

6th Annual Festival
and Short Film Competition!

FOCUS FILM FESTIVAL

exploring the complexities of the human experience



Opening Night: Wednesday October 13, Sierra Nevada Big Room

Photo by Christopher Yoelker



7:00 PM SEE WHAT I'M SAYING: THE DEAF ENTERTAINERS DOCUMENTARY

90 minutes + QA (open captions and sign interpreters)

What is it like to be a deaf performer in a hearing world? Follow the journeys of four extraordinary entertainers through a single year as their stories intertwine and culminate in some of the largest events of their lives. **Meet Special Guests: Director Hilari Scarl and Stars CJ Jones and TL Forsberg**

Thursday October 14: Bell Memorial Union Auditorium

Photo by Sharon DeMeyer



9:45 AM DJEMBE KAN

30 min + Music By Prudence
The day starts with drumming by Djembe Kan, a Chico based group that plays the rhythms of West Africa. Combining the Djembe and Dun Dun drums, Djembe Kan brings the rhythms and sounds of Africa to you.



Photo by Errol Webber



10:15 AM MUSIC BY PRUDENCE

33 min + QA (audio described)
A documentary that traces the path of Prudence and her remarkable transcendence from a world of hatred and superstition into one of music, love and possibility. **Meet Special Guest: Academy Award Winning Director Roger Ross Williams**



11:30 AM LOOK TO THE GROUND

6 min + QA + Noble Heights (audio described)
The story of Bobby McMullen, a blind extreme sport competitor and serious adrenaline junkie who competes alongside fully able mountain bike racers. **Meet Special Guest: Racing Legend Bobby McMullen**



11:50 AM NOBLE HEIGHTS

27 min + QA
Nick Cunningham's vision becomes a reality when he helps his friend hike to the top of Clouds Rest, a summit overlooking Half Dome & Yosemite Valley. **Meet Special Guests: Austin Taylor and Nick Cunningham**



1:30 PM SHOOTING BEAUTY

62 min + informal discussion
The story of a photographer who teaches people with disabilities how to use a camera. They must overcome a skeptical public to bring their unique work and perspective to light. **Meet Special Guest: FNRC Executive Director, Laura Larson**

Artwork by Jonathan Lerman



3:15 PM PORTRAITS OF EMOTION

56 min
Jonathan Lerman, an artistic prodigy who is diagnosed with autism, is capable of drawing astonishing portraits that capture the nuances of human emotion, but he is unable to verbally communicate his feelings.



4:30 SHORT FILM COMPETITION

90 min + Reception
Join us for the 3rd Annual Short Film Competition and Reception. We're screening the four winning entries. YOU choose the Audience Award! Meet the winning directors at a reception following the screening. **Host: Jason Cassidy**

Photo by Mark Hogancamp



7:00 PM MARWENCOL

83 min
Mark Hogancamp's stunningly realistic photos are discovered and published in an art magazine forcing him to make a choice between the safety of his fictional town and the real world he's trying to avoid.

All tickets \$5.00. Day Pass (Thursday only) \$15. Buy tickets at Little Red Hen Garden Center and Gift Stores or at the door. For general information: (530) 221-9530 or www.farnorthernrc.org/focusfilmfestival