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## RODI FESTIVAL

**SCREENING PROGRAM** 







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## ON DEMAND

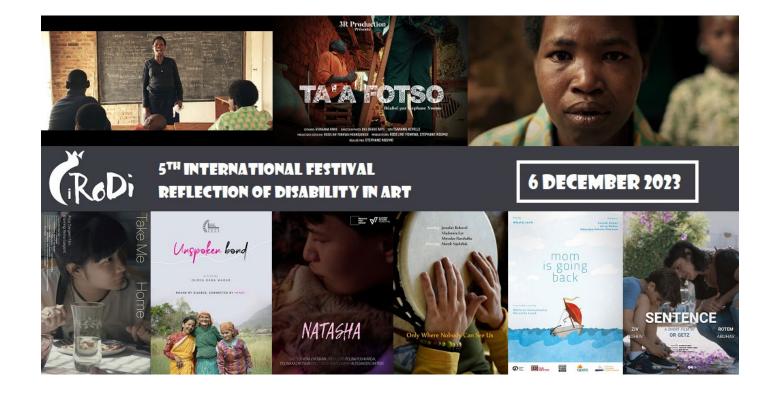
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## 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December Topic: Family relationships







Take Me Home

Project type: Narrative, Drama

Duration: 15' 45"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Liz Sargent

Producer: Minos Papas

Country: United States

### Description

Anna is an adult with a Cognitive Disability living with her mother in Midland Florida. When her mother is unresponsive, she calls her sister for help, but without the language to be believed, Anna is brushed aside.

Emily returns home and is immediately engulfed in a futile struggle for medical information, while Anna's world is deconstructed. In this sadness, Anna sees the bigger picture and with a straightforward strength, Anna holds her own. The uncertainty for the sisters' future independence remains but they are now a team against all odds.

### Title of the film

Unspoken Bond

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 05' 42"

Language: Nepali

Subtitles: English

Director: Durga Rana Magar

Producer: Durga Rana Magar

Country: Nepal

### Description

Unspoken Bond is a heartwarming true story that follows the daily life and struggle of an elderly mother and her two disabled daughters as they strive to live a normal life.





## Title of the film Natasha Project type: Documentary Duration: 28' 46" Language: Russian Subtitles: English Director: Vera Vyatskaya

### Description

Talented gymnast Natasha becomes a victim of a cruel teenage prank and falls out of the window. The only thing that her mother hears from doctors is 'Injuries incompatible with life'. After numerous doctors' refusals of medical treatment for Natasha, her mother decides to bring daughter back to life by herself. Extremely hard struggle, incredible perseverance and unwavering faith in miracle go hand in hand with mother and daughter fourth year in a row. But Natasha's dream to get back on her feet is still a long-cherished goal.

### Title of the film

The life Story of Cynthia

Project type: Documentary

Producer: Polina Pushkareva

Duration: 05' 24"

Country: Russia

Language: Kinyarwanda

Subtitles: English

Director: Gilbert Sibo Sibomana

Producer: 100 Pixels studios

Country: Rwanda

### Description

Cynthia was born with mental disability that causes her to drool. Just after the birth of Cynthia, Cynthia's mother left her to her mother to look after her. After Cynthia was diagnosed with the problem, the doctor recommended the family to take Cynthia abroad for treatment, but the family could not afford it. grandmother continued to raise her endurina mistreatment, insults and isolation Cynthia had to face from children her age every single day. Her grandmother was also always worried that Cynthia would one day get raped of face any other violence due to her condition. As a growing girl, her grandmother tries to teach her about her reproductive health though it is not easy. Despite all this, Cynthia is an active girl like any other child who was born without disability, she plays and can do domestic chores.





They raped my disabled daughter

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 04' 02"

Language: Kinyarwanda

Subtitles: English

Director: Gilbert Sibo Sibomana

Producer: 100 Pixels studios

Country: Rwanda

### Description

Mugwaneza Alice was born, she was diagnosed with a serious mental disability but her family was poor and could not afford the treatment that was required. Alice continue to grow with disability and when she was 17 she was raped, impregnated, and gave birth to a boy. Her mother struggled a lot to take care of both the daughter and her son while trying hard to teach her about reproductive health. Now that the boy has grown. Alice is able to attend a nun's training class where they teach the youth who were born with disability different basic lessons to help them adapt to society.

### Title of the film

Only Where Nobody Can See Us

Project type: Documentary

**Duration: 33' 33"** 

Language: Slovak

Subtitles: English

Director: Marek Vajduliak

Producer: Academy of Arts in Banska

Bystrica

Country: Slovakia

### Description

Jaro is the 31-year-old man blind from birth who lives in a close relationship with his stepsister Vlada. They spend their free and working time together filled with various activities ranging from sports, animals, charity events to music therapy. Recently, he has been taking African drumming lessons taught by the music therapist Miro. He plays the piano at the conservatory, enjoys performing, going to concerts and his collection of musical instruments is constantly growing. The documentary portrait depicts the intimate world of eternal boy, whose character and morality are being formed in confrontation with adults during music therapy sessions and various activities. The main topic observed in the film is the positive impact music therapy has in the life of the blind man on his journey to inner freedom and happiness.





# Title of the film Mom is coming back Project type: Documentary Duration: 21' 26" Language: Polish Subtitles: English Director: Mikołaj Janik Producer: Leszek Kopeć & Jerzy Rados Country: Poland

### Description

Weronika baked sausages over an Icelandic volcano, kayaking through Costa Rican rivers and she guided tourists around the ruins of ancient kingdoms. Then came the world to a daughter - Wiktoria, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Since then, Weronika's life has completely changed. Will she manage to be a part of her former self in life with her daughter? An intimate portrait of a mother and child and a record of their hard struggle for the joy of life.

## Title of the film Sentence Project type: Short - Drama Duration: 18' 56" Language: Hebrew Subtitles: English Director: Or Getz Producer: Esther "Eti" Genis Country: Israel

### Description

On the day of Or's sixth-grade graduation, his mother Anat learns he won't speak at the ceremony because of his stutter. Anat feels this is a huge mistake and makes no compromises to ensure he goes on stage. Or fearfully takes the stage with hope of bringing pride to his mother — will he succeed? Will he fail?





## Title of the film Mr Fotso Project type: Documentary Duration: 14' 00" Language: French Subtitles: English Director: Stephane Noumo Producer: Roseline Fonkwa Country: Cameroon

### Description

This documentary tells the admirable story of a man who became blind and who works with his hands to provide for his family and help his village.





## 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December Topic: Society of the Deaf







The Power of the Hands

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 50' 00"

Language: Spanish

Subtitles: English

Director: Raquel Abellán

Producer: Esmeralda García

Country: Spain

### Description

"The Power of Hands" is a journey-documentary that tells the story of the life and journey of Esmeralda, from birth to adulthood. With the participation of other deaf people, who add different experiences, but who coincide in the problems and the confusion that the environment generates for them. Confusion that, at the same time, from another point of view, is shared by the director, Raquel Abellán, who, through her voice-over, narrates throughout the documentary the experience of a hearing person who finds it difficult to understand some things about the deaf community but at the same time discovers a completely new and magical world where there is only silence.

### Title of the film

A Sonorous Melody

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 24' 00"

Language: Indonesian Sign Language

Subtitles: English

Director: Riani Singgih

Producer: Annisa Adjam, M. Ismail

Country: Indonesia

### Description

Growing up as a deaf individual in Indonesia, Mufi was taught to speak instead of sign. As an adult, now she carves her music career to inspire others to express themselves through sign language. When Mufi was diagnosed as deaf at her early age, her parents insisted on moving to the capital city to get access to a proper education. Unfortunately, like any other Indonesian deaf people, they're taught to communicate more orally at school rather than using sign language. Living as the only deaf person in the family, Mufi felt left out in a lot of the family's conversations due to struggling to comprehend the fast conversation.

Only after Mufi has grown, she started to use the sign language on a daily basis with her closest friends. After finding her safe space, through her work Mufi aims to show her identity as a deaf artist.





The Loud Song of Silence

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 44' 00"

Language: Russian

Subtitles: English

Director: Anastasia Sarycheva

Producer: Stanislav Duzhnikov, Alla

Kargina

Country: Russia

### Description

The film is about an actress of the theater "Nedoslov", Daria Katidi – a disabled child with congenital absolute deafness. Born in Omsk, in a family of deaf parents, she was able to overcome all prohibitions and obstacles and become the leading actress of the capital's theater.

### Title of the film

The Sound of The Sea

Project type: Independent Project

Duration: 08' 52"

Language: Italian

Subtitles: English

Director: Enza Lasalandra

Producer: Enza Lasalandra

Country: Italy

### Description

Desyrèe did not pass the audiological screening at birth and the parents are given the news that the child suffers from profound bilateral deafness. Anxiety seizes them with force but science will find a solution for them and a world made of sounds will open up for Desyrèe.





Out of water

Project type: Short Film

Duration: 14' 01"

Language: Polish

Subtitles: English

Director: Gracjana Piechula

Producer: Krystyna Doktorowicz, dean of Krzysztof Kieślowski Film School at

the University of Silesia

Country: Poland

### Description

Zosia is a 13-year-old CODA – a hearing child of deaf adults. Together with her dad she sets off to fight for her dream swimming competition, in which she is not allowed to participate due to her father's oversight. Along the way, they encounter complications that put Zosia in the role of interpreter and intermediary between her deaf father and the rest of the world. Having a voice starts to be not only a privilege for the girl, but also a burden.

### Title of the film

Hear In Between

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 20' 25"

Language: Indonesian

Subtitles: English

Director: Andini Pradya Savitri

Producer: Andini Pradya Savitri

Country: Indonesia

### Description

Muhammad Raditya Firmansyah, who is familiarly called Radit, is a deaf child from Tenggarong, Kutai Kartanegara, East Kalimantan. Radit is nicknamed as The Blue Eyes because his eye color is different from the eye color of the people in his environment due to a genetic disorder (Waardenburg Syndrome) that also affects his hearing. At the age of 13, Radit still doesn't use hearing aids, so his communication skills are still limited in visual form. Radit's parents also tried so that their son could hear voices, even though he was only able to write.





Tharcisse A.K.A Drogba - The deaf shoe maker

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 06' 03"

Language: Kinyarwanda

Subtitles: English

Director: Gilbert Sibo Sibomana

Producer: 100 Pixels studios

Country: Rwanda

### Description

Tharcise was born deaf. After his parents died he was adopted in a very poor family but after some time an organization that supports youths who live with a disability helped him and taught him how to make shoes. Now his life has changed as he can be able to make shoes, sell and earn some money to support himself and his adoptive mother. It has also boosted his morale.

### Title of the film

Do You Understand?

Project type: Short Film

Duration: 05' 03"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Jack Smallwood

Producer: Nikki Stratton

Country: United kingdom

### Description

A film produced by Jack Smallwood will portray the emotions expressed by D/deaf people via a short BSL poem created specifically for this project. The poem will tackle the concept of dual identity with D/deafness in relation to selfhood. This short film features people who are deaf/hard of hearing and are born, raised and live in Wolverhampton.

This #offSite9 project has been commissioned by Creative Black Country as part of Arts Council England's Creative People and Places scheme, and supported by Paycare.





I am CODA

Project type: Documentary Film

Duration: 24' 00"

Language: Czech

Subtitles: English

Director: MgA. Ivan Crnac

Producer: MgA. Miloň Terč

Country: Czech Republic

### Description

The film takes us into the large Sedláček and Půlpán family, where the only hearing members are their children – CODA. In the 1980's, the term CODA was coined for these children, which is an abbreviation for Children Of Deaf Adults – loosely translated from English as hearing children of deaf parents. The main protagonist is a sixteen-year-old hearing girl, Jolanka, who lives in the shared custody of her deaf parents. She is trying to find her place "in between" these two worlds. We follow her daily life full of challenges, obstacles and joys, whether she is in hearing or deaf world. "I am CODA" brings viewers a unique insight into the lives of family members from two different language cultures, a view of their communication in spoken and sign language. All of this leaves us with a deep awareness of the power of the human spirit and a desire to understand all those who share their worlds with us.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December

## **Topic: Diversities**







Zhenya is writing the script

Project type: Documentary, Short

**Duration: 17' 30"** 

Language: Russian

Subtitles: English

Director: Victor Kozhenkov

Producer: Alyona Yanushko

Country: Russian Federation

### Description

The life of a musician is up and down. Zhenya created his own music group, gathered an audience on YouTube, shot several videos. He was inspired to do what he loved and opened his talent to the world. But after Zhenya had a stroke, he can only play with one hand, and his friends no longer believe in the success of the group. My wife comes up with a new idea - to make a TV series about music and dreams. He begins to write the script for the series, which at the same time becomes the script for his own life.

### Title of the film

I Am Irani

Project type: Docu-drama

(mockumentary)

Duration: 39' 59"

Language: Persian (Farsi)

Subtitles: English

Director: Farhad Irani

Producer: Farhad Irani

Country: Iran

### Description

Farhad, a well-known Iranian photographer, and his wife Mahsa decided to leave Iran due to difficulties faced back home. Farhad was born with a rare genetic disorder known as Treacher-Collins Syndrome (TCS), which affects facial structure development. Although TCS has made Farhad stand out all his life, his ability to rise above all challenges sets him apart.





Title of the film
Ercan & Aysun
Project type: Documentary
Duration: 17' 00"
Language: Turkish
Subtitles: English
Director: Yavuz Özer
Producer: Yavuz Özer
Country: Turkey

### Description

Ercan and Aysun are two handicapped actors who suffer from achondroplasia from birth. They have established a family despite their physical disability. They have two children named Yağmur and Damla.

They live in Afyon, a small city in the Aegean region in Turkey. Although they have difficulty earning their keep by theatre, they have been committed to theatre for many years. They remained far from stage during the pandemic.

When they are unable to find an opportunity to stage their plays in their city, they go to road shows in different cities. The Ercan & Aysun documentary documents the period from 2018 to 2022 related to their family life.

### Title of the film

The Bear Necessity

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 05' 09"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Eilidh Gow

Producer: Eilidh Gow

Country: Scotland

### Description

7-year-old Robbie has a rare gut condition called Pseudo Obstruction, which has resulted in various surgeries as well as a stoma - a surgically created opening from the bowel through the abdomen - something many children with the condition struggle to cope with. We follow the journey of a teddy bear from a Canterbury factory to a charity sewing group in the Highlands of Scotland where the bear is specially adapted with its own stoma and finally onto Robbie in Glasgow, to see how it changes his life.





Girl of the Moon

Project type: Documentary

**Duration: 62' 00"** 

Language: Arabic

Subtitles: English

Director: Hiba Dhaouadi

Producer: Nada Mezni Hafaiedh

Country: Tunisia

### Description

"Girl of the Moon" is the story of a battlement of three women against a dangerous incurable disease called "Xeroderma Pigmentosum". It is a genetic disease characterized by intolerance to ultraviolet rays. It obliges the victim to avoid exposure to daylight in order to avoid the development of cancers. The film unveils the monotonous daily life of these three characters, the difference in terms of acceptance of the disease, the way each one chose to challenge this reality...

### Title of the film

Amemory

Project type: Animadoc, Short Film

**Duration: 10' 00"** 

Language: German

Subtitles: English

Director: Victoria Joelle Hesselbach

Producer: Victoria Joelle Hesselbach

Country: Germany

### Description

Influenced by aphantasia, the phenomenon of a lack of visual imagination, the protagonist embarks on a personal journey. It's about accepting the condition where you lose your autobiographical memories and how to live a fulfilled life when you don't have any memories of your life. What it means to always live in the present and always forget. It is a search for answers to one's own identity and the acceptance that goes with it.





Léa Sous le Soleil (Lea Under the Sun)

Project type: Short Film Documentary

Duration: 08' 00"

Language: French and Swahili

Subtitles: English

Director: Daniel Makasi Mahamba

Producer: Daniel Makasi Mahamba

Country: Democratic Republic of

Congo

### Description

Léa Sous le Soleil (Lea Under the Sun) is the story of Léa Ziraje, a woman with albinism. She lives in Goma in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. As coordinator of an organization called Albino Compassion (Compassion Albinos), Léa recounts how she faces a number of challenges. Living with albinism in a very hot environment is an ordeal. She says that global warming is preventing people with albinism from living a normal life. In addition to this problem, there is the scarcity of sun cream in Goma, the town where she lives.

### Title of the film

Grandma ins't sclrerotic

Project type: Documentary, Short

Duration: 22' 00"

Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Director: Erenice de Oliveira, Marcia Denardin e Luiz Alberto Cassol

Producer: Erenice de Oliveira, Marcia

Denardin e Luiz Alberto Cassol

Country: Brazil

### Description

In the eyes and in the voice of four women that live with multiple sclerosis (MS), we find what's beyond the diagnosis.





## **Topic: Sport and Disability**







Stay in the Game

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 07' 00"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Jared Jacobsen

Producer: Jared Jacobsen

Country: United States

### Description

Five athletes discuss their experiences learning and playing wheelchair tennis.

### Title of the film

Champion

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 39' 00"

Language: Persian

Subtitles: English

Director: Mehrdad Shaabani Nia

Producer: Mehrdad Shaabani Nia

Country: Iran

### Description

Champion is the title of the documentary about the Paralympic champion, Bahman Golbarnejad, who was born in Abadan, Iran.





Super-Able

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 20' 00"

Language: Tagalog

Subtitles: English

Director: Arjanmar H. Rebeta

Producer: Khaye Medina, Arjanmar H.

Rebeta, Geraldine 'Jedd' Tan

Country: Philippines

### Description

Marites Burce, a victim of polio outbreak in 1970's, is now a mother, a wife, an employee & a national para athlete who is preparing for her journey to represent Philippines in ASEAN Para Games to be held in her own country & to be qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics until the CoVid-19 pandemic happens.

### Title of the film

Alexis Salinas

Project type: Short Documentary

Duration: 04' 46"

Language: Spanish

Subtitles: English

Director: Juan Fernández Gebauer

Producer: Camila Péndola / Signature

**Studios** 

Country: Argentina & Germany

### Description

Once one of the most promising talents in Argentinian football, Alexis lost his eyesight in a gun shootout. Now he has to learn how to be blind.





Title of the film
Push To Inspire
Project type: Documentary
Duration: 35' 19"
Language: English
Subtitles: English
Director: Tung JY
Producer: Tung JY
Country: Malaysia

### Description

Malaysian Wheelchair Athlete, Daniel Lee, was born with osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bones), he aims to pursue his goal in wheelchair racing in spite of limited resources provided in Malaysia.

Though economic fallout from the pandemic adds on to the impact of existing adversities, Daniel is still committed to raise awareness for the PWDs community, hoping to liberate PWDs from the shackles of limitation through participation in various fields.

His objective is to promote an idea-Different but The Same. He aspires to empower individuals with all abilities via All Ability Sports.

### Title of the film

Mimo: The Miracle of Miracles (Mimo: O Milagre de Milagres)

Project type: Documentary

**Duration: 23' 00"** 

Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Director: Rafael Luis Azevedo

Producer: Larissa Cavalcante

Country: Brazil

### Description

A farmer from the countryside of Brazil was considered a talented football player but lost a leg after a serious hit and run. Today he is an example of overcoming as he competes, despite being an amputee, in the championship in Miracles City.





The Wall

Project type: Documentary

**Duration: 19' 15"** 

Language: Turkish

Subtitles: English

Director: Evrim Inci

Producer: Evrim Inci

Country: Turkey

### Description

A fairy tale documentary of Büşra Ün, the first female tennis player to represent Turkey in the Olympics, her stance against life and the sacrifices she has made on the way from her daily life to her sports career.

### Title of the film

Last Seen: Katie Kelly

Project type: Animated Documentary

**Duration: 05' 08"** 

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Nico Meissner

Producer: Nico Meissner, Ani Parry

Country: Australia

### Description

Katie Kelly was declared legally blind in January 2015. 18 months later, at the age of 40, she made her Paralympics debut in Rio de Janeiro, winning Australia's first gold medal in the sport of Para-triathlon. Last Seen: Katie Kelly is an animated short documentary that traces Katie's remarkable journey in Tracie Eaton's painting of Merewether Baths, Katie's most cherished visual memory. The short film is part of Last Seen-a multi-sensory project to save sight.

How can we capture visual memories of those who lost their sight? This short documentary uses computer animation to bring alive the memories of Katie Kelly OAM PLY and her journey to become Australia's first para-triathlon gold medalist during the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. Gold Coast-based artist Tracie Eaton captured Katie's last seen memory of the Merewether Baths in Newcastle in a unique painting. The animated documentary uses Blender to bring to life Tracie's painting and Katie's memory in a captivating visual narrative.





## **Topic: Self Determination**







## Title of the film Abrash Project type: Documentary Duration: 30' 00" Language: Farsi Subtitles: English Director: Soren Rezaee Producer: Naser Pooyesh Country: Iran

### Description

"Abrash" is about the life of a blind old man named "Uncle Rashid" and his beautiful horse "Abrash", who lives with his family in the village on the slopes of the mountain. Uncle Rashid lost his sight when he was a child and two years apart. But being blind does not mean the end of life. He earns his living by selling dairy products that he prepares with his wife and selling them. The horse faithfully accompanies him in the rainy weather, in the foggy atmosphere, in the heat, in the strange events that always have such a path with him.

### Title of the film

Water, Wind, Dust & Bread

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 25' 00"

Language: Farsi

Subtitles: English

Director: Mahdi Zamanpoor Kiasari

Producer: Mahdi Zamanpoor Kiasari,

Somayyeh Zaraatkar

Country: Iran

### Description

This documentary is a short story about the life of the 11 years old boy "Abolfazl" and the 8 years old girl "Setayesh" who has no birth certificate in one of remote border areas and who move along in hardship and strive for their living.





The Light in My Eyes

Project type: Documentary-Short Film

Duration: 28' 02"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Mohanad Diab

Producer: Royal Dutch Visio

Country: Netherlands – Botswana – Egypt – Ghana – Uganda – South

Africa - Palestine - Ghana

### Description

The short documentary film "The Light in My Eyes" by Egyptian director Mohanad Diab tells about the nature of life lived by children and youth around the world with different forms of visual impairment, on the level of similarities and differences in their lifestyle. The film seeks to raise awareness to look more positively at these young people, The film revolves around five issues; The issue of participation, the issue of exclusion, the issue of assistive devices, the issue of daily life activities, the issue of independence and empowerment, and in this context, shooting began in June 2022 and continued until the end of 2022, including 7 different countries, namely the Netherlands, South Africa, Botswana, Ghana, Uganda, Palestine and Egypt And that was under the auspices of the Visio International Foundation in the Netherlands, and the film relied on the support of local art crews in the concerned countries.

### Title of the film

One more day

Project type: Short Film

Duration: 23' 00"

Language: Català

Subtitles: English

Director: Carlos Puig Mundó

Producer: Roser Vega

Country: Spain

### Description

Maria arrives at the institute with her father. Once inside the center, the receptionist welcomes them to the new class. As soon as she arrives in the classroom, a classmate who apparently seems to want to help her out, Ana, what she actually does is tease her, and together with her friends they begin to bother her. A new student, Julia, defends Maria. Maria tries to be normal in class, where she seems to get along with Julia, but during the break she needs to go to the bathroom to clear her head. The tranquility does not last long: she locks herself inside a cubicle when she hears Ana and two of her friends enter the bathrooms, who end up discovering her and photographing her with her cell phone without her permission. Upon returning to the classroom, Maria feels observed and violated.





OCD

Project type: Student Short Film

Duration: 06' 00"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: EmmaLynne DeRoss

Producer: EmmaLynne DeRoss

Country: America

### Description

OCD is a poetry adaptation film of a spoken word poem by Neil Hilborn. The film follows Jack, a young man whose OCD impacts his daily life. The film takes a look at how OCD not only impacts a person's daily life but also their relationships.

### Title of the film

5 Women

Project type: Documentary, Short Film

Duration: 04' 43"

Language: No dialogs

Subtitles: English

Director: Michele Pastrello

Producer: Coop.Arcobaleno

Country: Italy

### Description

Five women with intellectual disabilities talk, without words, their achievement in their everyday routine life: independent living of individuals with disabilities. They live in a small hill town in a sheltered apartment together with other residents. A director was asked to describe their typical day by images. The result is a docu-film full of surprises in their very normal everyday life, as that of each of us. It stands out the beauty of their acts and connection among them. Above all it documents how a condition of objective dependence can generate independence.





Katyusha

Project type: Feature, Short, Student

Duration: 14' 00"

Language: Russian

Subtitles: English

Director: Daria Zabava

Producer: Evgeny Novikov

Country: Russian Federation

### Description

A single woman lives in her old apartment, where everything is always in its place. She keeps a collection of porcelain toys, which she builds in straight lines every day. One day she receives a letter without an address and name. Since that day, she has received such letters every morning. Inexplicable chaos also begins to occur in her apartment. Who writes to her? What does he want to report? All the answers lie within her.

### Title of the film

Love Don't Bully

Project type: Video

Duration: 08' 00"

Language: English

Subtitles: English/ Spanish

Director: Lisa Spencer, Yoyo

Anchondo

Producer: MESA

Country: USS

### Description

Dr. Lisa Spencer teaches her students about historic, systematic bullying in the USA which leads to a film about bullying at their school. The students survey, interview, act out, and learn about ways to support each other.





What is happiness?

Project type: Documentary

Duration: 14' 42"

Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Director: John Lennon Moreia Campos

Producer: CinemUai

Country: Brazil

### Description

We asked a question to students from APAE - Association of Parents and Friends of the Disabled in Brumadinho, Brazil. What is happiness?

### Title of the film

Tree of Valiasr St. or: Impression

Project type: Short Feature

Duration: 14' 00"

Language: Persian

Subtitles: English

Director: Emad Hoseini Fard

Producer: Emad Hoseini Fard

Country: Iran

### Description

The Story of an alone mother who works fulltime in people's houses to make ends meet for herself and her 6-year-old sightless child. Her cherished time of the day is the minutes on bus on the way to work, which she spends describing the outside images for her son.





To Know Me Is To Know You

Project type: Documentary, Short,

Student

Duration: 12' 23"

Language: English

Subtitles: English

Director: Leah Byck

Producer: Leah Byck

Country: United States of America,

**New York City** 

### Description

This film is about disability justice and invisible disability. Not everyone can see each other's disabilities, so this film is to continue to share experiences of people with invisible disabilities. It is important that people from all walks of life understand the importance of mental health and the understanding that mental illness is an invisible disability. Captions/subtitles and image descriptions are already embedded into this film, so that no extra measures have to be taken in order for someone to listen or hear this film. This film aims to stop the stigma of mental illness and hidden disabilities and to shed light on the fact that people with invisible disabilities don't always have the same rights of those that are visibly disabled.

### Title of the film

Antonella. My hands, my voice

Project type: Short Film

Duration: 15' 00"

Language: Spanish/ Chilean sign

language

Subtitles: English

Director: Francisco Jorquera

Producer: Agencia Rizomas

Country: Chile

### Description

Antonella is the only deaf transformer in Chile. After the confinement due to Covid 19 in 2021, he traveled to Santiago to perform his first solo show.





I am not a doll

Project type: Social Short Film

Duration: 18' 47"

Language: Arabic

Subtitles: English and French

Director: Georges Abi Ramia

Producer: Toni and Rebecca Lahoud

Country: Lebanon

### Description

A girl with special needs is harassed by her uncle.





## Independent film: Surfing the Sky







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