



ReelAbilities film festival opening night, Sept. 10

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How do people treat those with disabilities on a daily basis, often times unconsciously? The film "Shooting Beauty" explores this unknown world by way of photography. The film will be shown at the opening night celebration of the ReelAbilities: NY Disabilities Film Festival. Opening night is Sept. 10 at 9 p.m. at the Mayerson JCC.

ReelAbilities premieres Sept. 10 – 22 at four locations across Greater Cincinnati. This international film festival features award-winning films and engaging special presentations that celebrate the lives, stories and art of people with disabilities.

The opening night celebration will feature guest speaker, Richard Bernstein, in addition to the award-winning film "Shooting Beauty". A chocolate dessert reception catered by local company, Chocolate Passion will follow.

Guest speaker Bernstein has been blind from birth and has spent his adult life fighting for the rights of the disabled. His incredible story involves accomplishments in the business world and in his personal life, including running marathons around the world, finishing the Ironman Competition and creating and hosting a television show.

"Shooting Beauty" is about an aspiring fashion photographer who discovers the hidden world of beauty at a center for people with significant disabilities. She documents how these people with disabilities learn the art of photography, and get a second shot in life by becoming photographers.

Nine different films will be shown throughout the festival. Most films will be shown at the JCC with additional film screenings at the Cincinnati Art Museum, College of Mount St. Joseph and Xavier University.

A Festival Pass is available and includes all films, even the opening night celebration. Those who purchase a festival pass receive a discount at popular restaurants across Cincinnati throughout the festival. Some of the restaurants include El Pueblo, The Palace at the Cincinnati and Molly Malone's.

Schedules, movie trailers and tickets are available on the JCC website and by calling the J. Tickets should be purchased in advance due to limited space.