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Global Roots Film Festival: Disability

Burlington, VT: (March 9, 2018): VTIFF is pleased to announce its 2018 Global Roots Film Festival which will focus on films that relate to disabilities

Co-presented with the Flynn Center with a grant from the Ford Foundation

Friday - Sunday, April 13-15, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center - Film House

VTIFF has made every effort to make the festival as inclusive as possible within its means. All feature length films will have closed or open captions except those with subtitles. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Hearing assistance devices will be available. A large font version of the program guide as well as a Braille version will be offered on request. The festival will also be a scent-free environment and perfumes or scented lotions will be discouraged.

This festival has been supported by many disability organizations including VocRehab, Champlain Community Services, National Life Foundation as well as individuals in the community.

From the desk of Flynn Center Executive Director, John Killacky:

“Orly Yadin at the Vermont International Film Festival has programmed an amazing array of disability-related films as part of this year’s Global Roots Film Festival. Award-winning documentaries, romantic comedies, action thrillers, and animated films from Israel, Hungary, France, England, Spain, Australia, and the United States are featured. Sex, love, politics, murder and mayhem, and artistry abound in this smorgasbord of delightful offerings. Children with Down Syndrome trek the Himalayans, activists clamor for civil and sexual rights, people on the autism spectrum navigate relationships, an amputee pop artist performs, and The Blind Boys of Alabama sing out. Spend the weekend with Global Roots and be transformed. The Flynn is thrilled to be an underwriting partner for this film festival”.

Schedule:

- [My Hero Brother](#) – 04/13/2018 – 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- [Keep the Change](#) – 04/13/2018 – 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm
- [Latest News From the Cosmos](#) – 04/14/2018 – 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- [Crazywise](#) – 04/14/2018 – 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm followed by a panel discussion hosted by the Howard Center.
- [Dina](#) – 04/14/2018 – 4:45 pm – 6:30 pm
- [Kills on Wheels](#) – 04/14/2018 – 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm
- [Life Animated](#) – 04/15/2018 – 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
- [How Sweet the Sound: The Blind Boys of Alabama](#) – 04/15/2018 – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Defiant Lives](#) – 04/15/2018 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- [Living and Other Fictions](#) – 04/15/2018 – 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

VTIFF is a cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the community and bring the world to Vermont through film. The largest program of VTIFF is the annual Vermont International Film Festival in October, best known for featuring groundbreaking and independent films from around the world and Vermont. The festival also includes the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™, the largest juried selection of Vermont-made films. The 2018 festival will run October 19th -October 28, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center, and The BCA Center. VTIFF also operates year-round with the Global Roots Film Festival in April and monthly screenings on the last Thursday of each month. It also partners with other cultural non-profits on special screenings and film series. VTIFF celebrates its 33 anniversary in 2018.

More information at vtiff.org.

Links to High res stills: vtiff.org/press

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