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With Marie Dimond

Despite all the sun and holidays filling up our summer schedules here are some must see DVDs just in case it rains and you're stuck inside! All are available to order online but I may be persuaded to lend mine out - email to make arrangements. I have seen Bonnie and Alan live a few years ago at a CODA conference in the USA and they are amazing performers. **Enjoy!**

### **Passport without a Country: The Hearing Children of Deaf Parents**

47 minutes Written and Directed by Cameron Davie 1992 in Australia (Subtitled) For your own copy email: [c.davie@bigpond.com](mailto:c.davie@bigpond.com) (AUD \$42.50 including postage)

*"This documentary provides an intimate glimpse into the lives of seven Codas, from their earliest memories of childhood to where they find themselves now. There are many happy recollections, but there are also painful ones, and we gradually learn of the dilemmas facing Codas who are searching for their identity. As one Coda points out, it's like having a passport that is not accepted by the country in which you were born."*

### **Keith Wann: Watching Two Worlds Collide**

#### **A Hearing Child in a Deaf Family in a Hearing World**

Keith Wann (2008) [www.keithwann.com](http://www.keithwann.com) (ASL with voiceover)

*"Come and enjoy a night of storytelling and deaf culture. Laugh with Keith as he takes you on a hilarious 'visual journey' to describe his childhood experiences. Come learn about the deaf and hearing worlds and how they often clash with the help of a mischievous child of deaf adults...."*

### **Love is Never Silent**

2-Time Emmy Award Winner for Outstanding Drama and Film Direction. With Mare Winningham, Phyllis Frelich and Ed Waterstreet. (2008) 98 minutes (ASL/Spoken English no subtitles) <http://www.ornaments4less.com/> (\$35.84 including postage)

*"When Margaret Ryder, the hearing daughter of deaf parents, grows up during the Great Depression, she alone is the link between Mama and Papa's silent world and the hearing world they do not fully understand...and it does not understand them. Her youth is spent sacrificing friendships and romance as she struggles to keep her parents' deafness a secret from everyone who knows her."*

### **Tomorrow Dad Will Still Be Deaf and Other Stories**

By Bonnie Kraft (1997) 90 minutes (ASL, Voice-over and subtitled) [www.dawnsign.com](http://www.dawnsign.com) (\$29.95)

*"Whether you are Deaf or hearing, get ready for a completely absorbing experience. The wise and witty Bonnie Kraft will captivate you with true stories of her life as a Coda, the hearing child of deaf parents."*

- Cross cultural aspects of the world of ASL and spoken English
  - A Coda's perspective on the Deaf community
  - Behaviours, beliefs and attitudes of the hearing
  - The place of the Codas in the Deaf culture
- Entertaining and Educational for all Audiences! Candid backstage interview with Ben Bahan."

### **Beyond Silence**

1 hr 47 minutes (Spoken German with English Subtitles) [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (£4.56 including postage)

*"Acclaimed by critics and audiences everywhere, Beyond Silence is the powerful Academy Award-nominated story of a young woman's battle for independence and her deaf parents' struggle to understand her gift for music. Given a clarinet by her free-spirited aunt, Lara is immediately consumed by a new passion her parents cannot begin to fully comprehend. Determined to follow her dreams, Lara's ongoing pursuit of music creates an ever-widening rift that eventually threatens to tear apart her once close-knit family! An inspirational and highly entertaining motion picture - you'll be riveted as this family must somehow learn to reach beyond differences, expectations...and beyond silence...to bring their two worlds together once again!"*

### **Abababa Alife**

Starring Alan, R, Abarbanell. A special performance of The Abababa Road Tour Taped Live at the Imagination Stage Theatre Bethesda, Maryland. Spoken in English with ASL [www.abababatour.com](http://www.abababatour.com)

*"A uniquely gifted storyteller who will tickle your funny bone, and touch your heart with the wave of a hand. Now you have a front row seat for one of Abababa's finest live performances. Sit back, relax and get ready to laugh until you cry while Abababa shares his takes of growing up hearing in a Deaf family."*

Please note that Love is Never Silent and Beyond Silence are Region 1 DVDs so will only work on certain DVD players.

*CODA Hugs Marie Dimond*

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**P.S. Don't forget the CODA UK and Ireland 2010 Conference in Brighton 21st-22nd August!**