

ReelAbilities

FILM FESTIVAL

HOUSTON



February 15-24, 2022

ReelArt opening February 6

ReelAbilities HOUSTON FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL is a **FREE** citywide event that promotes inclusion and celebrates the lives, stories and talents of people with disabilities, making an impact that lasts far beyond the Festival.

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SCHEDULE OF FILMS & EVENTS

Free admission and parking to all in-person events. Space is limited. All films offer captions and audio-description. All events are in CST. To register for all events and view ReelAbilities' COVID policy, visit ReelAbilitiesHouston.org.

ReelArt

FREE

Opening Reception

February 6, 1:00-4:00 PM

Come meet Celebration Company artists and featured artist Sevy Eicher, an 18-year-old internationally collected artist with Down Syndrome.

Ongoing Exhibit: February 6 – March 25

Sabine Street Studios, 1907 Sabine St.



ReelArt Crawl

February 10, 6:00-9:00 PM

Visit the ReelArt exhibit and view glass works of Bill Meek, enter a free drawing, and enjoy live music, food & drinks.

Meek Studio & Gallery, 1903 Spring St.

Sabine Street Studios, 1907 Sabine St.



Meek Studio & Gallery
Glass Art



Harry Samelson
"Doors Everywhere"



Sevy Eicher
"Crown Cloud"



To view and purchase art online, go to <https://bit.ly/ReelArt2022>

ReelWorkplace

FREE

THU

February 17, 12:00-1:00 PM CST

VIRTUAL EVENT

Meg O'Connell, CEO & Founder, Global Disability Inclusion, and Peter Rutigliano, Managing Director of Data Analytics, Mercer-Sirota, will present their first analysis of new data from a multi-year study of more than 3 million employees. The panel will explore the intersection of gender, race, age and disability as well as preliminary results on the impact of COVID. Enhance your DEI efforts by learning how to engage—and attract—employees with disabilities. For full speaker information and to reserve your space, go to: www.ReelAbilitiesHouston.org.



JOSH BLUE



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ReelPeople: UP Abilities

TUE

Featuring Josh Blue, Christine Ha, and Mike Veny

February 15, 7:00-8:30 PM CST

VIRTUAL EVENT

An Extraordinary Evening with Extraordinary Stories

To purchase tickets for \$10: www.ReelAbilitiesHouston.org

**THE
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EXPERIENCE**



ReelFilms: Conversations & Discussions

FREE VIRTUAL EVENTS

Films should, when possible, be viewed prior to when they will be discussed.

Films will be made available February 16 via the Eventive streaming platform. All events are in CST. Visit www.ReelAbilitiesHouston.org for more details.

February 20

Telos and Keeping the Chaos Together

Telos- A woman who designs a revolutionary probe after a chronic illness prevents her from going to space. **Keeping the Chaos Together** takes an intimate look into the lives of those who live with a mental health struggle, moving the world closer to ending the stigma. Both films are locally produced and directed.

**SUN
7-8 PM**

February 21

We Hear You

We Hear You depicts the stigmas and challenges of living with hearing loss. By shining a light on the hearing loss experience, it strives to build awareness, community and a more inclusive world for all.

**MON
7-8 PM**

February 22

Not Going Quietly

Ady Barkan's life is upended when he is diagnosed with ALS, but a confrontation with a powerful senator catapults him to national fame and ignites a once-in-a-generation political movement.

**TUE
7-8 PM**

February 24

The Feeling Through Experience

While wandering around New York, 18-year-old Tereek encounters Artie, a DeafBlind man trying to get home. It is the first film ever to feature a DeafBlind actor in a lead role.

**THU
7-8 PM**

February 16-24 Additional award winning films available include: Maricamen, The Special, and films highlighting the experiences of individuals with brain trauma and neurological disorders, with film reviews by Dr. Cindy Ivanhoe, Director, Spasticity And Associated Syndromes Of Movement (SPASM) at TIRR Memorial Hermann.



ReelMusic

FREE

WED

February 23, Doors 7:00 PM, Outdoor Concert: 7:30-9:15 PM

Bayou City Event Center Pavillion, 9401 Knight Rd.

Celebrate music's power to connect us, unite us, and lift us up at ReelMusic 2022, which showcases the talents of jazz, rock (and more!) musicians and performers with disabilities.

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please note the following COVID protocols:**

**Presentation of proof of vaccination at check in required.
Masks required throughout the event. Capacity at all venues will be limited.**

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