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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH!
Scroll down to check out ways YOU can honor and celebrate people with disabilities this month!

Where in the world are Alice and Diana off to next?

You guessed it.

UZBEKISTAN!

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy has been invited through the American Documentary Showcase and the University Film and Video Association to screen for a week in Uzbekistan!

Five Fun Facts About Uzbekistan:
1. Uzbekistan is the fourth largest producer of cotton-fiber in the world.
2. Uzbek is the official state language, but Russian is used in much day-to-day official and international communication.
4. Al-Khwarizmi, who introduced the use of Arabic numbers and founded algebra, was born in Uzbekistan.
5. The highest point in Uzbekistan is Adelunga Toghi (4,301 m).

Alice Elliott will be going, courtesy of the U.S. State Department, but we want to bring the film's surviving subject, Diana Braun, to make a short follow up video. Diana will be speaking and showing people in Uzbekistan how a person with Down syndrome can be a fully integrated, contributing member of our world community. Join us on our travels and participate as Diana changes the world!

Check out our project on Kickstarter and help send Diana to Uzbekistan!
Have a message for Diana? Want to give her helpful tips about traveling to Uzbekistan? Check out Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy's Facebook page! Click here

Callicoon Center Band Trailer Screening!
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Callicoon Center Band
(2010, 15 minutes, work in progress)
Directed by Alice Elliott
A documentary work-in-progress that celebrates 75 years of the beloved Sullivan County band and the community that makes it possible. Directed by Academy-Award-nominated filmmaker Alice Elliott.
Filmed in beautiful Sullivan County, Callicoon Center, NY

For more information visit the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Website

Alice's Active Advocacy
Disability News, Media, Links, Opinions & Jokes
*Our fourth edition still lacks jokes - feel free to submit your own*
Film director and disability media expert, Alice Elliott, provides recommendations for disability resources

Alice's Disability Film Recommendation
Monica and David is an award-winning documentary film by Alexandra Codina. It explores the marriage of two adults with Down syndrome and the family who strives to

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support their needs. Monica and David are blissfully in love and want what other adults have—an independent life. Full of humor, romance and everyday family drama, the film uses intimate fly-on-the-wall footage to reveal the complexity of their story. While Monica and David are capable beyond expectations, their parents, aware of mainstream rejection of adults with intellectual disabilities, have trouble letting go. For more information on the film-winner of the “Best Documentary Feature” award at the Tribeca Film Festival—please visit www.monicaanddavid.com.

The film will have its broadcast premiere on HBO on Thursday, October 14 at 8:00 pm, EST. Description lovers worldwide can enjoy the soundtrack with audio description via an audio stream on ACB Radio, also beginning at 8:00 pm, EST, on Thursday, October 14. Simply go to www.acbradio.org/world to listen in to the film with description crafted by ACB’s Audio Description Project, produced in close collaboration with director Codina and streamed on ACB Radio with special thanks to HBO Documentary.

As Americans, we understand employment and economic security are critical to fulfilling our hopes and aspirations. We also know we are stronger when our country and economy can benefit from the skills and talents of all our citizens. No individual in our Nation should face unnecessary barriers to success, and no American with a disability should be limited in his or her desire to work. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we renew our focus on improving employment opportunities and career pathways that lead to good jobs and sound economic futures for people with disabilities.

My Administration is committed to ensuring people living with disabilities have fair access to jobs so they can contribute to our economy and realize their dreams. To help achieve this goal, I signed an Executive Order in July to increase Federal employment of individuals with disabilities. This directive requires Federal agencies to design model recruitment and hiring strategies for people with disabilities, and to implement programs to retain these public servants. To ensure transparency and accountability, agencies will report on their progress on hiring people with disabilities, and the Office of Personnel Management will post the results of agencies’ efforts online for public evaluation. As the Nation’s largest employer, the Federal Government can become a model employer by increasing employment across America of individuals with disabilities.

Click here to read the full proclamation.

Victory! 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Legislation Passes

“This legislation is a victory for civil rights in our increasingly digital world,” explains Andrew Imparato, AAPD’s President and CEO. “The bill makes clear that it is not okay for people with sensory disabilities to be second class citizens in 21st century America.” AAPD is the country’s largest cross-disability membership association and organizes the disability community to be a powerful voice of change—politically, economically, and socially.

The legislation requires captioned television programs to be captioned also when delivered over the Internet and requires video description on television for people with vision loss. The bill also allocates $10 million per year for communications equipment used by people who are deaf-blind, ensures emergency information is accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision, requires accessible user interfaces on mobile browsers that connect to the Internet, and requires hearing aid compatibility of ‘smart phones,’ among several other provisions.

Check out the full story on the JFActivist Blog!

What can YOU do for National Disabilities Awareness Month?

- Review a business for JJ’s List
- Pledge to end the use of the R-word.
- Check out Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy and other disability related programming on PBS!

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Welcome Change
News & Updates

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy screened last month at the Public Service Broadcasting Trust in India. "The film was received very well and inspired powerful thoughts and conversations," said the festival's coordinator.

World Food Day is October 16th and Denise Cerreta will be in Rome representing One World!
Click HERE to check out Denise Cerreta's "Community on the Road" blog!

The Collector of Bedford Street with screen on October 31st and November 1st at the AUCD National Conference.

The Collector of Bedford Street has also been chosen to participate in the 2010 Gero-Ed Film Festival.
Click HERE to check it out!

Check out Larry's new and improved Facebook fan page!

Become a fan of Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on Facebook!

Follow Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on twitter

Keep up with Larry!
JOIN Larry's fanclub on Facebook!

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy
is coming back to PBS!

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will be rebroadcast this month for National Disability Awareness Month.
If you are interested in seeing it and helping it reach a wider audience, please ask your local public television stations and to pick it up for programming. "The channels are not required to add a feature to their program if they are unsure that there is a market for it, so it helps if people ask for the film," says Rachel Gordon, Outreach Director for Welcome Change Productions.

Contact your local PBS station and encourage them to show Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy!
http://www.pbs.org/
To follow Larry on twitter and get updates on his fundraising activities, visit https://twitter.com/LarryCollector

http://twitter.com/dianaandkathy

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