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Two-Day Film & Dance Festival Coming to Hurleyville

Hurleyville, NY — Bodies come in all shapes, sizes and abilities, yet many are underrepresented on the stage and screen.

If you are looking for a more meaningful film and performance experience, please join us at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Oct. 13 & 14 for an inclusive dance and film event, “ON DISPLAY with A Taste of ReelAbilities,” sponsored by the Human Rights Commission of Sullivan County.

The Hurleyville Arts Centre, Heidi Latsky Dance and ReelAbilities share a vision to raise the consciousness of the community about people with disabilities and our shared humanity, as well as to provide outstanding films and performances here in Sullivan County. The two-day event will feature four films and 19 performers, who will fill the stage and screen with innovative art, miraculous transformations, impossible accomplishments, hidden beauty, and rekindled loves.

The festival will open on Friday night, with film screenings and discussions at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Heidi Latsky Dance Company will perform Saturday at 6 p.m.

Friday screenings will feature the animated short “Macropolis,” directed by Joel Simon, and the documentary “Enter the Faun,” about an unlikely collaboration between a veteran choreographer and a young actor with cerebral palsy. On Saturday, ReelAbilities will showcase the short “Bumblebees,” directed by Janna Kanell, and feature “Shooting Beauty,” George Kachadorian’s documentary about a fashion photographer who discovers a hidden world of beauty at a center for people living with significant disabilities. All screenings include post-show discussions with festival artists.

Prior to the Saturday night show, Heidi Latsky Dance will present a one-woman fashion show in the lobby of the Arts Centre that will feature Jubil Khan wearing the “ON DISPLAY” related fashion collection of Timothy Westbrook.

A festival pass is \$35 for all events, including a Meet the Artists reception Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m. Single-day film passes can be purchased for \$12, and admittance to only the Saturday Heidi Latsky Dance performance is \$20. All proceeds from ticket sales will cover the costs of the production.

ReelAbilities is the United States' largest film festival dedicated to showcasing films by or about people with disabilities. Heidi Latsky Dance is committed to redefining beauty and virtuosity through performance, discourse, and education, using performers with unique attributes to bring rigorous, passionate, and provocative contemporary dance to diverse audiences.

Hurleyville Arts Centre is wheelchair-accessible, and individuals who need any other accommodations are encouraged to contact the Centre at least two weeks before the festival (845-707-8047). We strive for inclusion of all people. ASL interpretation, Audio Description, and information in Braille are available upon advance request. All films are captioned.

The new Hurleyville Arts Centre, featuring a theater, ballroom and dance studio space, is located at 219 Main Street in downtown Hurleyville. For the Festival Schedule and to buy tickets, visit hurleyvilleartscentre.org or call OvationTix customer service toll-free at 866-811-4111.

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