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MARCH 8-14, 2018 MARCH 8-14, 2018 Presented by the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, the 10th Annual MANHATTAN ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York is dedicated to promoting awareness **BRONX** and appreciation of the lives, stories, and artistic expressions of people with different abilities. The festival presents award-winning films in various BROOKLYN locations throughout the NY metropolitan area. Discussions and other QUEENS engaging programs bring the community together to explore, discuss, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience. STATEN ISLAND REELABILITIES.ORG/NEWYORK LONG ISLAND WESTCHESTER ROCKLAND



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The Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment will present a Spotlight Award to actress Marlee Matlin for her significant contributions to NYC's creative community.

OPENING NIGHT CO-CHAIRS Lynn Bartner-Wiesel & Elisha Wiesel Michelle & Jeff Feig

In this Tribeca Film Festival multiple award winner filmed here at the JCC, David, an upper-class charmer who struggles to hide his high-functioning autism, falls in

love with young and sheltered Sarah at their Connections support group Accessibility aids provided by Hunton & Williams, LLP and audio description by Woman of Her Word.

SPECIAL HONOR

Screening followed by reception presented by JDRC.

FOR INFORMATION + TICKETS VISIT REELABILITIES.ORG/NEWYORK/EVENT/ONG2018

TO OUR REELABILITIES COMMUNITY & FRIENDS:

MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN

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334 AMSTERDAM AVENUE | 76TH STREET

Over the last 10 years, the ReelAbilities Film Festival has grown into a movement

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In New York, the festival is the largest celebration of disability and the arts, and truly stretches across the entire community. At a time when inclusion and diversity is on all of our minds, the ReelAbilities Film Festival proudly presents our

Every year we offer a program of high-quality films that authentically and responsibly present a progressive approach to stories of people with disabilities. This year, our films and conversations will be fully accessible, thanks to our supporters who made it possible.

For this 10th anniversary, choosing Keep the Change to open the festival was and produced within the JCC's own Jack and Shirley Silver Center for Special Needs featuring members of the Adaptations community as well as JCC staff. Keep the Change tells an engaging and universal story presented with absolute

Thank you for helping make ReelAbilities what it has become, and we look forward to seeing it continue to blossom and grow over the next decade. Please join us for a week of film and conversation that celebrates accessibility for all!

Anita Altman & Isaac Zablocki

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

ReelAbilities strives to include all people. ReelAbilities presents all films with open captions, and all venues are wheelchair accessible. The JCC provides ASL interpretation, CART, Audio Description, and information in Braille upon request, and such assistance may be available at other venues as well. Individuals requiring accommodations to participate should contact the specific screening venue directly by February 22.

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticketing policies and prices vary by location. To purchase tickets or register by phone, please contact the appropriate screening venue directly. The JCC offers group rates and discounted multiticket packs. For more information, please visit reelabilities.org/newyork or contact the appropriate screening venue directly.

PROGRAM UPDATES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION + TICKETS REELABILITIES.ORG/NEWYORK 646.505.5708 | TTY 877.505.6708

ALL FILMS FOLLOWED BY CONVERSATION

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New York, NY 10023 646.505.5708 TTY 877.505.6708 LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACCESS! 2.0

OPENING NIGHT GALA: KEEP THE CHANGE Thu, Mar 8, 7 pm

Thu, Mar 8, 1:30 pm

PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME Fri, Mar 9, 3 pm SHABBAT FILM, DINNER

CONVERSATION: DEFIANT LIVES Fri, Mar 9, 6:30 pm

REELABILITIES R&R Sat, Mar 10, noon-5 pm **REEL SHORTS: TORTURE BY SOUND,** LETHE, THE MILKY POP KID +

MR. CONNOLLY HAS ALS Sat, Mar 10, noon DISABILITY ON THE SMALL SCREEN: A CONVERSATION Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm

ADDY & UNO: A MUSICAL PUPPET SHOW

Sat, Mar 10, 3:30 pm **REEL SHORTS: INTIMACY, JUST GO!,** HAVE NO FEAR + DESIGN-ABILITY Sat, Mar 10, 4:30 pm

MIND/GAME: THE UNQUIET JOURNEY OF CHARMIQUE HOLDSCLAW + RUNNING BREATHLESS: A SELF-PORTRAIT Sat, Mar 10, 7 pm

MAD TO BE NORMAL Sat, Mar 10, 9 pm **FAMILY ART DAY** Sun, Mar 11, 10 am

REEL SHORTS: ALPHABET MISSION TO MARS, BEST FRIEND, PARTIALLY **COMPENSATED + UNSTUCK: AN OCD** KIDS MOVIE Sun, Mar 11, 11:30 am

HERO STEPS

Sun, Mar 11, 1 pm

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Sun, Mar 11, 3:30 pm REEL SHORTS: LEO & CAROL. THE BARBER OF AUGUSTA + HEAVEN

IS A TRAFFIC JAM ON THE 405 Sun, Mar 11, 6 pm **OUT OF MY HEAD** Sun, Mar 11, 8:30 pm

BY STANLEY FOR STANLEY Mon, Mar 12, 6 pm REDEFINING: EXHIBIT OPENING + RECEPTION

REELABILITIES.ORG/NEWYORK

Mon, Mar 12, 6:30 pm **BOTTOM DOLLARS + HOW WE** MET LAUREL Mon, Mar 12, 8:30 pm

BALLAD FROM TIBET Tue, Mar 13, 6 pm MIND OVER MATTER Tue, Mar 13, 8:30 pm **CLOSING NIGHT:** SCAFFOLDING

Wed, Mar 8, 7 pm Followed by Closing Night Reception

BARUCH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

55 Lexington Ave. (enter 25th St betw 3rd & Lexington Aves) New York, NY 10010 646.312.5073

HEIDI LATSKY DANCE – ON DISPLAY Thu, Mar 8, 12:30 pm DEFIANT LIVES Thu, Mar 8, 1 pm DEEJ + DESIGN-ABILITY Mon, Mar 12, 6 pm

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL Saul Farber Auditorium 498 First Ave. New York, NY 10016 212.998.3759

REEL SHORTS: THE BARBER OF AUGUSTA + HEAVEN IS A TRAFFIC JAM **ON THE 405** Fri, Mar 9, 1 pm

259 Convent Ave.

New York, NY 10031

Mon, Mar 12, 6 PM

Tue, Mar 13, noon

COOPER HEWITT.

New York, NY 10128

REEL SHORTS: DESIGN-ABILITY,

PARTIALLY COMPENSATED + TORTURE

ALPHABET MISSION TO MARS,

Fri, Mar 9, 1:30 pm

SPACE MUSEUM

One Intrepid Square,

New York, NY 10036

646.381.5158

OUT OF MY HEAD

Fri, Mar 9, 2 pm

Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm

MUSEUM

2 E 91st St.

BY SOUND

212.849.8353

REEL SHORTS: HOW WE MET LAUREL,

MILKY POP KID, TORTURE BY SOUND

PARTIALLY COMPENSATED. THE

UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE

SMITHSONIAN DESIGN

Shepard 291

212.650.5913

DEFIANT LIVES

CITY COLLEGE **ACCESSABILITY CENTER**

GIRLS CLUB 402 E 8th St New York, NY 10009 212.982.1633

Tue, Mar 13, 6 pm

HACKATHON NYC 45 W. 18th St. New York, NY 10011

11 W 53rd St 212.708.9400

NYPL: 67TH STREET THE INTREPID SEA. AIR & (W. 46th St & 12th Ave.)

BOTTOM DOLLARS + DESIGN-ABILITY Sat, Mar 10, 3 pm

JCC HARLEM 318 West 118th St. New York, NY 10026 212.865.1215

REEL SHORTS: RUNNING BREATHLESS: A SELF PORTRAIT, HOW WE MET LAUREL, MR. CONNOLLY HAS ALS + UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE Sat, Mar 10, 4 pm MIND/GAME: THE UNQUIET JOURNEY OF CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW

Sun, Mar 11, 7 pm

LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS David Rubenstein Atrium 1883 Broadway

212.875.5375 Sun, Mar 12, 7:30 pm

New York, NY 10023

LOWER EASTSIDE

MONTHLY MUSIC

MUSIC ACCESSABILITY HACKATHON Sat, Mar 10, noon-8 pm

THE MUSEUM OF **MODERN ART**

New York, NY 10019

BALLAD FROM TIBET Wed, Mar 14, 2 pm

LIBRARY 328 E. 67th St. New York, NY 10065 212.734.1717

REEL SHORTS: LETHE, HAVE NO FEAR **UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE** Fri, Mar 9, 3 pm

Mon, Mar 12, 3 pm **BOTTOM DOLLARS** Tue, Mar 13, 5 pm PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME + BEST FRIEND

MAD TO BE NORMAL

Wed, Mar 14, 3 pm

NYPL: MID-MANHATTAN LIBRARY AT 42ND STREET

476 Fifth Ave., **BRONX HOUSE** (42nd St. entrance) Programming Room - Rm 76 New York, NY 10018 Bronx, NY 10461 212.340.0863 718.792.1800

Fri, Mar 9, 2 pm **BALLAD FROM TIBET WE MET LAUREL** Mon, Mar 12, 2 pm

DEPT. OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT CENTER **PSYCHIATRY AT NYU** LANGONE HEALTH 718.579.4244 NYU Tisch School of the Arts 721 Broadway

212.998.3759 Wed. Mar 14, 6:30 pm

WHITNEY MUSEUM OF **AMERICAN ART** 99 Gansevoort St. New York, NY 10014

Lower Level Room 006

New York, NY 10003

BOTTOM DOLLARS Sun, Mar 11, noon

BROOKLYN

646.666.5574

BROOKLYN MUSEUM Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium 200 Eastern Pkwy

SCAFFOLDING Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm

718.638.5000

Brooklyn, NY 11238

BRONX

990 Pelham Parkway South

REEL SHORTS: JUST GO!, PARTIALLY COMPENSATED, THE MILKY POP KID, ALPHABET MISSION TO MARS + HOW Sun, Mar 11, 11 am

NYPL: BRONX LIBRARY 310 East Kinasbridae Rd. Bronx, NY 10458

BALLAD FROM TIBET

Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm

LEHMAN COLLEGE Music Building, East Dining Room 250 Bedford Park Blvd

West Bronx, NY, 10468 718.960.8441 **REEL SHORTS: UNSTUCK: AN OCD** KIDS MOVIE, THE MILKY POP KID + THE BARBER OF AUGUSTA Mon, Mar 12, 4 pm

BY STANLEY FOR STANLEY

Mon, Mar 12, 5:30 pm

OUT OF MY HEAD Mon, Mar 12, 7 pm **REEL SHORTS: LEO & CAROL + RUNNING**

BREATHLESS: A SELF PORTRAIT + HOW WE MET LAUREL + JUST GO! Tue, Mar 13, 4 pm BALLAD FROM TIBET Tue, Mar 13, 5 pm

MIND/GAME: THE UNQUIET JOURNEY OF CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW Tue, Mar 13, 7 pm

QUEENS

CENTRAL QUEENS Y + SAMUEL FIELD Y 67-09 108th St.

718.268.5011 PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME + **UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE** Sun, Mar 11, 10 am

REEL SHORTS: MR. CONNOLLY HAS ALS. HEAVEN IS A TRAFFIC JAM ON THE 405 + UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE Sun, Mar 11, 1 pm

SCAFFOLDING Mon, Mar 12, 12:30 pm

MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE Bartos Screening Room 36-01 35th Ave. (at 37th St.) Astoria, NY 11106

718.777.6888 REEL SHORTS: ALPHABET MISSION TO MARS, PARTIALLY COMPENSATED + **UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE** Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm **KEEP THE CHANGE**

OUT OF MY HEAD Sun, Mar 11, 2 pm **SCAFFOLDING** Sun, Mar 11, 4:30 pm

Sat, Mar 10, 4 pm

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION** Queens Campus President's Room, Carnesecca Arena

718.990.2631 REEL SHORTS: PARTIALLY COMPENSATED, HOW WE MET LAUREL. THE MILKY POP KID + UNSTUCK: AN OCD KIDS MOVIE Tue, Mar 13, 5 pm

8000 Utopia Pkwy

Jamaica, NY 11439

LITTLE THEATER 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11451

RED CARPET OPENING NIGHT

DIR. RACHEL ISRAEL | 93 MIN | USA | NARRATIVE

MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 7 PM

334 Amsterdam Ave @ 76th St

KEEP THE CHANGE

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FEATURING

718.262.3750 THE BARBER OF AUGUSTA + MIND/ Forest Hills, NY 11375

CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW Thu, Mar 8, noon MAD TO BE NORMAL

YORK COLLEGE

Fri, Mar 9, 1 pm

STATEN ISLAND

JCC OF STATEN ISLAND Stolzenberg Social Hall 1466 Manor Rd. Staten Island, NY 10314

MIND OVER MATTER Sun, Mar 11, noon **KEEP THE CHANGE**

Mon, Mar 12, 4 pm

718.475.5200

WESTCHESTER

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE YONKERS 2548 Central Park Ave.

Yonkers, NY 10710

914.226.3082

MAD TO BE NORMAL Sun, Mar 11, 2 pm

LONG ISLAND

CINEMA ARTS CENTRE 423 Park Ave. Huntington, NY 11743 631.423.7610

> KEEP THE CHANGE Sun, Mar 11, 1 pm PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME Sun, Mar 11, 3:30 pm

LIU POST Center for Community Inclusion 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, NY 11548

516.299.3812

Hillwood Commons Thu, Mar 8, 6 pm

Humanities Hall Rm. 119 **DEFIANT LIVES** Fri, Mar 9, 12:30 pm

ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL AT PORT JEFFERSON

VILLAGE CENTER 101-A East Broadway Port Jefferson, NY 11777 631.474.6251

> HERO STEPS Sat, Mar 10, 4:30 pm MIND OVER MATTER Sat, Mar 10, 6:30 pm

THE VISCARDI CENTER Multimedia Learning Center 201 I.U. Willets Rd. Albertson, NY 516.465.1608

PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME Tue, Mar 13, 1 pm

ROCKLAND

JCC ROCKLAND AT REGAL NANUET STADIUM 12 The Shops at Nanuet 6201 Fashion Dr. Nanuet, NY 10945

845.362.4400 OUT OF MY HEAD Thu, Mar 8, 7:15 pm

SCAFFOLDING Mon, Mar 12, 7:15 pm

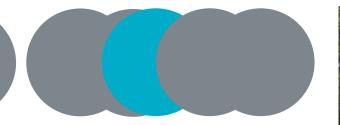
KEEP THE CHANGE

Tue, Mar 13, 7:15 pm











DIR. ZHANG WEI | 86 MIN | CHINA | NARRATIVE | US PREMIERE

Based on a true story: Four young students from a school for the blind embark on an odyssey from their remote village in Tibet to the giant city of Shenzhen in order to sing on a TV talent competition.



BOTTOM DOLLARS

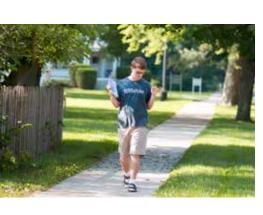
DIR. JORDAN MELOGRANA | 60 MIN | USA | **DOCUMENTARY**

The 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act created the revolutionary workers' rights protection: the minimum wage. Yet as the film uncovers, Section 14(c) still provides a terrible and abusive exemption that allows employers to pay "special minimum wages"—wages less than the Federal minimum wage—"to workers who have disabilities."



BY STANLEY FOR STANLEY

DIR. MONIKA MELEŃ | 54 MIN | POLAND | DOCUMENTARY | INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE Several dozen years apart in age, both Stanislaw and Staś were born without arms. A remarkable artist who uses his feet to paint, draw, eat, and drive, Stanislaw becomes an important mentor to young Staś, a boy still learning to navigate his unique place in the world.



DEFIANT LIVES

DOCUMENTARY

DIR. ROBERT ROOY | 72 MIN | USA |

DJ Savarese ("Deej") finds comfort in

belies his high school senior standing.

Yet he only "speaks" through a text-to-

voice synthesizer. Adopted by a loving

and supportive family, Deej navigates

the college admissions process as a

young adult on the autism spectrum,

while confronting obstacles to inclusion.

words, as expressed by his poetry, which

DIR. SARAH BARTON | 84 MIN | AUSTRALIA | DOCUMENTARY | NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE Weaving together never-before-seen archival footage with reflective interviews and the personal stories of men and women with disabilities, Defiant Lives details the rise of the disability rights movement in Australia,



HERO STEPS

the U.K., and the U.S.

DIR. HENRY RINCÓN | 96 MIN | COLOMBIA | NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE

A casualty of the decades-long fighting in Colombia, 10-year-old Eduardo lost his leg after stepping on a landmine. Deposited by his impoverished parents at a children's home, he and his friends secretly practice to compete in a children's soccer tournament to avoid the wrath of the home's tyrannical director.



Accessibility aids provided by Hunton & Williams, LLP and audio description by Woman of Her Word

KEEP THE CHANGE (OPENING NIGHT) DIR. RACHEL ISRAEL | 93 MIN | USA | NARRATIVE

David is an upper-class charmer struggling to hide his high-functioning autism. Forced by his parents to attend Connections, a support group for people on the autism spectrum, David falls in love with Sarah, a sheltered young woman who challenges his identity as "normal." Winner, Best U.S. Narrative Feature

and Best New Director, 2017 Tribeca Film Festival



Accessibility aids provided by AEA

Investors LP.

MIND OVER MATTER

and Michael Gambon.

MAD TO BE NORMAL

UK | NARRATIVE

DIR. ROBERT MULLAN | 105 MIN |

David Tennant stars as R.D. Laina,

the controversial psychiatrist who most

famously treated patients diagnosed

as "mentally disturbed" with LSD.

His radical methods outraged the

1960s and '70s London medical

community, but they also led to a

dramatic adjustment in attitudes toward

mental illness around the world. Also

stars Elisabeth Moss, Gabriel Byrne,

DIR. SÉBASTIEN PAQUET | 87 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY | NY PREMIERE A young man with cerebral palsy overcomes a paralyzed left hand, bullies, and stereotypes, dreaming of becoming a rock guitarist even while told he will never succeed. His dreams become reality as he leads his own band, inspired by the band Korn to express himself through music.

Accessibility aids provided by ADAPT Community Network.

IIND/GAME: THE UNQUIET JOURNEY **OF CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW** DIR. RICK GOLDSMITH | 56 MIN | USA |

DOCUMENTARY

Billed as the "female Michael Jordan," basketball phenom Holdsclaw led Tennessee to three successive championships and became a WNBA number-one pick, Rookie of the Year and All-Star. But her hidden struggle with mental illness led to personal setbacks and a second career as a vocal mental health advocate.



OUT OF MY HEAD

DIR. SUSANNA STYRON | 77 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY

Investigating the devastating migraines that frequently debilitated Styron's daughter, the film exposes the reality behind what most people think of as simply a bad headache. In fact, migraine remains a mysterious and stigmatized neurological disease afflicting nearly a billion people worldwide. Features author Joan Didion reading from her legendary essay "In Bed."



PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME

DIR. CATHERINE TAMBINI | 57 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY | NY PREMIERE

At a unique afterschool dance program in Queens, kids with a variety of physical and developmental challenges pair with teenage volunteer helpers to create an inclusive environment too often absent in our world.

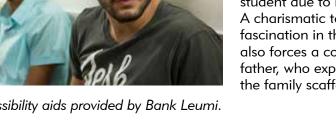


Accessibility aids provided by Bank Leumi

SCAFFOLDING (CLOSING NIGHT)

DIR. MATAN YAIR | 93 MIN | ISRAEL/POLAND |

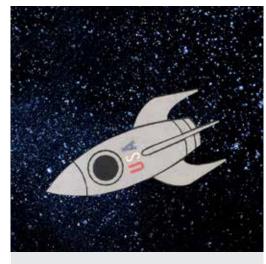
NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE Seventeen-year-old Asher has always been a troublemaker and terrible student due to his learning differences. A charismatic teacher prompts a fascination in the world of literature, but also forces a conflict with Asher's brash father, who expects him to take over the family scaffolding business.



ALL FILMS FOLLOWED BY CONVERSATION. FOR UPDATES VISIT:

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SHORTS



DIR. NATHANIEL SNELL | 8 MIN | USA | NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE A stop-motion animated film for children.

created by an autistic teen, about letters

and numbers on rescue mission to Mars.



DIR. MICHÈLE HOZER | 26 MIN | CANADA | DOCUMENTARY | NY PREMIERE

Matt works at his own salon by day, but at night, he dresses up as a superhero, sets up a salon stool on a busy Toronto street corner, and gives free haircuts to



parents let her adopt a dog.

DIR. CORY REEDER | 7 MIN | USA | NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE After moving across the country, a little girl finds more than a best friend when her



DIR. OTOXO PRODUCTIONS | 33 MIN | SPAIN | DOCUMENTARY |

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE The design studio La Casa de Carlota in Barcelona harnesses the unique skills of a creative team which includes members with Down syndrome and autism.



DIR. MARCO CALVISE | 23 MIN | ITALY | NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE

A day in the life of an elderly Alzheimer's patient, experiencing nearly everything for the first time, including his own descent into dementia.



HEAVEN IS A TRAFFIC JAM ON THE 405 DIR. FRANK STIEFEL | 40 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY

Mindy Alper, who has battled mental illness throughout her life, has created a body of artwork that depicts her journey through years of difficult treatments. Nominated for 2018 Academy Award for Best Documentary, Short Subject



DIR. ARPITA ANEJA | 12 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY

Laurel, a blind, hardworking, Syrian asylum-seeker, makes a life for himself in the U.S. as his family waits in Turkey for their own visas.



DIR. RYAN & JACKSON HOGAN | 19 MIN | UK | NARRATIVE |

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE A first date between a deaf woman and a blind man, experienced through their alternating perspectives.



DIR. PAVEL GUMENNIKOV | 11 MIN | LATVIA NARRATIVE | NY PREMIERE

Just, who lost both of his legs in an accident, chases the thieves who stole his crush's purse.



DIR. ALVARO CAMPOS & DAFNE CAPELLA 15 MIN | BRAZIL | DOCUMENTARY

Leo, a "vertically challenged" public officer and comedian, is about to marry Carol, a teacher who is 5'5" tall.



DIR. ERIC ROMERO | 20 MIN | SCOTLAND | NARRATIVE

Waking after a mysterious car accident, a young woman with amnesia must piece together fragmented memories while running from mysterious pursuers.

THE MILKY POP KID

DIR. JOHANNA GARVIN | 7 MIN | AUSTRALIA NARRATIVE | INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE An actor and disability consultant is asked to help a former child star prepare for his triumphant comeback in a likely



award-bait role.

DIR. DAN HABIB | 32 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY | NY PREMIERE A beloved high school principal continues

to lead, despite rapidly losing his abilities

extra effort.



DIR. KRISTA WELTNER | 11 MIN | USA |

A stop-motion animated film illustrating

a child with dyslexia's experience in the

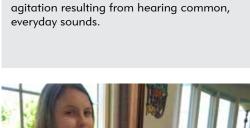
classroom, and the difference made by

understanding teachers who make that

NARRATIVE | WORLD PREMIERE

DIR. LAUREL SCHWARTZ | 4 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY | NY PREMIERE

A woman with Crohn's Disease develops a renewed relationship with her body as she reconciles her chronic illness with her passions and dreams.



An animated exploration of misophonia, a

disorder characterized by immense pain and

DIR. GWYNETH CHRISTOFFEL | 5 MIN |

CANADA | DOCUMENTARY



DIR. KELLY ANDERSON | 24 MIN | USA | DOCUMENTARY | WORLD PREMIERE

Children with OCD describe their experience while families and loved ones yearn for ways to help them.



Lights! Camera! Access! 2.0 (LCA2.0) is proud to collaborate with ReelAbilities to present résumé review, speed interviews, workshops, flash mentoring, networking, and a panel on "How to Make It in Media" on March 8, for aspiring filmmakers and media professionals with disabilities. LCA2.0 addresses underrepresentation disabilities in media, to increase employment, improve authentic disability-inclusive diversity portrayals, and expand accessible media.

Presented by The Loreen Arbus Foundation and EIN SOF Communications. Thu, Mar 8, noon-4 pm @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

HEIDI LATSKY DANCE—ON DISPLAY

Come experience the installation seen in 40 cities across the globe. On Display—an exhibit where people engage with living "sculptures"—is the inspiration for the performance D.I.S.P.L.A.Y.E.D. which explores society's obsession with body image, challenging the boundaries defining beauty and embodying inclusion through dance.

Thu, Mar 8, 12:30–2 pm @ Baruch Performing Arts Center



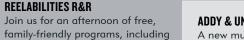
at reelabilities.org/newyork.

JCC Manhattan, Free

SHABBAT DINNER & A MOVIE: CELEBRATING ADVOCACY

ReelAbilities celebrates advocacy and honors those activists who lead the way toward greater inclusion and accessibility. loin us for dinner and a screening of Defiant Lives, plus short films about local issues. A panel of disability rights advocates discussing the movement's accomplishments as well as the pressing issues that remain will follow.

Fri, Mar 9, 6:30 pm @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan Advance registration required.



film screenings, a puppet show, panels, and much more. See a full list of events and workshops online Noon-5 pm @ Marlene Meyerson

ADDY & UNO: A MUSICAL PUPPET SHOW A new musical about disability, friendship, and kindness for kids

of all ages. As Uno, a child with autism, faces the challenge of competing in his school's math competition, his friends with varying disabilities—ADHD and visual, hearing, and physical impairment—rally in support. Through puppets and soaring music, Addy & Uno is a heartfelt and hilarious journey celebrating hope and the beauty of differences. Sat, Mar 10, 3:30 pm @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan,

DISABILITY ON THE SMALL SCREEN: A CONVERSATION TV and web series have opened up new platforms for accessible presentations of people with

disabilities. Enjoy a screening featuring two groundbreaking shows—Born This Way and Don't Shoot the Messenger—which spotlight people with disabilities, followed by a discussion involving the filmmakers and industry experts. Sat, Mar 10, 2 pm @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, Free



MUSIC ACCESSIBILITY HACKATHON

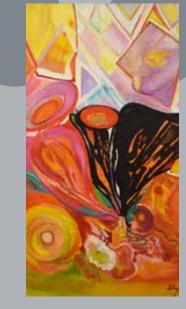
A noncompetitive event exploring new ways to make music accessible to people of all abilities, the hackathon brings together a diverse community of people who share an interest in music and technology. They develop projects throughout the day, leading into an 8 pm series of presentations and concert. Visit **monthlymusichackathon.org** for more info and to RSVP. Open to participants and observers. Presented by Monthly Music Hackathon NYC.

Sat, Mar 10, noon-10 pm @ Spotify: 45 W. 18th St., NYC (RSVP required)



Bring the whole family to The Laurie M. Tisch Gallery for hands-on exploration and art activities inspired by the on-display exhibit Redefining. Activities will be available for children ages 1-7. Family Art Day sponsorship is generously contributed by Steven Cohen New York of Corcoran Group Real Estate.

Sun, Mar 11, 10 am-noon @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, Free



REDEFINING: EXHIBIT OPENING + RECEPTION Join us to celebrate the opening of Redefining: 10 Fountain House

Gallery Artists Living and Working with Mental Illness, showcasing the work of the Fountain House Gallery artists. Pieces by 10 Gallery artists working in a variety of mediums were selected for this exhibit. To learn more, visit: **fountainhousegallery.org**. Mon, Mar 12, 6:30-8:30 pm @ Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, Free

DAYTIME EDUCATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM Throughout the run of the festival, ReelAbilities provides FREE

screenings (followed by moderated conversations) of select films to schools and educators in the JCC's theater. We welcome all schools to take advantage of this special initiative. For more information, contact reelabilities@jccmanhattan.org.

