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**TICKET INFORMATION**  
 Admission to individual films is \$10 for Adults. Tickets for Opening Night (Sat., Nov. 3) are \$25. Festival passes can be purchased for \$75, and include entrance to Opening Night. Discounted tickets and passes are available for seniors, students, veterans, and groups over 20. Tickets are available online at [columbus.reelabilities.org](http://columbus.reelabilities.org). To purchase tickets by phone contact VSA Ohio directly at 614.241.5325.

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VSA Ohio Presents THE FIRST ANNUAL  
**REELABILITIES**  
 COLUMBUS DISABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL

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# 2012

## SCHEDULE

### AT A GLANCE

SAT, NOV. 3

**OPENING NIGHT  
WARRIOR  
CHAMPIONS**  
6:00PM



SUN, NOV. 4

**SHAMELESS: THE  
ART OF DISABILITY**  
12:00PM  
**BEN X**  
7:00PM



MON, NOV. 5

**AMONG THE  
GIANTS**  
shown with  
**CROOKED BEAUTY**  
7:00PM



TUE, NOV. 6

**WHITE BALANCE**  
10:30AM  
**MY SPECTACULAR  
THEATER**  
7:00PM



WED, NOV. 7

**PRAYING WITH  
LIOR**  
12:00PM  
**SPECIAL PEOPLE**  
7:00PM



## ACCESSIBILITY

ReelAbilities strives for inclusion of all people. All films are captioned or subtitled and include live or recorded audio description. All venues are wheelchair accessible. Individuals needing other accommodations to participate should contact VSA Ohio directly at 614.241.5325 by Friday, October 26.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

All films include free cultural components and are followed by a panel discussion.

Events requiring registration include:

- Adaptive Art Materials workshop, Nov. 5
- Free student screening of *White Balance*, Nov. 6
- Stop-Motion Animation Film workshop led by Itty Bitty Studios, Nov. 7

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### Shameless: The Art of Disability

Documentary / Canada / 2006 / 76 minutes

Director Bonnie Klein gathers a motley crew of artists with diverse disabilities for a pajama party. A comedian, poet, dancer, and others take a subversive look at Hollywood stereotypes of people with disabilities. Together embark on a mission to create their own images of disability.



### White Balance

Drama / Israel / 2003 / 45 minutes

Twelve-year-old Itamar has a deep passion for ice skating, but he is slowly losing his hearing and balance, forcing him away from his dream. He refuses to accept his doctor's orders and his parents' wish that he stay away from the ice rink. Natalie, his new partner, a wild and disobedient girl, decides to help him. Together they grow within a complicated world of adolescence.



### Ben X

Drama / Belgium / 2007 / 93 minutes



Ben lives in a universe unto itself. He hides from his harsh reality of school, being bullied, and awkward social interactions by escaping into his favorite online computer game, Arothlord, where he is safe, strong, and in control of his surroundings. In this remarkable drama, Ben devises a plan to leave reality and become the hero he dreams of being.

### My Spectacular Theater

Drama / China / 2010 / 120 minutes



Chen Yu, a hawker of pirated DVDs, finds refuge and employment in a Beijing movie theater for the blind. As his relationship to the blind community deepens, he finds love, acceptance, and heartbreak in this beautifully-shot ode to the power of cinema.

## OPENING NIGHT

Featuring:

### Keynote Address

Dr. Brenda Brueggemann, Professor and Vice Chair of the Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy Program at The Ohio State University

Performances by Steven Yee, pianist

### Warrior Champions

Documentary / China, USA / 80 min  
Four Iraq War veterans turn the nightmares of war into Olympic dreams. After losing limbs and suffering paralysis fighting for their country in Iraq, they have set out to do what many thought impossible... but will they make the cut?

Panel discussion followed by reception for all attendees

\*Individual tickets for this event are \$25, or included in your festival pass purchase

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### Among the Giants

Documentary / USA / 2009 / 23 minutes

The Adaptive Design Association, a nonprofit organization located in New York City, builds customized equipment for kids and adults with disabilities, mainly using cardboard. The film portrays the organization's mission through the compelling stories of two fascinating individuals, causing viewers to question what it means to solve problems, be creative, and impact the community.



### Crooked Beauty

Documentary / USA / 2010 / 30 minutes



A visually stunning account of artist-activist Jacks Ashley McNamara's transformative journey from troubled childhood to psych ward patient to pioneering mental health advocate. This poetic tale reshapes mental health stigmas while re-approaching madness as a tool for creativity, inspiration, and hope.

### Praying with Lior

Documentary / USA / 2008 / 87 minutes

Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. As his Bar Mitzvah approaches, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to God?



### Special People

Comedy / UK / 2007 / 80 minutes

Enlisted to teach a class of teenagers in wheelchairs about filmmaking, the neurotic Jasper is met with a snappy attitude from the streetwise adolescents. This witty comedy questions condescending outreach projects, self-defeating attitudes, and the vacuity of the film business-- all with a healthy helping of self-parody.