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ReelAbilities

FILM FESTIVAL

NEW YORK

RED CARPET OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN

EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Lynn Bartner-Wiesel & Elisha Wiesel
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Opening Night sponsored by Jewish Deaf Resource Center
in recognition of Marlee Matlin
and the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

ReelAbilities Film Festival brings together the community to promote awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories, and artistic expressions of people with different abilities. ReelAbilities Film Festival showcases films, conversations, and artistic programs to explore, embrace, and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience.

Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan imagines a community that celebrates diversity and engages meaningfully with Jewish values, culture, and ideas in everyday life. Located in the heart of the Upper West Side, our 11-story building strives to maximize accessibility in all its forms, and serves as a sort of “vertical neighborhood” within the city landscape, where individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs can connect to community in whatever way is most meaningful to them. The cornerstone of progressive programming in Manhattan, the JCC serves over 55,000 people annually. We host over 1,200 programs each season that educate, inspire, and transform participants’ minds, bodies, and spirits.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TONIGHT’S EVENT.

Should you wish to make an additional contribution in support of the ReelAbilities Film Festival, please do so by visiting: reelabilities.org/newyork.

GREETINGS

Rabbi Joy Levitt, Executive Director, Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan

SPOTLIGHT AWARD PRESENTATION

The Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment
First Deputy Commissioner Kai Falkenberg
Presented to Academy Award Winning Actress Marlee Matlin

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FILM INTRODUCTION

Isaac Zablocki, ReelAbilities Director

KEEP THE CHANGE

A Film by Rachel Israel (93 min)
Accessibility aids provided thanks to the support of Hunton & Williams, LLC
With audio description provided thanks to the support of Woman of Her Word
Captioning created by Chromavision
Audio description voiced by Michelle Spitz

CONVERSATION

Rachel Israel, Director
Samantha Elisofon, Actress
Brandon Polansky, Actor
Moderator: Allison Kleinman, Director,
Jack and Shirley Silver Center for Special Needs
ASL Interpretation: Stephanie Feyne & Amy Meckler
CART: Lauren Schechter

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

Performance by The Merry Rockers
Food by Simply Divine