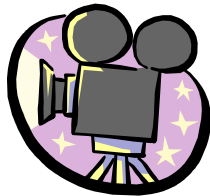


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**Local Mental Health agencies and local Film Festival unite to present**  
**‘Reel Mind Film Series;’**  
**“The Devil and Daniel Johnston” to be shown June 30th**

Kurt Cobain once called Daniel Johnston the greatest living songwriter. In fact, Beck, Wilco, Sonic Youth and Pearl Jam have recorded Johnston’s songs. His drawings and sketches are also exhibited and sold worldwide. Yet, Daniel Johnston has spent most of his life in mental institutions. Daniel’s compelling story is told in “The Devil and Daniel Johnston” to be shown Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Cinema. This award-winning documentary, written and directed by Jeff Feuerzeig, has been hailed as a creative, riveting portrait of a remarkable, bi-polar genius. It is the fourth and final film to be shown during Rochester’s “Reel Mind “Film Series.

The Reel Mind Film Series is a new, collaborative effort among the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Mental Health Association, the Rochester High Falls International Film Festival, Compeer, East House, and the University of Rochester Cluster on Human Values. Series organizers enjoyed a successful kick-off on May 17th, when the Little’s largest theatre was sold out for a showing of “My Mother’s Garden,” a documentary by Cynthia Lester regarding her mother’s hoarding disorder. Series organizers enjoyed a second success on June 2nd, when more than 220 people attended a showing of “Out of the Shadow,” which tells the story of filmmaker Susan Smiley’s mother, Millie, who is schizophrenic. The June 16<sup>th</sup> showing of “Autism the Musical,” also welcomed more than 250 people.

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“It tells us that there is a need for this kind of series, that people are looking for information, understanding and discussion on mental health issues,” said Herb Katz, who co-chairs the series along with psychiatrist Lawrence Guttmacher. “The Devil and Daniel Johnston,” like all four films, will be followed by a discussion with local health care professionals.

Tickets to the films are \$8, and are available by visiting or calling the Mental Health Association at (585) 325-3145. Group tickets are also available at discounted rates.

The Reel Mind Film Series is sponsored by Marcia and Gary Stern, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Mental Health Association, the Rochester High Falls International Film Festival, Compeer, DePaul Community Services, Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, East House, Rochester Rehabilitation Center and the University of Rochester Cluster on Human Values.

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