

Catalog of Available Sprout Films

3:15 to Brunswick

3 Min / Narrative / 2012 / Australia

This whimsical short film captures a romantic moment of connection between two people waiting for a train that never arrives.

46/47

8:10 / Narrative / Germany (Down syndrome)

Daniel is different. He's missing something. He only has 46 chromosomes where 47 should be. 46/47 shows the world "from the other side". Everyone has Down syndrome. Those with only 46 chromosomes are considered handicapped. Those like Daniel. He is always immediately seen but rarely recognized. He finds himself confronted with prejudice on a daily basis. He is perceived as somehow "different", usually not as an equal part of society. Even his self-image is shaped by his "being different".

A Dose for Dominic

7 Min / Documentary / 2013 / USA (autism)

After struggling with many treatment options, a family in Seattle decides to give their five-year old son, Dominic, medical cannabis to lessen the violent effects brought on by his autism.

A Good Life Too

4 Min / Documentary / 2013 / USA (TBI)

When he was a toddler, Alonzo Clemons suffered a brain injury. It forever changed the way he learns and communicates but also the way he interprets the world around him. Very early it became clear to Alonzo that he had to sculpt.

A Life with Aspergers

4 Min / Animation / USA (Asperger's)

A Life with Asperger's is a beautifully animated Documentary that explores the challenges of growing up and living with Asperger's Syndrome. It is a voice over narrative that demonstrates that Asperger's is not simply "being a little awkward", rather it is about adapting to one's limitations in the face of anxiety and isolation. The technique is a collage of photography, rotoscope, animated characters and live action footage.

About Brothers

4 Min / Finland (Down syndrome)

'About Brothers' is a music video for the band, Delay Treesby, starring and featuring the artwork of director Teemu Erämaa's brother, Tomi.

Against These Walls

4 Min / USA (Down syndrome)

The title track from hip hop artist Cam Lasley's latest album, 'Against These Walls'. Doctors and physical therapists weren't sure what to tell Marcy and Tom Lasley when their second child came into the world 27 years ago. Cameron Lasley was born in 1982 with Down syndrome, and in those first days, pediatricians didn't know whether he would walk or talk or do anything other kids do. These days, Cam

Lasley does more than walk and talk. He is a talented rapper who has released a number of albums and continues to create music that speaks of his personal journey.

Be My Brother

8 Min / Australia (Down syndrome)

A young man's charm and charisma challenges the prejudices of a stranger at a bus stop.

Be My Brother stars aspiring actor Gerard O'Dwyer as Richard, a young man with Down syndrome. His acting practice while waiting for the bus is meant to entertain himself and ultimately the others at the bus stop. When he impacts on the stranger's world, he also impacts on the heart and mind of someone else close by. Be My Brother won the top prize in Australia's TropFest Film Festival in 2009.

Beautiful

17 Min / Narrative / 2010 / Australia (I/DD)

Two people with disabilities navigate through the challenges they're faced with when their relationship is displayed in public. Made in Canberra by a crew of people which included individuals with disabilities.

Between Sasquatch & Superman

10 Min / USA (Down syndrome)

Clark, a young man with Down syndrome, seeks to understand his own difference through his obsessive fascination with Sasquatch and Superman. This short Documentary explores the 'difference' of Down syndrome. When Clark Kerns was born twenty-five years before the film was made, the doctor told his parents that the baby could be institutionalized, and they would never have to see him again. Through interviews, the film explores this young man's fascination with two eternal outsiders, Sasquatch and Superman. Ultimately, this film is a celebration of the difference that Clark seeks to understand through his narrative obsessions.

Breaking Boundaries

18 Min / Documentary / USA (autism)

The story of an extraordinary artist who has created a significant body of work despite a disability that inhibits what most might consider "normal" human interaction. A young adult with severe autism, Alex is functionally non-verbal and makes what we in the verbal world call art.

Bumblebees

3:56 / Narrative / USA (Autism, CP, Epilepsy)

Despite being told as a child he would never speak or walk, Vance accomplished what doctors thought was impossible. But now he has a new challenge: dating. The film stars Jenna's younger brother, 19 year old Vance Kanell, who as a child was diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, and epilepsy, as he ventures out on his first date.

By Any Other Name

15 Min / USA (Down syndrome)

One day the monotony of Jared's life is up-ended when he meets his pretty new co-worker Marissa. Before they know it, they develop a close friendship, one unlike either of them, ever experienced before. Peter ten Brink, an aspiring actor with Down syndrome, stars as Jared.

Bye

10 Min / USA (autism)

Follow Jayden, a two and half year old diagnosed with autism, through his first months of school in the Bronx. Filmmaker Anthony Morrison's statement: I spent two months filming Jayden, at home with his parents, Anne and Benny, and at school with his teachers. As I immersed myself in Jayden's world, my crew and I were able to document the seemingly small challenges and successes of Jayden's daily life as a recently diagnosed toddler. We saw adults working intensely with him toward basic milestones — responding to his name, making eye contact, pointing at objects he wanted, learning to say the word "bye" — and we came to identify with Jayden at the same time. The resulting footage provided the raw material for many suspenseful and compelling scenes and a natural narrative arc. In letting go of my original "big picture" goals and letting the storyteller in me win out, I ended up making a film that drives my message home better than I could have imagined.

Check Out

10 Min / USA (I/DD)

Kelly and Allison are two 20-something grocery store employees who find out that the best friendships blossom when they are most needed.

Coaching Colburn

16 Min / Documentary / USA (Autism)

James Colburn was born with Fragile X Syndrome. At 26, he is a child at heart who finds joy in the smallest things and uses his gift of comedic timing to inspire those around him. Even though James' disability is serious, it is impossible not to laugh around him. He has impeccable comedic timing, often without meaning it, and those who love him have learned it is okay to laugh at the things James says and does. It is unfortunate such a bright mind is hidden beneath this syndrome, but his family has decided to embrace the situation and be grateful for who James is, not who he could have been.

Drona & Me

19 Min / Netherlands - with English subtitles (autism)

Drona & Me is a portrait of an autistic Hindu boy, Drona, as seen through the eyes of Arjun, his elder brother. A lovingly double-portrait of two brothers. Drona & me director Catherine van Campen has won the award for the best script at the Kids & Docs project, organized by the Dutch Cultural Broadcasting Fund, IDFA and Cinekid.

Finding Fred

10 Min / Documentary / USA (I/DD)

Finding Fred shows the development of love, admiration and enormous devotion between two brothers once separated by the Willowbrook State School, an institution for "children with mental retardation." The filmmaker gently guides a discussion about the past, present, and future, showing that with support, everyone can learn. This is a love story of brothers reunited.

Freefall

4:32 / Documentary / UK

Lovely, simple, and compelling, this film highlights the work of a dance company consisting of people with intellectual disabilities. The only company in the UK that is comprised of performers with learning disabilities. The dancers' unique imaginations allow choreographers and filmmakers to explore new creative possibilities.

Hannah

5 ½ Min / International (Down syndrome)

This film explores the playful ambition of Hannah, a young dancer and athlete with a disability. Her personal achievements reveal that disability is no barrier to creativity.

Hold Me Down

1.5 Min / Poetic Short / 2011 / USA

Poetry by Cam Lasley & Jack Gibson, performed by Marlon Foster. This is one in series of 13 short videos featuring poetry written by poets with developmental disabilities. Each poem is recited and performed by young adults with developmental disabilities.

How's Your News?

27 Min / Documentary / USA

The world famous "How's Your News?" crew are at it again with their insightful and, often times, hilarious coverage of the 2004 Presidential campaign. A team of six reporters with mental and physical disabilities attends both the Democratic and Republican conventions during the 2004 presidential campaign. They conduct refreshingly candid, unscripted, and often funny interviews with attendees such as Hilary Clinton, John McCain, Howard Dean, Ben Affleck, Peter Jennings, Andre 3000 and many more. (Hilarious, but getting a bit dated for younger audiences who may not recognize people in the film)

I Can't Sit Still and Concentrate

2 Min / Poetic Short / USA (I/DD)

Poetry by Jennifer Fan, performed by Nadirah McFadden. This is one in series of 13 short videos featuring poetry written by poets with developmental disabilities. Each poem is recited and performed by young adults with developmental disabilities.

I Go Down

5 min / Finland (autism)

A music video about the ability of a musician not the disability of a man with autism.

I Love Grilled Cheese

4 min / Documentary/ 2013 / USA

Libby provides some insight about the joys of living with her best friend, and big brother, Max, who has Down syndrome. This video was created as part of the 2013 National Down Syndrome Awareness Week.

Jimmy

2:00 / Music video with Radiohead song / Brazil (Down syndrome)

Two kids on a merry-go-round, one is "normal", the other has Down syndrome. As you get to know their daily activities, you conclude the obvious, but the ending is a significant surprise. "Carlinhos", as it became known in Brazil in the 90's, was created by an advertising agency, and used the song "Fake Plastic Trees" from the British band Radiohead, who donated their song for the video.

Karate Ruler

14 Min / Narrative / 1999 / USA

The year is 3168 and planet Earth is being threatened by the evil Natas, from planet Olvidan. Hope for a peaceful future lies in the hands of the Karate Ruler. All actors in this sci-fi thriller have developmental disabilities. This video was shot in one day using people with developmental disabilities for all the acting

roles and narration. The screenplay is based on a short story written by Jon Nova, a person with developmental disabilities who also stars in the title role.

Lou Je M'Appel

5 min. / Music video / 2012 / Belgium (SOD Syndrome)

Lou is a young boy with SOD Syndrome who has an incredible musical ability. Lou sings and plays the piano, and tells us the story of his life, his enjoyments and his difficulties.

Love and Independence in East Providence

10 Min / Documentary / USA (I/DD)

Lori Sousa knew Peter Maxmean was her soul mate when they first met, and now they are showing how people with intellectual disabilities can live, work and thrive in a community. The New York Times columnist Dan Barry and video journalist Kassie Bracken continue to put a spotlight on the rights and stories of American workers with intellectual disabilities with Love and Independence in East Providence. The short Documentary introduces Lori Sousa and Peter Maxmean, a Rhode Island couple about to get married. Lori knew Peter was her soul mate when they first met, and now they are showing how people with intellectual disabilities can live, work and thrive in a community.

Married Life

1 Min / USA (I/DD)

Written by Enrichment Center poet, Tawanda Renee Shore. Performed by Samantha Moore.

This is one in series of 13 short videos featuring poetry written by poets with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Twister

5 Min / Documentary / 2013 / USA

Brian Tolley is a teen with autism who used to be withdrawn and nearly nonverbal. So much changed for him once he inadvertently discovered his own form of art therapy. Brian now indulges his imagination by creating characters, sculptures, and creatures from twist-ties. Yep – the ones you find in the produce aisle at your grocery store.

My Love Legacy

1 ½ Min / USA (I/DD)

Features the poetry of Frank Doherty and the performances of 5 young adults with developmental disabilities. This is one in series of 13 short videos featuring poetry written by poets with developmental disabilities. Each poem is recited and performed by young adults with developmental disabilities.

No Goodbyes

3 Min / Music Video / 2013 / Australia

'No Goodbyes' is a music video from one of Australia's most unique rock acts. The catchy-as-all-get-up verses and power-hitting choruses, makes this little tune larger than life and will see Rudely Interrupted make their mark on the worlds musical landscape. Lead singer, Rory Burnside: "...My quest for love would lead to me waking up one morning with a set of lyrics in my head. Within 10 minutes, these lyrics became vital to my quest and immediately developed into a melody and song idea, which I later titled" "No Goodbyes." "When I finally meet someone, someday soon I hope, it will all come to the fore! And I will sing her this song."

One Question

7 ½ Min / USA (I/DD)

35 people with developmental disabilities answer the same one question: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would you change? The production crew for this film included eight people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The film was shot over 5 days as part of Sprout's Make-A-Movie Program.

S#!T People Say

3 Min / Narrative / 2013 / USA (autism)

If you are on the autism spectrum, have a service dog, or both you can probably relate to a lot of these. All these things have either been said to the filmmaker or friends of his.

Snack & Drink

4 Min / USA (autism)

An animation starring Ryan Power, a teenager with autism living in Austin, Texas, which documents his trip to the local store for a snack and drink. Ryan is a particularly appropriate subject for our animation technique. The dreamlike and fractured nature of our images match the subject matter of his dialog very well. Ryan is a remarkable and engaging kid--we feel fortunate to have met and been able to film him. His mother initially invited us to do the interview--she told us that her son was autistic and obsessed with cartoon animation. It was her feeling that seeing himself animated would have a profound effect on him.

The Girl With the Tuba

5 min / Documentary / 2010 / USA (autism)

A young woman with autism details how playing a tuba in the streets of Atlanta has helped her define her voice as an activist.

The Interviewer

13 Min / Narrative / 2012 / Australia (Down syndrome)

Thomas Howell gets more than he bargained for in his interview at a prestigious law firm; an insult about his tie, a rendition of Harry Potter and the chance to change the lives of a father and son.

The Ups of Downs

10 Min / Documentary / 2002 / UK (Down syndrome)

Despite being born with Down syndrome, Danny lives life to the fullest. This short film shows how independent and informed a young man with Danny's condition can be.

Travel with My Brother

16 Min / Documentary / Canada (autism)

This live-action/animated Documentary explores the relationship between Vas, a high-functioning autistic man, and his older sister Christine. Through a series of interconnected conversations on love, family, humor, art, desire and destiny, the film unearths Vas' unique perception of the world and how he copes with the "realities" within and outside of him. At the heart of the story is a sister's attempt to crack the enigma that is her brother as she forges a way for their shared future.