



Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival

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Disability Film Festival Brings International Shorts Program to The Long Center

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This September, the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is returning for their 22nd annual Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival (CTDFF). CTDFF, which features short films by independent filmmakers, is the largest and longest-running cinematic celebration of disability in Texas. Every year the Festival offers attendees a unique opportunity to support the arts, experience diverse perspectives, and engage with the local disability advocacy community – all in one night!

This year's program has something for everyone, with shorts ranging from goofy buddy comedies to gritty science fiction thrillers. Fall back into first love alongside a Saudi Arabian child with Down Syndrome in "Gum," or explore the inner world of an artist as a genre-blurring landscape of movement, color, and sound in "Dreamscapes."

"I love seeing authentic disability representation at Cinema Touching Disability," says volunteer judge, disability advocate, and Texan filmmaker Maddy Ullman. "The talented filmmakers create beautiful moving stories that highlight disability so well. It brings me so much joy knowing that this film festival exists in Texas."

CTDFF takes place Saturday September 20th at the Rollins Theater at the Long Center in Austin. The evening will feature three short film blocks of 45 minutes each. The second block of films is themed around support systems for people with disabilities such as family, supported living facilities, and personal care attendants. After the second block, Policy Fellow Cole Glosser will be leading a short panel on the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' efforts to raise attendant wages in the last legislative session.

Cinema Touching Disability is open to the public for a sliding scale admission fee. Details, access information, and tickets at www.ctdfilmfest.org.

Cinema Touching Disability is a program of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, whose mission is to ensure that all Texans with disabilities may work, live, learn, play and participate fully in the communities of their choice. The Festival is made possible with major sponsor support from Superior Healthplan.

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