

## Schedule

### 2008 Superfest International Disability Film Festival

June 20, 21 and 22, 2008 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

Gaia Arts Center, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704

[C]=Captioned [A]=Adult Content [K]=Kid-Friendly

\*Best of Fest/Excellence/Achievement Award Winners Will Be Screened More Than Once.

#### Friday, June 20, 12:00pm-5:00pm

12:00pm

**Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy** (40 min.) [U.S.] *Best of Festival Award*

Producers: Alice Elliott & Simone Pero. Director: Alice Elliott.

Body and Soul is filmmaker Alice Elliott's powerful, yet intimate, documentary about two seasoned disability rights advocates, Diane Braun and Kathy Conour. They pool their abilities to both keep themselves out of nursing homes and advocate for others around the country.

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\* Film also screens on Saturday @ 2:40pm, and Sunday @ 6:00pm

1:05pm

**Multiple** (29 min.) [U.K.] *Achievement Award*

Producer: Lucinda Broadbent. Director: Lucinda Broadbent & Alison Peebles.

Multiple is an absorbing, sobering testament from Alison Peebles, an actress who acquires multiple sclerosis in mid-life, leavened by her witty animation and her charm. As Peebles says, she wants to be seen as "someone who acts and directs and sometimes falls down."

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\* Film also screens on Sunday @ 4:30pm

1:50pm

**Iron Genrikh** (52 min.) [RUSSIA] *Achievement Award*

Producer: Alexey Pogrelnoy. Director: Alexey Pogrelnoy.

Journalist Genrikh (Henry) Sergeev takes us inside the ups and downs of his life as a disabled man in Soviet and post-Soviet times. His personality shines throughout his story--never more than when he's trying to dictate the film's course to director Alexey Pogrelnoy.

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3:00pm

**The Miracle** (29 min.) [U.S.] *Achievement Award*

Producers: Jeffrey Jon Smith, James Aull, Jerry Prochazka. Director: Jeffrey Jon Smith.

Tekki Lomnicki's theater piece, Thanksgiving, is expanded here to dramatize her experiences as a little person whose mother longs to take her to Lourdes for a cure. Along the way, she pays homage to classic films, Paris, and evolving perceptions of disability.

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**3:45pm**

**Including Samuel** (58 min.) [U.S.] *Excellence Award*

Producer: Dan Habib. Director: Dan Habib.

Journalist turned filmmaker Dan Habib never considered the issue of full inclusion for children with disabilities, until his son, Samuel, was born with cerebral palsy. Including Samuel looks at both various models of inclusion and at the dynamics within Samuel's family.

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## **Saturday, June 21, 12:00pm-5:00pm**

**12:00pm**

**Including Samuel** (58 min.) [U.S.] *Excellence Award*

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**1:10pm**

**Dragon People** (24 min.) [U.K.] *Excellence and Spirit Awards*

Producer: Rosa Rogers. Director: Rosa Rogers.

Deaf photographer Louise Gibson visits urban and rural China to glimpse the lives of deaf Chinese citizens. Her vignettes cover a range of experiences, from older adults finally allowed to congregate publicly, to young people exploring their own photographic talents.

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**1:45pm**

**PSA's: School Love & Class Photo** (1 min.) [RUSSIA] *Outstanding PSA/Promo*

Producer: Guzella Nikolaishvili Director: Gosha Molotsov (Love), Dmitry Pishchulin (Photo)

These two public service announcements are from Russia, with love. Although PSA's are still rare on Russian television, these are two examples of how the public is being introduced to the concepts of school inclusion.

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**1:50pm**

**Slide** (4 min.) [CANADA] *Merit Award*

Producer: Sharon Katz. Director: Sharon Katz.

A delightful short animation from Canada, illustrating a disabled toddler's view of the exhilaration and terror of feeling his parents let go of him. An impressionistic mixture of line drawings, music, and narration bring this unique and whimsical work of art to life.

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**2:00pm**

**The Miracle** (29 min.) [U.S.] *Achievement Award*

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**2:40pm**

**Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy** (40 min.) [U.S.] *Best of Festival Award*

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**3:30pm**

**Edges of Perception** (14 min.) [U.S.] *Merit Award*

Producer: Eric Kutner. Director: Eric Kutner.

11-year-old runner Jessica Perk has Stargardt's disease, which is erasing her central vision. Eric Kutner's fresh portrait shows Jessica explaining her disease to her classmates, declaring her intention to be President and meeting Olympian Marla Runyan, who also has Stargardt's.

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**3:55pm**

**Phoenix Dance** (16 min.) [U.S.] *Merit Award*

Producer: Karina Epperlein. Director: Karina Epperlein.

Phoenix Danice is director Karina Epperlein's tribute to dancer Homer Avila, who lost a leg and most of a hip to cancer. Transformed by the sight of Avila performing a pas de deux on his remaining leg, Epperlein's film celebrates the dancer's talent and resilience.

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**4:20pm**

**Pushin' Forward** (39 min.) [U.S.] *Merit Award*

Producer: Izumi Tanaka. Director: Izumi Tanaka.

At 15, James Lilly was shot in the back, a consequence of his involvement with a Latino gang. Izumi Tanaka's documentary shows how James, now a husband, father, and wheelchair marathon racer, has retooled his machismo in the wake of his injury.

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**6:00pm-9:00pm**

**"Meet the Makers" Reception and Awards Ceremony (Free)**

**Sunday, June 22, 2:00pm-7:00pm**

**2:00pm**

**Dragon People** (24 min.) [U.K.] *Excellence and Spirit Awards*

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**2:45pm**

**Iron Genrikh** (52 min.) [RUSSIA] *Achievement Award*

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**3:45pm**

**Tiresias** (8 min.) [U.S.] *P.K. Walker Award*

Producers: Olimpias Disability Culture Productions. Directors: Petra Koppers & Sadie Wilcox. Tiresias is a beautifully filmed, celebratory short film that combines poetry, dance, text, and music into a sensual, compelling elegy. Producers Petra Koppers and Sadie Wilcox show the innovative merger of performers of diverse ages, ethnicity, and body type.

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**4:10pm**

**Sins Invalid: Trailer** (3 min.) [U.S.] *Outstanding PSA/Promo*

Producer: Patricia Berne. Director: Jason Toussaint.

This short trailer for a theatrical piece produced earlier this year in Berkeley is an artistically produced preview of a work that immerses the audience in provocative presentations about sex and disability.

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**4:30pm**

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**5:10pm**

**The Collector of Bedford Street** (34 min.) [U.S.] *Merit Award*

Producer: Alice Elliott. Director: Alice Elliott.

Sixty-year-old Larry Selman, who has developmental disabilities, has been a tireless collector for philanthropic causes in his Greenwich Village neighborhood. Alice Elliott's film shows how Larry's neighbors decide to return the favor when he is threatened with losing his home.

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**SUPERFEST Int'l. Disability Film Festival** is presented by **Culture!Disability!Talent!**

Tickets are \$5-\$20/day sliding scale and are only sold at the door.

On Sat., June 21, screenings will be followed by a free

"Meet the Makers" Reception and Awards Event (6:00-9:00 PM)

**EVENT NOTES:** The venue is wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing perfume or other scented products. The films will be audio described. Braille and large print screening schedules will be provided at the event. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be provided at the reception and awards event. Please contact us by June 6 to request ASL interpreters for the screenings; please call **(510) 845-5576**. Please visit our web site: [www.culturedisabilitytalent.org](http://www.culturedisabilitytalent.org) for additional film information, or contact us:

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