

ReelAbilities

FILM FESTIVAL

NEW YORK

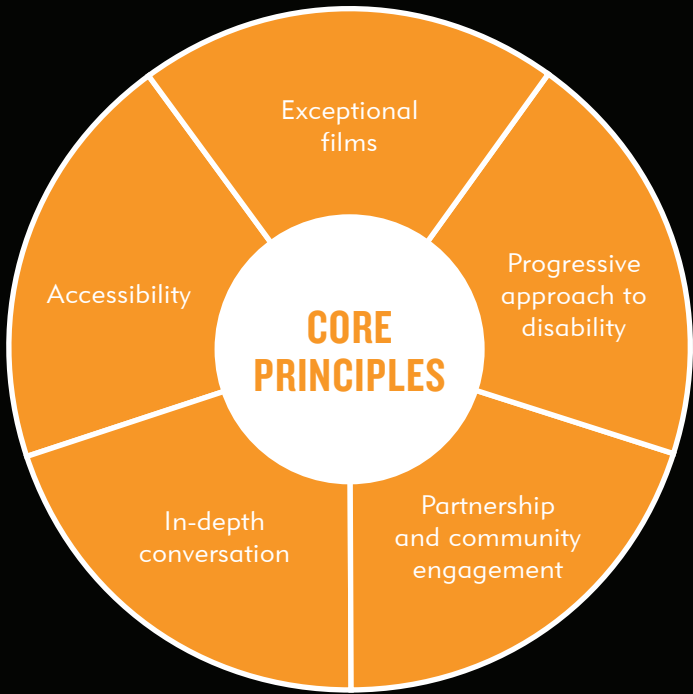
Celebrating Disability Through Film

SAVE THE DATE: April 27–May 3, 2023

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ABOUT REELABILITIES

ReelAbilities is the largest film festival in the world dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories, and artistic expressions of people with disabilities. Founded in New York in 2007, the festival presents award-winning films by and about people with disabilities, virtually and in person, in multiple venues throughout the NY metro area. Engaging post-screening discussions and cultural events bring communities together to explore and embrace the diversity of our shared human experience.





REELABILITIES INTERNATIONAL

Since 2012, ReelAbilities has expanded its reach and impact through ReelAbilities festivals hosted in cities across the globe annually, sharing the films and advancing our mission in an ever-growing number of communities across the US, Canada, and Latin America.

VISIT [REELABILITIES.ORG](https://reelabilities.org) FOR AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF HOST CITIES.



"Although I am deaf, with voices like those you will see in the ReelAbilities Film Festival, exciting and new faces from the deaf and disabled acting community, silence is the last thing the world will hear from me and us."—Marlee Matlin, ReelAbilities Opening Night, 2018

ACCESSIBILITY

ReelAbilities Film Festival continues to devote itself to enhancing cultural and media accessibility, providing audiences with a wide range of inclusive accommodations, including:

- Accessible venues
- Open captioning
- Audio description
- CART (live captioning)
- ASL interpretation
- Braille materials
- Sensory-friendly space
- and more

To provide further accessibility, screenings and events are held in multiple locations throughout each city, and many of the films are available via streaming as well.



SINCE 2007, REELABILITIES INTERNATIONAL HAS



Screened
400+ films



Hosted **700+**
filmmakers, speakers,
and guests



Shared films
and events in
250+ venues



Collaborated with
650+ partners



Presented films from
50+ countries



Reached **90M+**
through marketing
and advertising



VIP GUESTS

Each year, over 50 filmmakers, speakers, and celebrity guests accompany films in post-screening conversations, panel discussions, and presentations throughout the week-long festival.



Judith Heumann (Activist)



Troy Kotsur (Actor)



John Krasinski (Director)



Lauren Ridloff (Actor)



Millicent Simmonds (Actor)



Steve Way (Actor)



Sigourney Weaver (Actor)



Danny Woodburn (Comedian, Actor)



Maysoon Zayid (Comedian, Activist)

FILMS AND EVENTS

ReelAbilities presents award-winning and critically acclaimed films from around the globe that include disability in front of and behind the camera. Following the festival, our extensive catalog is made available for booking.



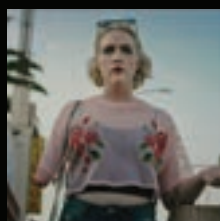
Not Going Quietly



Best Summer Ever

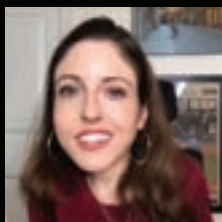


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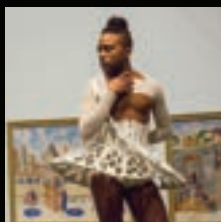


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In addition to film, ReelAbilities presents other complimenting programs such as art exhibits; dance performances; live music; comedy shows; workshops; panel discussions on fashion, art, design, beauty; and much more, creating a week-long celebration of culture. In 2022, we held our first ReelAbilities Accessibility Summit, bringing together industry leaders, including disabled creatives to raise the bar on accessibility.



Disgraced
Pilot Reading



Heidi Latsky Dance—
On Display



Opening Night at the
Queens Drive-In



ReelAbilities
Comedy Night

EDUCATION

ReelAbilities works year-round to promote change through film and conversation by offering:

- Free educational programs for students and school groups
- Films and conversations for employee training and corporate events
- ReelEducation online platform with free resources, such as films and lesson plans for educators

ReelEducation is made possible thanks to



SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

ReelAbilities sponsors and partners form the foundation for the growth and expansion of the festival programming, accessibility, community engagement, and industry reform. Our partners over the years include:



VISIT [REELABILITIES.ORG](https://reelabilities.org) FOR A FULL LIST OF OUR PARTNERS.



"Film festivals like ReelAbilities are a platform for artists to be able to bring another look at the world, another point of view, and launch that into the world...ReelAbilities Film Festival is such an important vehicle."—Mark Ruffalo, Actor + Humanitarian

GET INVOLVED

Join us in making a difference and become a part of ReelAbilities! There are many ways to get involved:

DONATE/SPONSOR

Any financial support would go toward furthering the festival's accessibility and reach. Whether you wish to support as an individual, corporation, or foundation, we are happy to offer a wide range of benefits and ways to acknowledge your support and pursue our shared mission.

PARTNER

Become a ReelAbilities community partner and help us extend our reach and community engagement by organizing a group to attend a screening and promoting the festival to your community.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Host a ReelAbilities screening and conversation at your school, community center, or corporate office.

VOLUNTEER

Get involved on the ground level by being the face of ReelAbilities at our venues, helping with outreach, production, hospitality, and more.



GET IN TOUCH

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