MARCH 31–APRIL 6, 2020
ACCESSIBILITY

ReelAbilities strives to include all people. All films are presented with open captions and all venues are accessible to mobility devices. The following may be available at our venues upon advance request: ASL interpretation, CART, audio description, hearing assist, information in braille, and more. For specific accommodations, please check online or contact the individual screening venue directly by March 15, 2020.

To access audio description, you may use the GalaPro App. The app is available in iTunes and the Google Play store. For more information, check our website.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be purchased online at reelabilities.org/newyork. Ticketing policies and prices vary by location. To register by phone, please contact the appropriate screening venue directly. For screening schedule and venue legend, see page 14.

SPECIAL PROMOTION FROM UBER

For $15 off Uber-WAV rides, use discount code RFF20WAV
For $5 off Uber/UberX rides, use discount code RFF2020
Valid for rides to/from all screenings in the NYC Metro area

Current as of February 18. Please visit reelabilities.org/newyork for a full list of partners.

Photo: Jared Serfozo
CHAMPIONS
DIR. JAVIER FESSER | SPAIN | 119 MIN | FICTION
Marco is a coach in Spain’s top basketball league. After he is involved in a car crash, he is forced to coach a basketball team of players with intellectual disabilities as community service. With good humor, the team teaches Marco what really matters. Preceded by Closing Night Event at 6 pm.
MON, APR 6, 7 PM, MMJCC
Additional screenings:
FRI, APR 3, 11 AM, BRONX CC | SUN, APR 5, 3 PM, CINEMA ARTS CENTRE | SAT, APR 4, 2 PM, NYPL 67TH ST.

BEST SUMMER EVER
DIR. MICHAEL PARKS RANDA + LAUREN SMIETELL | US | 80 MIN | FICTION
Sage and Anthony face the drama of high school after falling in love at a dance camp over the summer. An original musical featuring a cast and crew of people with and without disabilities. Created by Zeno Mountain Farm.

Special honorees Zack Gottsagen (The Peanut Butter Falcon, Best Summer Ever) and Millicent Simmonds (Wonderstruck, A Quiet Place). Performance by Maelyn Jarmon (winner of NBC’s The Voice Season 16).
TUE, MAR 31, IAC
6 PM | Red Carpet + Opening Night Gala
7 PM | Best Summer Ever

Additional screenings:
FRI, APR 3, 2:30 PM, NYPL 67TH ST. | SUN, APR 5, 6 PM, JCC HARLEM
CRIP CAMP
FESTIVAL PREVIEW

DIR. NICOLE NEWNHAM • JIM LEBRECHT | US | 106 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Down the road from Woodstock, a revolution blossomed at a summer camp for teens with disabilities, transforming their lives and igniting a movement.
THU, MAR 26, 7 PM, MMJCC

OLIVER SACKS: HIS OWN LIFE
SPOTLIGHT SCREENING

DIR. RIC BURNS | US | 115 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
The riveting and profoundly moving life and work of Oliver Sacks, who redefined our 21st-century understanding of the brain and mind.
WED, APR 1, 8:15 PM, MMJCC

AMY’S VICTORY DANCE

DIR. BRIAN THOMAS | US | 74 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Professional dancer Amy Jordan is run over by an NYC bus. Her first thought is “Am I ever going to dance again?” Her second is “If I survive the night, there will be a victory dance.”
THU, APR 2, 4 PM, LEHMAN | SUN, APR 5, 7:30 PM, MMJCC

BEDLAM

DIR. KENNETH PAUL ROSENBERG | US | 86 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Through intimate stories of patients, families, and medical providers, Bedlam addresses the national crisis surrounding the need for better care of people with mental illness, and demands this critical situation be viewed through an intersectional lens.
THU, APR 2, 8 PM, MMJCC | FRI, APR 3, 7:30 PM, MAYSLES
SAT, APR 4, 4:30 PM, MOMI | SUN, APR 5, NOON, CINEMA ARTS CENTRE
CODE OF THE FREAKS

DIR. SALOME CHASNOFF | US | 68 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Taking its title from Tod Browning’s classic film, this radical reframing of how characters with disabilities are represented looks at a century of Hollywood favorites with a fresh perspective.

WED, APR 1, 5 PM, SJU - QUEENS | WED, APR 1, 6:15 PM, MMJCC | FRI, APR 3, 4 PM, NYU

KINETICS

DIR. TOM MARTIN | UK | 51 MIN | FICTION
After Rose is diagnosed with Parkinson’s, she meets Lukas, a frustrated young man who finds his release through parkour. Together they embark on a journey of discovery and acceptance.

WED, APR 1, 4 PM, LEHMAN | WED, APR 1, 5 PM, NYPL 67TH ST. | THU, APR 2, 6:15 PM, MMJCC

DON’T FOIL MY PLANS

DIR. BENJAMIN STAMPER | US | 48 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Justin, an artist with autism in his midtwenties, wants to pursue an independent life. But what appears simple on paper is not so easily realized. While learning social norms and professional etiquette, Justin learns to navigate an unpredictable future.

WED, APR 1, 5 PM, SJU - SI | THU, APR 2, NOON, BRONX CC
THU, APR 2, 7 PM, WESTCHESTER | SUN, APR 5, 2:30 PM, MMJCC

OUR TIME MACHINE

DIR. YANG SUN + S. LEO CHIANG | CHINA | 81 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Maleonn is one of China’s most influential conceptual artists. When his father, the former director of the Shanghai Chinese Opera Theater, is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Maleonn pours everything into an ambitious new theater project: “Papa’s Time Machine.”

WED, APR 1, 7:30 PM, LINCOLN CENTER | THU, APR 2, 7 PM, BAM
SAT, APR 4, 2 PM, MOMI | SAT, APR 4, 8:15 PM, MMJCC
**THE WITCH HUNTERS**

**DIR. RASKO MILJKOVIC | SERBIA/MACEDONIA | 86 MIN | FICTION**

Ten-year-old Jovan’s world is shaken up by a new classmate, who invites him on a spectacular adventure. But in order to become a true hero, like those he daydreams of, Jovan must learn to accept himself and his life with cerebral palsy.

**THU, APR 2, 4 PM, LEHMAN | SUN, APR 5, NOON, MMJCC**

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**25 PROSPECT STREET**

**DIR. KAVEH TAHERIAN • ANDREW RICHEY | US | 100 MIN | DOCUMENTARY**

A look at the sparkle and struggles of the Prospector Theater—a nonprofit movie theater in Connecticut with a mission of meaningful employment for people with disabilities.

**WED, APR 1, 7 PM, BRIC (SELECTIONS) | FRI, APR 3, 1 PM, MMJCC**

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**SHORT FILMS**

Shorts schedule available starting on page 14.

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**ANGEL'S MIRROR**

**DIR. CHENG CHAO | CHINA | 14 MIN | FICTION**

A group of young boys are fascinated by a girl who spends her days looking out the window.

**THU, APR 2, 4 PM, LEHMAN | SUN, APR 5, NOON, MMJCC**

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**AUTISM: THE SEQUEL**

**DIR. TRICIA REGAN | US | 39 MIN | DOCUMENTARY**

Five young adults on the spectrum navigate their early 20s. A sequel to *Autism: The Musical*.

**BOLDLY GO**

**DIR. CHRISTOPHER COSGROVE | AUSTRALIA | 6 MIN | FICTION**

A young gay man is hiding a secret. When a long-term crush tries to seduce him at a party, he is forced to expose the truth.

**BUBE MAISES**

**DIR. OR LEVY | ISRAEL | 6 MIN | ANIMATION**

A daughter uses postcards to re-create past moments for her mother, who is living with dementia.

**DEAF LOVE**

**DIR. MICHELE BERTINI MALGARINI | ITALY | 15 MIN | FICTION**

On a journey to meet the woman he loves, Paolo ends up on a wild and mysterious island.
FEELING THROUGH
DIR. DOUG ROLAND | US | 18 MIN | FICTION
While wandering around New York, 18-year-old Tereek encounters Artie, a deaf-blind man trying to get home.

FORT IRWIN
DIR. QUINN ELSE | US | 11 MIN | FICTION
To confront his trauma, an amputee veteran acts in a hyperrealistic military simulation.

HOLE
DIR. GIL GOLETSKI | US | 6 MIN | ANIMATION
Mo is an adult with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Today, a hole started following them.

IKTAMULI
DIR. ANNE-CHRISTINE PLATE | GERMANY | 5 MIN | ANIMATION
An animated inner monologue of a woman confronting her relationship with her son, who has a disability.

MOMENT TO MOMENT
DIR. MICHAEL ATTIE | US | 13 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Carl and Susan, husband and wife, scientist and artist, navigate the challenges of Carl’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis.

POSITIVE ALL THE WAY
DIR. DAVID ULICH + DR. STEVEN UNGERLEIDER | US | 33 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
The story of Sir Philip Craven, former president of the International Paralympic Committee, who became a global leader for change.

REVEL IN YOUR BODY
DIR. KATHERINE HELEN FISHER | US | 6 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Experience the joy of flight with Alice Sheppard and Laurel Lawson.

SOCK GUYS
DIR. KATIE TURINSKI | US | 11 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
A peek inside a unique business owned and operated by a man with Down Syndrome and his father.

THE MAN OF THE TREES
DIR. ANDREA TRIVERO | ITALY | 19 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
The life story of Daniel Balimá, a horticulturist with a disability in Burkina Faso.

TRAGICALLY DEAF
DIR. MAXX CORKINDALE | AUSTRALIA | 3 MIN | FICTION
Paul is having a great day. It’s a pity that the documentary crew following him doesn’t seem to see that …

WHAT IT FEELS LIKE
DIR. STEVEN FRASER | UK | 3 MIN | DOCUMENTARY
Flipbook-style animation demonstrating the emotions of people who hear voices.
ART EXHIBIT  RITUALS: EZRA BENUS, ROMILY ALICE WALDEN, YO-YO LIN

The artists in this exhibition reconfigure what constitutes the mundaneness of the everyday, offering insights into disability and illness as ritual.
LATE FEB–EARLY APR, MMJCC

INCLUDENYC SYMPOSIUM—DISABILITY IN THE FAMILY

An honest conversation about how being a sibling to a person with a disability informs one’s life.
SUN, MAR 29, 4 PM, MMJCC

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACCESS! 2.0

Workshops and guidance for aspiring filmmakers and media professionals with disabilities.
WED, APR 1, MMJCC

REELPEOPLE, REELABILITIES

NYU FILM COMPETITION

Award ceremony and screening of films selected by the NYU Program Board during its first university-wide film competition.
APR 2, NYU

SHABBAT DINNER: HONORING JUDITH HEUMANN

Celebrate the work of disability rights activist Judith Heumann, including her new book, Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist.
FRI, APR 3, 8:30 PM, MMJCC

“YOU LOOK GREAT”: LIVING WITH INVISIBLE ILLNESSES

How to communicate with the people we love when living with invisible illness. Hosted by Harper Spero.
SAT, APR 4, 1 PM | MMJCC

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EXPRESSIONS THROUGH ART—PANEL DISCUSSION

Navigating the topic of disability in art from the perspectives of Ezra Benus and other artists working in different formats.
SAT, APR 4, 2:30 PM, MMJCC

BEAUTY, SELF-ADVOCACY + DISABILITY

A panel discussion addressing the intersections of disability and self-representation. Hosted by Xian Horn.
SAT, APR 4, 4 PM, MMJCC

DISGRACED—LIVE READING

A live reading of an unproduced pilot written by Difficult People creator/star Julie Klausner and writer Alex Scordelis, starring Shannon DeVido.
SUN, APR 5, 4:30 PM, MMJCC

INDUSTRY STANDARD: FASHION + DISABILITY

The intersection of fashion, design, and disability. A discussion of innovative products, practices, and approaches to deepening inclusive design in fashion.
SUN, APR 5, 3 PM, COOPER HEWITT

SPECTACULAR FALLS

A musical exploration of how we all fall, how the world can fall apart, and how we rise up again, by Anita Hollander.
SUN, APR 5, 6 PM, MMJCC
VENUES + SCHEDULE

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MANHATTAN

IAC BUILDING (IAC)
555 W 18th St.
New York, NY 10011
reelabilities@mmjccmanhattan.org

TUE, MAR 31
6 pm | Red Carpet + Opening Night Gala
7 pm | Best Summer Ever

MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN (MMJCC)
334 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10023
646.505.5708 | TTY 877.505.6708
reelabilities@mmjccmanhattan.org

THU, MAR 26
7 pm | Crip Camp

WED, APR 1
Noon | Lights! Camera! Access! 2.0
6:15 pm | Code of the Freaks
8:15 pm | Oliver Sacks: His Own Life

THU, APR 2
6:15 pm | Kinetics
8 pm | Bedlam

FRI, APR 3
1 pm | 25 Prospect Street
6:30 pm | Shabbat Dinner

SAT, APR 4
1 pm | “You Look Great” Panel
1:30 pm | Shorts 1: Sock Guys, Tragically Deaf, Moment to Moment, Boldly Go, Deaf Love
2:30 pm | Expressions Through Art Panel
3 pm | Autism: The Sequel
4 pm | Beauty, Self-Advocacy + Disability Panel
4:30 pm | Shorts 2: Bube Maises, Man of the Trees, Feeling Through, Angel’s Mirror, Iktamuli
6:30 pm | Shorts 3: What It Feels Like, Fort Irwin, Hole, Revel in Your Body, Positive All the Way
8:15 pm | Our Time Machine

SUN, APR 5
3 pm | Industry Standard: Fashion + Disability

DCTV
87 Lafayette St.
New York, NY 10013
212.966.4510
rachel@dctvny.org

THU, APR 2
7 pm | Moment to Moment, The Man of the Trees, Sock Guys

INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM (INTREPID)
One Intrepid Square
(W 46th St. + 12th Ave.)
New York, NY 10036
646.381.5158
access@intrepidmuseum.org

FRI, APR 3
3 pm | Fort Irwin

COOPER HEWITT SMITHSONIAN DESIGN MUSEUM (COOPER HEWITT)
2 E 91st St.
New York, NY 10128
212.849.2950
chaccess@si.edu

SUN, APR 5
3 pm | Industry Standard: Fashion + Disability

LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, ATRIUM (LINCOLN CENTER)
61 W 62nd St.
New York, NY 10023
212.875.5375
lsloan@lincolncenter.org

WED, APR 1
7:30 pm | Our Time Machine

JCC HARLEM
318 W 118th St.
New York, NY 10026
212.865.1215
amanda@jccharlem.org

SUN, APR 5
1 pm | Bube Maises, Feeling Through, Hole, Iktamuli, Revel in Your Body
6 pm | Best Summer Ever

MAYSLES DOCUMENTARY CENTER (MAYSLES)
343 Lenox Ave.
New York, NY 10027
646.853.1296
allason@maysles.org

FRI, APR 3
7:30 pm | Bedlam

GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB (GOTHAM)
208 W 23rd St.
New York, NY 10011
212.367.9000
reelabilities@mmjccmanhattan.org

WED, APR 1
8 pm | ReelAbilities Comedy Night
## VENUES + SCHEDULE

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### NYPL: 67TH STREET LIBRARY
328 East 67th St.
New York, NY 10065
212.734.1717
67LibraryEvents@nypl.org

**WED, APR 1**
5 pm | Kinetics

**THU, APR 2**
2 pm | Angel’s Mirror, Deaf Love, Tragically Deaf

**FRI, APR 3**
2:30 pm | Best Summer Ever

**SAT, APR 4**
2 pm | Champions

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU)
19 University Pl., Room 102
New York, NY 10003
212.992.9767
emily.rogers@nyu.edu

**FRI, APR 3**
4 pm | Code of the Freaks

### BROOKLYN

#### BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC (BAM)
30 Lafayette Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718.636.4100
info@BAM.org

**THU, APR 2**
7 pm | Our Time Machine

#### BRIC
647 Fulton St. (Entrance on Rockwell Pl.)
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718.683.5986
nsmith@BRICartsmedia.org

**WED, APR 1**
7 pm | 25 Prospect Street (selections), The Man of the Trees, Sock Guys

### BRONX

#### BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BRONX CC)
2155 University Ave.
North Hall Library, 3rd Floor
Bronx, NY 10453
718.289.5874
preston.burger@bcc.cuny.edu

**THU, APR 2**
Noon | Hole, Don’t Foil My Plans

**FRI, APR 3**
11 am | Revel in Your Body, Champions

### QUEENS

#### COMMONPOINT QUEENS
67-09 108th St.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
718.268.5011
pkurtz@commonpointqueens.org

**TUE, MAR 31**
4 pm | Angel’s Mirror

**SUN, APR 5**
1 pm | Angel’s Mirror, Autism: The Sequel, Iktamuli, Sock Guys

**MON, APR 6**
1 pm | Iktamuli, Moment to Moment, The Man of the Trees

### STATEN ISLAND

#### ST JOHN’S UNIVERSITY - STATEN ISLAND (SJU SI)
300 Howard Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10301
212.666.3255
khemkai@stjohns.edu

**WED, APR 1**
5 pm | Don’t Foil My Plans, Hole, Sock Guys

### LONG ISLAND

#### CINEMA ARTS CENTRE
423 Park Ave.
Huntington, NY 11743
631.423.7610
info@CinemaArtsCentre.org

**SUN, APR 5**
Noon | Bedlam
3 pm | Sock Guys, Champions

### WESTCHESTER

#### JCC OF MID-WESTCHESTER (WESTCHESTER)
999 Wilmot Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914.472.3300
groners@jccmw.org

**THU, APR 2**
7 pm | Autism: The Sequel, Don’t Foil My Plans

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**BAM**
Music Building, East Dining Room
250 Bedford Park Blvd. West
New York, NY 10468
718.960.8441
merrill.parra@Lehman.cuny.edu

**LEHMAN COLLEGE**

**Thurs., Apr 2**
7 pm | Our Time Machine
4:30 pm | Bedlam

**QUEENS**

**COMMONPOINT QUEENS**
67-09 108th St.
Forest Hills, NY 11375
718.268.5011
pkurtz@commonpointqueens.org

**SUN, APR 5**
1 pm | Angel’s Mirror, Autism: The Sequel, Iktamuli, Sock Guys

**MON, APR 6**
1 pm | Iktamuli, Moment to Moment, The Man of the Trees

**MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE (MOMI)**
36-01 35th Ave. (at 37th St.)
Astoria, NY 11106
718.990.2631
echoi@movingimage.us

**SAT, APR 4**
2 pm | Our Time Machine
4:30 pm | Bedlam

**STATEN ISLAND**

**ST JOHN’S UNIVERSITY - QUEENS (SJU QUEENS)**
8000 Utopia Pkwy.
Jamaica, NY 11439
718.990.2631
khemkai@stjohns.edu

**WED, APR 1**
5 pm | Code of the Freaks, Fort Irwin, Hole, Sock Guys, What It Feels Like

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**FRI, APR 3**
11 am | Revel in Your Body, Champions

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**FRI, APR 3**
4 pm | Code of the Freaks

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**WED, APR 1**
4 pm | Kinetics, Autism: The Sequel, Feeling Through, The Man of the Trees, Sock Guys

**THU, APR 2**
4 pm | Amy’s Victory Dance, The Witch Hunters, Iktamuli, Boldly Go, Bube Maises, Deaf Love
Film Pictured: *Revel in Your Body*
Photo: Jared Serfozo

**12TH ANNUAL**

**ReelAbilities**

**FILM FESTIVAL**

Presented by the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, the **12th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York** is dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories, and artistic expressions of people with disabilities. The festival presents films, discussions, and special events in various locations throughout the NY metropolitan area. Discussions and other engaging programs bring the community together to explore, discuss, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience.

All films followed by conversation.
For tickets, program updates, and additional information:

**REELABILITIES.ORG/NEWYORK**

**646.505.5708 | TTY 877.505.6708**

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