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Productions

Life, Animated

"It was really important for me as a filmmaker to tell the story from Owen's point of view and from the inside looking out. Because there's so many films about people with disabilities that are all from the outside looking in and it's never their point of view, their reality. The whole point of this film is to get inside Owen's head, get inside Owen's world and see the world through Owen's eyes.

- Roger Ross Williams, director, "Life, Animated"



Life, Animated is a documentary feature that tells the story of Owen Suskind, a young man who was diagnosed with regressive autism at age three, lost his ability to speak, and eventually developed social and communicative skills through his passion for Disney animated movies. The film chronicles the Suskind family's early struggles to connect with Owen as well as the emotional challenges Owen faced growing up, but is ultimately about the powerful ability

of storytelling to help us understand, evolve, and love. March right out of the heat and into the coolness of a movie theater. You won't want to miss this one!

Life, Animated is playing in select theaters now. Please enjoy a trailer and clip in the link below.

[Watch Video Here](#)

THREE REASONS WHY WE LIKE THIS

PRODUCTION VALUE

The film features many high quality aesthetic elements, including a terrific score by Dylan Stark & Todd Griffin, original animated sequences by Mac Guff, and dozens of clips from the classic Disney films, marking the first time Disney cooperated on a non-Disney production.

FAMILY TRUST

We applaud the Suskind family: Ron & Cornelia (Owen's parents), and Walt (Owen's brother) for granting complete access and allowing the filmmaker to tell their story while allowing questions about privilege and class to be raised around it.

POINT OF VIEW

The director, Roger Ross Williams, creates a deep intimacy between Owen and the audience, allowing us to experience Owen's world through his perception of it. Williams gives us the chance to feel empathy, connection, and joy all at once.

There is so much exciting and well-made media about disability. The challenge is knowing where to find it, and how to use it.

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