Critical Mass is a monthly bike ride where cyclists around the world take to the streets in mass. Whether it’s to show how unfriendly city streets are for bike riders, to symbolically “reoccupy” the city, or to simply have a good time, the self-organized ride has grown astronomically over the past 10 years. Still We Ride takes a look at the dark side, as Critical Mass riders become targets for law enforcement. The documentary follows the showdown between cyclists and the New York Police Department during a ride that coincided with the August 2004 Republican National Convention, resulting in 264 arrests. From there, we watch the police wage an ongoing campaign to criminalize and shut down Critical Mass NY. In this escalating struggle, directors Andrew Lynn, Elizabeth Press, and Christopher Ryan talk to riders, lawyers, and police in an attempt to make sense of the strong-arm and intimidation tactics, illegal videoing, and general first amendment-violating practices of the NYPD. Still We Ride is a wake up call to all Americans.

“The festival’s pièce de résistance [of the festival] was a 40-minute documentary about the NYPD’s crackdown on the Critical Mass movement - the now global ‘happening’ on the last Friday of every month in which cyclists congregate in their hundreds and thousands to convoy through the city for a celebratory couple of hours - ever since last year’s Republican National Convention.” - The Guardian

"Every month they continue to meet and ride. Their mantra, reflected in their stubborn refusal to back down from ongoing arrests, is also the title of a new documentary, Still We Ride.“ - Villager

"These guys won't stop cars,' smirks one NYPD patrolman observing a Critical Mass ride. Probably true, but the highly entertaining Still We Ride may help stop the NYPD's attack on a peaceful ride." - NYC Indy Media

ABOUT THE DIRECTORS:
Directors Andrew Lynn, Elizabeth Press, and Christopher Ryan were front and center during the fated August 27, 2005 ride and paid the price for their self-expression with their arrests (see arrest photos to the right.)

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