitment to a beautiful storyline is in no way lacking. It really picks up on the zeitgeist and ever growing struggle of a teenager in 2016. Whether you yourself are a teenager or an adult, a fully fledged film geek or a cinematic novice, you will be moved, inspired and empowered by this one girl with a big dream to move her life in the right direction. Be sure to check out this great short film which packs a punch and won't leave a dry eye in the house. From the emotional spoken word which runs over the top, to the brilliant acting featured throughout, you'll struggle to forget about this small film with a big message.