



FOCUS FILM FESTIVAL



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Paradise, CA

Tuesday October 20: Sierra Nevada Big Room

7:00 PM WHERE'S MOLLY? (72 minutes + QA) Where's Molly? Since he was 6-years-old Jeff Daly kept asking that question. When his sister Molly was not yet 3 years old, she was taken from their "perfect" home, never to return. Now, 47 years later, Jeff finally learns the truth to the family secret that kept him from his sister in a reunion that will warm your heart.

Special Guests: Director/Cinematographer Jeff Daly and Producer Cindy Daly

Wednesday October 21: Bell Memorial Auditorium

10:00 AM CROSSING TAHOE: A SWIMMER'S DREAM (44 minutes + QA) On a frosty morning in 2007, Karen Gaffney, a woman with Down syndrome, plunged into the dark waters of Lake Tahoe. Her ambitious goal: to join the few swimmers who've crossed the width of the lake. **Special Guests: Writer/Director Will Schermerhorn and Star Karen Gaffney**

11:30 AM STRONG LOVE AND CREATING ROOM IN GOD'S HOUSE (56/8 minutes) What happens when world-class weightlifter Jon Shapiro and his childhood sweetheart Holly James, both born with Down syndrome, decide to marry? Their challenges, their triumphs, and their complex relationships with family and friends are at the heart of this inspiring film.

1:30 PM LIVING WITH FRAGILE X (64 minutes + QA) Who decides what's normal? Because an individual is different than you and me, should he or she be "fixed?" Living with Fragile X takes a rare and intimate look at the lives of several families who live with a member affected by fragile X syndrome. **Special Guest: Director/Editor Greg Mishey and National Fragile X Foundation Executive Director, Robert Miller**

3:30 PM THE SECOND ANNUAL FILMMAKERS' COMPETITION AND AWARDS CEREMONY Join us for the Short Film Competition: we're screening the six winning entries including Best of Festival, Best of Category (Drama, Documentary, and Experimental), and Spirit of the Festival. YOU choose the Audience Award! Filmmakers' reception immediately following.

7:00 PM UNDER OUR SKIN (103 minutes + QA) A gripping tale of microbes, medicine & money this eye-opening film investigates the tick-borne ailment Lyme disease, an emerging epidemic larger than AIDS. Each year thousands go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. **SPECIAL GUESTS: Producer/Director/Cinematographer Andy Abrahams Wilson, and Editor Eva Ilona Brzeski**

Purchase tickets at the door: \$5.00 per show/ \$15 event pass for both days.
For general information: 222-4791 or www.farnorthernrc.org/focusfilmfestival