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ReelEducation: 2014-15 Films

46/47

Down Syndrome

Director: Nadine Heinze und Marc Dietschreit, 8 min, Germany, Documentary, 2011

Full Film: <https://vimeo.com/82024486>

PW: RFF2014

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/57075468>

Daniel is different. He's missing something. He only has 46 chromosomes where 47 should be. 46/47 shows the world "from the other side". Everyone has Down-syndrome. Those with only 46 chromosomes are considered handicapped. Those like Daniel. 46/47 is a short film about "being different". The film ventures a desperately needed change of perspective (whether 46 or 47 chromosomes), plays with habitual stereotypes, tries to make "being different" an experience and asks the question "What is normal?" a little differently.

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO

Physical Disability

Director: Emma Buckley, Narrative, 7 min, Australia, English, 2009

Description: Two boys face off. But when the stakes are at their highest will victory be sweet?

Full film: <https://vimeo.com/69624951>

PW: RA2014screener

THE COMMUTE

Physical Disability

Director: Jake Alexander-McAfee, Documentary, 4 min, USA, English, 2013

Full film: <https://vimeo.com/80389397>

PW: gwcommute

Description: A wheelchair user tries to get home using public transportation – and finds himself on an arduous journey.

KEEP THE CHANGE

Social Disorders / Mental Disabilities

Director: Rachel Israel, Narrative, 16 min, USA, English, 2013

Full Film: <https://vimeo.com/65832338>

PW: playboy **Trailer:** <http://vimeo.com/91880399>

Description: A coming-of-age love story about a wealthy young man with social disorders who meets a woman at a group for people with intellectual disabilities.

Content to be aware of: some profanity.

HENRY O!

Blindness

Director: Ziad H. Hamzeh, Documentary, 76 min, USA, English, 2009

Full Film: <https://vimeo.com/49840994>

PW: RA2014screener

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLkUgAcco7o>

Description: HENRY O! tells the story of Enrique (Henry) Oliu, a man blind since birth, who has made his major league baseball dream come true. Calling upon his love for sports and an encyclopedic memory for facts and figures, Henry hears the crack of the bat and knows if it's a single, double, or home run; he listens for the ball singing into the catcher's mitt and knows if it's a curve ball, fastball, or changeup. Henry is the analyst for the strongest Hispanic station in Florida's Tampa Bay Market. At his side in the broadcast booth is his wife Deb, whispering in his ear up-to-the-minute stats.

Offered: **Monday, Feb. 9: 10:00 am / 1:00 pm** at ERJCC
Tuesday, Feb. 10: 10:00 am at MFAH / **1:00 pm** at ERJCC
Wednesday, Feb. 11: 10:00 am at ERJCC

ON BEAUTY

Genetic Disorders

Director: Joanna Rudnick, Documentary, 30 min, USA, English, 2014

Full Film: <https://vimeo.com/95754718>

PW: onbeauty1

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zOPXTusNik>

Description: In the unflinching new film On Beauty, director Joanna Rudnick (In the Family) follows former fashion photographer Rick Guidotti, who after 15 years of working for clients such as Yves Saint Laurent, Elle, and Harpers Bazaar, grew tired of seeing the same ideal of beauty "spit up at us constantly". Disillusioned by the industry, in a moment of serendipity, Rick walked by a young woman with Albinism (a genetic condition that results in loss of pigmentation in the hair and eyes) at a New York City bus stop, and wondered why she wasn't considered beautiful in his other world. This exploration resulted in a show-stopping magazine spread for Life Magazine featuring young women with Albinism smiling out from under the headline "Redefining Beauty". ON BEAUTY is a call to action: a Kartemquin documentary film and social engagement campaign calling on each of us to change the way we perceive, judge and treat individuals with inescapable physical differences.

Content to be aware of: profanity and scene with partial nudity (female).

Offered: **Wednesday, Feb. 10: 1:00 pm** at ERJCC

TOUCH OF THE LIGHT

Blindness

Director: Rong-ji Chang, Narrative, 110 min, Taiwan, Mandarin, 2013

2 min clip: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC_SRG_Ckvg

Full film: <http://vimeopro.com/user13745017/touch-of-the-light>

PW: V316e85M8b **Trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GFxGI Vujvw>

Description: Based on the life story of HUANG Yu-Siang, who stars as himself, Touch of the Light tells the story of a blind piano prodigy from rural Taiwan and his relationship with Xiao Jie, a young woman who dreams of becoming a dancer despite enormous challenges. Critically acclaimed and warmly received worldwide, Touch of Light celebrates triumphs of those who dare to dream.