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Changing Sexes

2 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Female to Male

This intriguing and moving hour takes us through the journeys of three transsexual men. James, who transitioned 12 years ago and has made progress on the road to manhood; Rian, who is just beginning the surgical process; and Dirk, who is struggling to afford the operation he so badly wants, and is anxious about the reception he'd get if the town found out that he is not a genetic male.

These three characters take us on an intimate journey through the profound physical, mental, and emotional changes that they are experiencing. We hear from their loved ones and family members: Rian's twin sister Renae, James' 16-year-old daughter Morgan, and Dirk's fiancée Heidi, who first met Dirk when he was still a woman, but sees him as the man she always hoped to marry. And a variety of renowned scientists and psychologists, share their insights and perspectives on how transsexuality occurs, and the existence of transsexuality in other cultures, epochs, and even in other species.

2. Male to Female

In this hour, we will explore the world of male to female transsexuals. We will follow three characters as they live different stages of gender transition.

Shawn Connell, a successful lawyer and father, is giving up his apparently ideal life to live as the woman he's always known he is inside. Anna Johnson, a Harvard graduate, is five months into her hormone therapy. We hear from her sister and mother about the hardships of seeing someone you feel you've known so well become a new person. Angela Pettit, a 59 year old retired B-52 navigator is near the end of her journey. A fully transitioned transsexual, she has been living her life as a woman for over a year. Her wife of 25 years is still by her side.

Interviews with renowned surgeons, scientists, psychotherapists, anthropologists and sociologists add to this fascinating hour to help us understand the transsexual experience – the causes, the effects and the solutions.

