



~~DIS~~ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY

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SPECIAL SCREENING AT COURAGE TO RISK (CTR)

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE!

FREE ADMISSION, LOCATION: CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE ROOM  
(DOWNSTAIRS, TO THE RIGHT)

6:15–8:15 PM, FRIDAY

FILM FESTIVAL DATES: JANUARY 20, 2023

THE DIS/ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL IS IN ITS' 3RD YEAR AT  
WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY AND WE HAVE CURATED SOME OF OUR  
FAVORITE FILMS TO SCREEN AT CTR! JOIN US!

FESTIVAL DIRECTORS

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# 2023 Special Program

Our mission is to raise awareness of the triumphs within inclusive education. We believe there are issues related to social justice & lack of educational opportunity for students served in special education. We want to explore creative pedagogy that serves students within inclusive classroom environments using film as a launchpad for discussion, advocacy and change in special education.



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**Things to Tell You Before the Tunnel**, Directed by Nacho ROS BERNAL, country of origin, Spain

Lía is 10 years old. She is going to lose her vision. She wears it naturally, because she is a girl. But her father is invaded by fear and she only thinks about what she will lose; he wants to prepare her for when she enters that dark tunnel (15 minutes).

**And They Were Roommates:** A debut senior thesis project by a first-time director, Kylie Walter, a major in Inclusive Elementary & Special Education, this documentary portrays a close bond forged by a mentor, Kylie, and her mentee, Olivia as they navigate the rocky path of colleges life as roommates in an inclusive education experiment (44 Minutes).

**Upside:** Director Jim McMorrow's film (based on a true story) portrays Stephen, a young man with Down Syndrome, wishing to gain independence (17 Minutes).

**Total screening time:**  
**2 hours & 8 minutes**

*Special Thanks* to the film festival advisory!  
George Kamberelis, Alex Van Zandt,  
Kirky Swift, & Chad Reich

**Shut Up**, Directed by Noa Aharoni Maor, country of origin, Israel

Roni (12) is ashamed of her Tourette Syndrome. After acting violently towards a classmate who picks on her, she's suspended from school. She stays home alone and her suffering from the tics, leads her to take an extreme and dangerous act (16 minutes).

**Fraser Syndrome & Me:**

Filmmaker Kyle Anne Grendys, is only the 75th person to be born with the rare, recessive gene disorder called Fraser Syndrome. Having always felt alone in the world, she sets out on a journey to find her community and finally meets others just like her (20 minutes).

**At First Glance:** Directed by Richard O'Connor. From the moment that he came into her office, Colleen knew that Max was a man she could happily stand beside. At StoryCorps, Colleen tells their daughter, Meaghan, about the life that they built together and the obstacles that they overcame (3:42 minutes).

**Signs and Gestures:** Director, Itandehui Jansen, tells a story of a Florist Clara relies on smell, touch and sound. She has recently been chatting with Art student Simon through a dating app. They arrange to meet in person. However, during their first date an unexpected situation arises (12 Minutes).