

Getting Real With Reelabilities

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After-party co-

chair, Liz Murphy and actor Kurt Yaeger

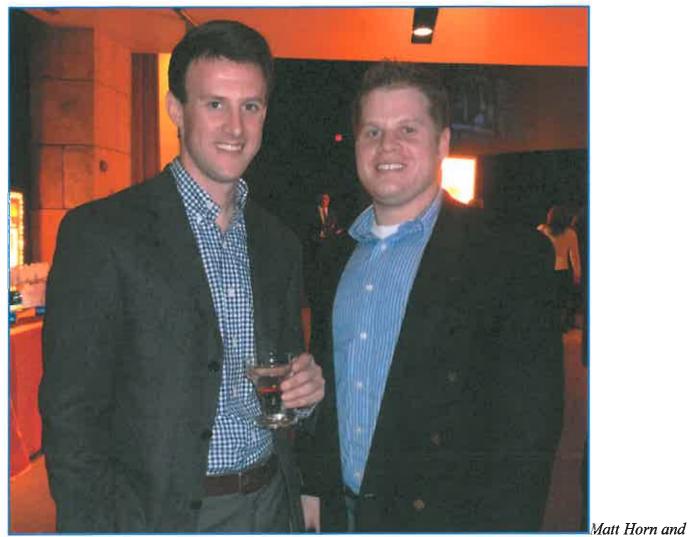
The <u>Reclabilities Film Festival premiere</u> took place on Saturday, March 9 at the <u>Underground Railroad Freedom Center</u>. Having never been, I was especially <u>pleased with the venue</u>. It features beautiful <u>views of the river</u> as well as the downtown Cincinnati skyline.



The Naked Karate

Girls

Upon entrance I could hear the high energy performance of the Naked Karate Girls reverberate throughout the building. The beats were thumping even harder when I made my way to the second floor for the after party. I was just in time for the "riding train, c'mon 'n ride it!"



Luke Robinson



Shelly Goering & Tracey Conrad

Brent Renaud and Charles McDonald



Hutchings, Libby Brown, Grey Hall, Elisha Roser, and Katie Shelander

Among those pulling the imaginary choo choo chord were a mix of Cincinnati's finest. For those who didn't read my preview about this event (shame on you), Reelabilities is a film festival that promotes and appreciates those with disabilities. The tagline is DIFFERENT, LIKE YOU and that's exactly who was in attendance. Lots of different people in different outfits with different problems. We did, however, share one thing in common — a smile. Honestly, I've been to a lot of events but the smiles at this one were light-up-the-room bright and contagious.



Courtney Barnhart, and Heather Redpath



Darlene Sand Wall and John Lawson



Jennifer Lanser and Bill Diamond

http://www.ispycincy.com/getting-real-with-reelabilities/

I had the great pleasure of meeting two really cool dudes. (Didn't hurt that they were both attractive, too.) Brent Renaud is a director based out of NYC. His film, *Warrior Champions (2009)*, covers the emotional and inspiring story of a group of American soliders as they turn their nightmares of war into Olympic dreams. The film will be screened on Friday, March 15 at the Freedom Center.

The other awesome gentleman I met is actor and model, Kurt Yaeger. He's probably best known for his recurring role on FX's Sons of Anarchy as Greg "the Peg." Yaeger is actually a below-the-knee amputee but has been able to keep up a successful acting career and even get back on the bike, the vehicle from which he sustained his life altering injury. Yaeger seems like the type of guy who carries a sunny disposition about him no matter what. The type who rises out of the ashes and makes lemonade outta lemons. I always admire people like that.

Beyond small chit chat at the event, I was lucky enough to join Yaeger and Renaud on some after-after party adventures that brought us to Scene and then to last call at Igby's.

If Sunday hadn't been "spring forward" then the 3/4 a.m. bedtime wouldn't have felt so brutal. Oh well... totally worth it for the good cause and even better times!

To find out the schedule of events for Reelabilites, visit the website: http://www.cincyra.org/festival-schedule/