General:

Facebook & Instagram:
BACKBONES, a local nonprofit serving people with disabilities, is hosting the ReelAbilities Film Festival Chicago every Thursday from July 18th to August 22nd. The festival is dedicated to sharing the human experience of disability through art and film. ReelAbilities will screen a variety of films, workshops, panels, and other arts programming at different venues in Chicago. The 2019 theme is "Diversify Diversity" with the goal of increasing disability representation and inclusiveness in media and all aspects of our city.

For the full schedule visit: [https://reelabilities.org/chicago/](https://reelabilities.org/chicago/)
#ReelChi #GetReelChicago #ReelAbilities #diversify #diversity #backbones #film #disability

Twitter:
@ReelChi 7/18-8/22 -dedicated to sharing human experience of #disability thru art & film. Enjoy #networking #panels & more. #DiversifyDiversity increasing disability representation and inclusion in media [https://reelabilities.org/chicago/](https://reelabilities.org/chicago/)
#GetReelChicago #ReelAbilities #diversity

Individual Events:

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY | SPECIAL SCREENINGS

**July 18, 2019**

Facebook & Instagram:
Special ReelAbilities Screening in partnership with Chicago Public Library
THURSDAY JUL 18 | 6:00pm at Sultzer Regional Library
DISABILITY SHORTS: LIFE STAGES - Explore disability across the lifespan with three short films. Facilitated Discussion following the films [https://buff.ly/2ZoX5Uv](https://buff.ly/2ZoX5Uv)
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Twitter:
Special @ReelChi Screening w @chipublib 7/18 at 6p -Sultzer Library
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**July 25, 2019**

Facebook & Instagram:
Special ReelAbilities Screening in partnership with Chicago Public Library
THURSDAY JUL 25 | 6:00pm at Hall Library
DISABILITY SHORTS: FRIENDS WITHOUT BARRIERS - In these three short films, friendships are tested at the barrier between able and disabled. Facilitated Discussion following the film [https://buff.ly/2Zkj8vB](https://buff.ly/2Zkj8vB) #ReelChi #GetReelChicago #diversify #diversity #ReelAbilities

**Twitter:**
Special @ReelChi Screening w @chipublib 7/25 at 6p - Hall Library
DISABILITY SHORTS: FRIENDS W/OUT BARRIERS-3 short films, friendships tested at the barrier between able & disabled. Facilitated Discussion following [https://buff.ly/2Zkj8vB](https://buff.ly/2Zkj8vB) #GetReelChicago #diversify #diversity #Reelchi

**August 1, 2019 – Opening Night**

**Facebook & Instagram:**
Join us for ReelAbilities OPENING NIGHT - THURSDAY AUG 1 @AccessLIVING
Rooftop Opening Reception followed by the film DEFIANT LIVES about the rise of the disability rights movement in Australia, the U.K., and the U.S.

Panel Discussion following the film – Artivism/Activism in Chicago moderated by Todd Bauer

For tickets: [https://buff.ly/2XH5anj](https://buff.ly/2XH5anj)

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**Twitter:**
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Rooftop Reception & #film DEFIANT LIVES-the rise of #disability#rights movement in AUS/UK/USA
Panel Discussion— Artivism/Activism [https://buff.ly/2XH5anj](https://buff.ly/2XH5anj)
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**August 8, 2019**

**Facebook & Instagram**
Bottom Dollars- a film about 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act and an abusive exemption that allows employers to pay wages less than Federal minimum wage to workers with disabilities. THURSDAY AUG 8 @VICTORY GARDENS THEATER
After the film stay for networking opportunity for talented job-seekers with disabilities and employers who are dedicated to workplace diversity. Bring your business cards!
[https://buff.ly/2LFWiej](https://buff.ly/2LFWiej)
#ReelChi #GetReelChicago #ReelAbilities #diversify #diversity #backbones #film #disability

**Twitter:**
Bottom Dollars #film Fair Labor & exemption allowing employers to pay less than Federal min wage to workers w disabilities. 8/8 @VictoryGardens
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August 15, 2019

Facebook & Instagram
THURSDAY AUG 15 @VICTORY GARDENS THEATER
Film: HEARTS OF GLASS – A state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse that provides local crops as well as employment for people with disabilities. Plants and people grow together in this intimate portrait of innovation, inclusion, and community.
Q&A with filmmaker following the film
https://buff.ly/2L5Pnfd
#ReelChi #GetReelChicago #ReelAbilities #diversify #diversity #backbones #film #disability

Twitter:
8/15 @VictoryGardens @HeartsGlassFilm – A Vertical Farm Takes Root: story where cutting-edge #food production meets #employment opportunities for citizens w disabilities. Q&A with filmmaker
https://buff.ly/2L5Pnfd
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August 22, 2019 – Closing Night

Facebook & Instagram:
ReelAbilities Film Festival Chicago CLOSING NIGHT - THURSDAY AUG 22 at Chicago Cultural Center
Films JMAXX AND THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE and PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME
Closing Reception and Dance performances following the films https://buff.ly/2NER993
#ReelChi #GetReelChicago #ReelAbilities #diversify #diversity

Twitter:
#ReelAbilities #Film Festival #Chicago #ClosingNight – 8/22 at Chicago Cultural Center
Films JMAXX AND THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE and PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR ME
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