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## **Local Disability Film Festival Spotlights International Shorts for Virtual Events**

AUSTIN, Texas (August 16, 2021) — Cinema Touching Disability, Texas' original cinematic celebration of disability, is back in 2021, with two events this summer and fall!

Aug. 16 - Sept. 15: after the success of Cinema Touching Disability's 2020 virtual Fest offerings, we're proud to announce this year's Lost Reel Short Film Showcase: 10 short films from around the world will be available online for 30 days, plus live filmmaker Q&As.

Both documentary and narrative shorts make up the showcase, including: a Finnish artist's statement about "disrupting purity" (Alternative Way of Being Human), a Deaf skateboarder's discovery of pride in his own identity (Sign at All Times), and a story of a young man with Down Syndrome claiming his independence (Upside).

Full Lost Reel line up and free registration at <https://ctdfilmfest.sparqfest.live>.

Oct. 15 - 16: the 18th annual Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival is scheduled to take place in person, with live streaming for virtual viewing. We're returning to the Alamo Drafthouse Village Theater for two nights of disability film and community. Programming for the Festival is in progress, tickets will be available after the Lost Reel concludes.

All Cinema Touching Disability events are open to the public.

"You don't have to be a person with a disability to enjoy Cinema Touching Disability," said Fest Director William Greer. "These films are highly engaging; some will make you smile; others will provoke thoughts."

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