

ReelAbilities

FILM FESTIVAL

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**ReelAbilities Film Festival to launch a new streaming service on July 11,
showcasing films by and about people with disabilities.**

ReelAbilities Stream will be the first streaming platform to offer an expansive collection of celebrated disability-themed films offered with pioneering accessibility features.

New York, New York (July 10, 2023) – Honoring Disability Pride Month and the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ReelAbilities Film Festival is thrilled to announce the highly-anticipated launch of ReelAbilitiesStream.org, a groundbreaking, accessible streaming platform dedicated to films that celebrate and explore the lives and experiences of people with disabilities. This innovative platform will offer a vast collection of films, drawing from the remarkable repertoire showcased at previous editions of the festival. With its official launch on July 11th, ReelAbilitiesStream.org will become the largest online hub for disability-themed films, providing an unparalleled opportunity to appreciate and embrace these powerful stories with full accessibility.

At the core of ReelAbilitiesStream.org's mission is to break down barriers and promote inclusivity. Every film on the platform will be equipped with pioneering accessibility features, including full open captions and audio descriptions. Additional, innovative accessibility features will be rolled out by the end of the year. By ensuring that these films are accessible to all, ReelAbilitiesStream.org aims to amplify the voices of individuals with disabilities and drive attention to disability perspectives. This commitment to accessibility will revolutionize the streaming experience for audiences nationwide, fostering a more inclusive cinematic landscape.

Isaac Zablocki, the Director and Co-Founder of ReelAbilities Film Festival, expressed his enthusiasm for the launch: "Over the past fifteen years, our festival has amassed an incredible collection of films that deserve wider recognition. Unfortunately, many of these exceptional works have not been given the attention they deserve. With ReelAbilitiesStream.org, we are proud to establish the most comprehensive platform, amplifying these voices and providing a well-deserved spotlight for these highly demanded films."

ReelAbilitiesStream.org will feature an array of over 50 captivating films that encapsulate the diverse experiences within the disability community. Some of the highlighted films available on the platform include Tribeca Film Festival's award winning *Keep the Change*, a comedy following a program of young adults on the autistic spectrum, and the Hungarian Academy Award nominated *Kills on Wheels* about wheelchair users who team up with a hitman.

Also featured in the catalog are celebrated short films, including *4 Quarters of Silence*, about a deaf highschool football team; and *Jmaxx and the Universal Language* about an autistic young man who expresses himself through dance.

Streaming is available on a pay-per-view model, with Prices ranging from \$1.99 to \$3.99 per film.

For additional information about ReelAbilities' new streaming site, visit

www.reelabilitiesstream.org

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ABOUT REELABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL: NEW YORK

Founded in 2007 by the [Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan](#), ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York is the largest festival in the country dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories, and artistic expressions of people with disabilities. The weeklong festival is renowned for its wide-ranging international film selection, riveting conversations, and performances, presented annually in dozens of venues across the New York metropolitan area. In 2010, ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York expanded into an international program, presenting its one-of-a-kind programming in cities throughout the United States, Canada, and Central America. For more information, please visit reelabilities.org.