



WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Now that we are reaching the end of another exciting year, it is time to reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for, the individuals and organizations who have worked tirelessly to help make sure our message is heard around the globe. Join us in celebrating our successes and your own this holiday season.

DIANA & KATHY: BODY & SOUL CONFERENCE SCREENINGS

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy, the new film following the lives of two disability rights activists, Diana Braun and Kathy Conour, has been traveling the country with Diana and Kathy. They are grateful that they are well enough to travel with the film to share their story and their life-long dream with others.



If you would like to screen *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* at your conference, please contact us at info@welcomechange.org.

- **Pennsylvania, PEC (Pittsburgh Employment Conference)** - Diana and Kathy sponsored by the Prentke Romich Company. We are grateful for Bruce Baker's assistance.
- **Pennsylvania, Building Bridges Conference** - the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Thank you, Janet Neidig (P4A), Jackie Boxter (P4A), Nancy Orłowski (P4A), and Patty Clark (Department of Aging).
- **Maine, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** - Thank you, Alison LePage, for the excellent assistance in planning the trip.
- **Louisiana, Louisiana Disability Summit** - Hosted by The Power of Three: Partnerships for Better Community Living. Kudos, Ronnie Jo Price, Doanie Doucet and Lori Latigue.
- **Chicago, Victory Gardens Theater Screening** - Diana and Kathy attended thanks to Dennis Zacek, Mike Ervin, and Susan Nussbaum's van and driver.
- **Seattle, TASH Conference** - TASH Images in the Media Award for *Body & Soul*, (shared with *Including Samuel*). We are grateful for Diana and Kathy's sponsor, the Prentke Romich Company, and for the excellent assistance of Barbara Trader and Mary Staley at TASH, and Katie Tolan at the Seattle Sheraton.
- **Springfield Benefit** - The benefit raised money for three local charities. We celebrate Brenda Yarnell (UCP: Land of Lincoln), Pete Roberts (SCIL), Rene Fein (UCP: Land of Lincoln), Gary Plummer (Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce), Carlissa Puckett (SPARC), Rochelle Arjmand, Dean Williams, and Lesley Cooper (SPARC).



A wonderful article about the Springfield Benefit and screening of *Body & Soul* was written by Amanda Reavy at the State Journal Register and included the following quote from Ann Ford, a Springfield local who has known Diana and Kathy for years.

"It shows Kathy and Diana in everyday life, and I think very often the general public does not think about us in that way. They don't stop to think that we have homes, that we have bills to pay and that we have sometimes trouble balancing our checkbook ..." said Ford, who also is disabled. "I think that's part of what is going to help tear down some of the barriers that exist to help people who don't know anything about disability to understand why we don't want institutions."

Coming Up: San Diego, California! - January 22, but not open to the public. Diana and Kathy will be traveling to San Diego for a screening of *Body & Soul* at the Cinema Society of San Diego's prestigious "Evening of Award Winning Short Films". We are grateful for Andy Friedenbergs' help in coordinating the upcoming screening and trip!

BODY & SOUL AWARDS

AAIDD Media Award, TASH Images in the Media Award (with *Including Samuel*), Crystal Heart Award from the Heartland Truly Moving Pictures Film Festival, and nominated for an IDA Award by the International Documentary Association.

We are also grateful for the individuals who helped us to arrange our Academy Award qualifying screenings earlier this year.

- Matthew Curtis at the Enzian Theater (Maitland, FL)
- Chris Sanew as the Gene Siskel Film Center (Chicago, IL)
- Brian Ackerman at the Jacob Burns Film Center (Pleasantville, NY)
- Bob Russell at The Little Theatre (Rochester, NY)
- Keith Pickard at the Spectrum8 Theater (Albany, NY)

These screenings were definitely a success, as *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* is currently short-listed for an Academy Award nomination for short documentary. We will find out on January 22nd if the film has been officially nominated! The Academy Awards ceremony takes place on Sunday, February 24th, 2008.



BODY & SOUL AT FILM FESTIVALS

Recent festival appearances include the Mill Valley Film Festival, Heartland Truly Moving Pictures Film Festival,

Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, and the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival.

Coming Soon: Palm Springs International Film Festival - open to the public

January 4th, 2008 at 10:00 am
and January 5th, 2008 at 4:30 pm

For more information about the festival, visit the official site at: <http://www.psfilmfest.org>

BODY & SOUL ON DVD

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will be available on DVD at the end of January, 2008! You can preorder your copy now by emailing info@welcomechange.org. If you need an advanced copy of the film before the official release (movie only, no special features), you can purchase the film now, to be replaced later by the official release.

PRICES:

- \$25 plus \$5 shipping for home video.
- \$100 for small nonprofit organizations with a budget of less than \$250,000.
- \$200 for large nonprofit organizations and universities.

An online order form for *Body & Soul* will soon be available on the website, so keep checking in for updates.



UPDATE ON THE COLLECTOR OF BEDFORD STREET - LARRY SELMAN



Larry Selman (The Collector) has had his ups and downs recently. He has been in and out of the hospital and is currently in to a wheelchair since suffering a stroke. We are very grateful for John K. Hoffman's ideas to help Larry with his physical therapy and his gift, a gate belt to help Larry get in and out of his wheelchair.

Larry is still on the move! He was able to go on vacation to visit Sally Dill's sister Mary and her husband in Missouri where he enjoyed the opportunity to visit the countryside.

Trip to Indianapolis - In early November, Larry traveled to Indiana for a screening at the Arthur M Glick JCC in Indianapolis. We are grateful for Naomi Tropp and Cassandra Pixey's help in organizing this trip. While in Indianapolis, there was also a screening at the Kiwanis International headquarters where Larry enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with Kiwanis members. We are grateful for Dick Peterson's help in organizing the screening.

Collecting - Recently, Larry collected \$1,600 for the children of the firefighters killed in the fire at the Deutsche Bank Building at the World Trade Center site. Thank you to all who contributed. His next project will be to raise money for The American Cancer Society in memory of Uncle Murray.

Join Us - Larry still enjoys meeting people and going out to eat, so think of him if you visit NYC, say hello, and be sure to give a little to his next collection!

Giving Back - If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to Larry's Supplemental Needs Trust Fund you may do so by sending a check or money order to:

The Bedford Barrow Commerce Block Association
c/o Bill LaValle
81 Barrow Street
New York, NY 10014.



Please contact info@welcomechange.org for more information.

THE COLLECTOR ON SALE!

The Collector on Home Video

Home Video copies of *The Collector of Bedford Street* on VHS and DVD are now available for \$24.99 plus \$5.00 shipping. You can order your home video copy of *The Collector* here:

<http://thecollectorofbedfordstreet.com/theater/personal.html>

Holiday Discount for Institutional copies of The Collector!

From now until the end of January, institutional copies for large or small non-profits of *The Collector of Bedford Street* are available at a 25% discount! You can take advantage of this discount by following this link:

<http://www.newday.com/films/CollectorofBedfordSt.html?code=6DNNFV>

Be sure to enter the discount code: **6DNNFV** when making your purchase. This code is only valid until the end of January!

THE COLLECTOR ON THE WEB

The Collector of Bedford Street will soon be available to stream online as part of a new service provided by New Day Films. We are very grateful to be able to provide you with a new way of experiencing Larry's story! When it is ready, the site will be <http://newdaydigital.com>.

- To stream *The Collector* online, there is a \$4.99 fee per stream if you do not already own the film.
- If you already own the film, you can stream *The Collector* for \$2.99. You must contact us at info@welcomechange.org to get the 40% discount code.

In the meantime, you can watch the trailer for *The Collector of Bedford Street* on YouTube by following this link:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=BiCz9PFYnQM>

UPDATE ON OUR OTHER FILMS

We are very thankful for our other projects that are in production right now.

- **Miracle on 42nd Street:** is the new documentary in the making, telling the story of how Manhattan Plaza helped to transform New York's west side. We are grateful to be working with Mary Jo Slater, Nancy Perkins, and Lisa Shreve.
- **Two Weddings and a Future:** We are grateful to continue working with Carrie and Sujeet Desai as they move forward in their married life.
- **Everybody Eats:** We are grateful to be working with Denise Cerreta, founder of the One World Café in Salt Lake City, Utah, where customers choose their own portions and their own prices.



And of course, we are grateful for Simone Pero, co-producer of *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* for her hard work and dedication to the film, as well as Rose Rosenblatt, the editor of *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy*.

We hope that you have the chance to be grateful for all of the things you have in your life. BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

Alice Elliott & Welcome Change Productions

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