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JCC Announces August Rooftop Film Screening Schedule

Highlights include sneak previews of “Misha and the Wolves”, “CODA”, and “The Meaning of Hitler”; the theatrical release of “The Magnificent Meyersons”; and artist Q&As

New York, NY (July 29, 2021) -- The Carole Zabar Center for Film at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan has announced an exciting lineup of in-person rooftop and virtual screenings happening in August, with a diverse mix of sneak previews, film festival favorites, and theatrical releases.

Highlights of August film programming on the JCC’s Meyerson Family Roof Terrace include a sneak preview of “Misha and the Wolves” (Dir. Sam Hobkison) prior to its wide release on Netflix on August 11; a preview screening of “CODA” (Dir. Siân Heder) prior to its wide release on AppleTV+ on August 13; a sneak preview of “The Meaning of Hitler” (Dir. Petra Epperlein and Michael Tucker) prior to its theatrical release on August 13 by IFC Films; an accessible screening of ReelAbilities Film Festival favorite “Not Going Quietly” (Dir. Nicholas Bruckman) as part of its theatrical run; and the theatrical release of “The Magnificent Meyersons” (Dir. Evan Oppenheimer).

These films will include Q&As with the filmmakers and talent, including a virtual panel on August 11 with “CODA” director Siân Heder, Academy Award–winning actress Marlee Matlin, and actor Troy Kotsur.

For the full August film schedule and tickets, please visit mmjccm.org/film.

AUGUST FILM LINEUP AT THE JCC:

Misha and the Wolves
Rooftop Sneak Preview Screening: Tuesday, August 3, 8:15 pm
Dir. Sam Hobkison
(UK/Belgium, 2021, 90 min)

The dramatic tale of a woman whose Holocaust memoir took the world by storm, before a fallout with her publisher-turned-detective revealed an audacious deception created to hide a darker truth. Official selection, Sundance 2021
CODA
Rooftop Preview Screening: Tuesday, August 10, 8:00 pm
Streaming: Tuesday, August 10–Wednesday, August 11
Virtual Q&A with Director Siân Heder and actors Marlee Matlin and Troy Kotsur: Wednesday, August 11, 8:00 pm
Dir. Siân Heder
(US, 2021, 111 min)

Seventeen-year-old Ruby (Emilia Jones) is the sole hearing member of a deaf family – a CODA, child of deaf adults. Her life revolves around acting as interpreter for her parents (Marlee Matlin, Troy Kotsur) and working on the family’s struggling fishing boat every day before school with her father and older brother (Daniel Durant). But when Ruby joins her high school’s choir club, she discovers a gift for singing and soon finds herself drawn to her duet partner Miles (Ferdia Walsh-Peelo). Encouraged by her enthusiastic, tough-love choirmaster (Eugenio Derbez) to apply to a prestigious music school, Ruby finds herself torn between the obligations she feels to her family and the pursuit of her own dreams.

The Meaning of Hitler
Rooftop Sneak Preview Screening: Thursday, August 12, 8:00 pm
Dir. Petra Epperlein and Michael Tucker
(US, 2020, 93 min)

Using the eponymous 1978 bestselling book as its framework, *The Meaning of Hitler* interrogates our culture’s fascination with Hitler and Nazism against the current rise of white supremacy and antisemitism. Shot in nine countries, the film traces Hitler’s rise to power and atrocities, with historians and writers weighing in on the lasting impact of his ideology. With rising fears of authoritarianism and fascism abounding, the film challenges us to come to terms with our history in a time when it is more urgent than ever.

Not Going Quietly
Rooftop Screening: Tuesday, August 17, 8:00 pm
Dir. Nicholas Bruckman
(US, 2021, 96 min)

When activist and new father Ady Barkan is diagnosed with ALS and given four years to live, he finds himself directly impacted by a new legislation proposal jeopardizing essential healthcare programs critical to Ady’s and others’ survival. After a chance confrontation with Senator Jeff Flake goes viral, Ady embarks on a cross-country tour, using his final breaths to fight for healthcare justice to try and create a better world for his newborn son to inherit. Film presented with captions and audio description

The Magnificent Meyersons
Rooftop Theatrical Release: Sunday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 24 at 8:00 pm
Streaming: August 20–26
Dir. Evan Oppenheimer
(US, 2021, 88 min)

It’s a day in New York City just like any other, as the Meyersons deal with the ordinary concerns and petty annoyances that preoccupy all families. The Meyersons’ lives are suddenly upended by dramatic revelations both personal and universal. Conversations about faith, fate, and the meaning of it all comes to a head at a family dinner with an unexpected guest. As memories of
their complicated past collide with a new and uncertain future, the Meyersons must navigate lingering heartbreak and shifting alliances as they are forced to reevaluate everything that they thought was true. Starring Richard Kind, Kate Mulgrew, Lauren Ridloff.

About the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

Together with its community, the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan creates opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn within an ever-changing Jewish landscape. Located on 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the JCC is a vibrant non-profit community center on the Upper West Side. It also presents a robust slate of virtual programming, serving an even wider community. The JCC serves over 55,000 people annually through 1,200 programs each season that educate, inspire, and transform participants’ minds, bodies, and spirits. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the JCC pivoted to meet the community online, exceeding 102,000 registrations to over 3,000 virtual classes and programs. Since its inception, the JCC has been committed to serving the community by offering programs, classes, and events that reach beyond neighborhood boundaries, reaching people at all stages of their lives. Learn more at mmjccm.org.

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