

ReelAbilities

FILM FESTIVAL

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LADD Kicks Off The 2017 ReelAbilities Film Festival Countdown
ReelProgramming brings year-round independent film and arts events to the region
Featuring Speaker, Liane Holliday Willey, Author of *Pretending to be Normal*

Who: Jason's Connection, GE Aviation and the Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival, organized by LADD
What: Best selling author Liane Holliday Willey launches the 2016 ReelPrograms with her talk on Hidden Disability
When: Thursday, March 10, 2016, doors open at 5:30 p.m., pre-registration required at cincy.reelabilities.org

Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival launches 2016 ReelPrograms with Liane Holliday Willey, best-selling author and keynote speaker on autism spectrum conditions, communications and learning diversity. "I am very excited about visiting Cincinnati and being a part of the ReelAbilities activities this year," said Holliday Willey. "Events like this in a growing metropolitan area like Cincinnati are an opportunity to engage the community in a discussion about our differences and our shared humanity." Liane will talk about the topic of Hidden Disability and will be signing copies of her book *Pretending to be Normal*, which will be available for purchase.

The event, which also features Jason Harris, founder of Jason's Connection, is the second in a yearlong series of events counting down to Cincinnati's 4th ReelAbilities Film Festival taking place March 9-12, 2017. The film festival, which began in Cincinnati in 2011 with 350 attendees has grown to over 12,000 attendees in 2015 and expects to bring over 20,000 people from all over the region to downtown Cincinnati for four (4) days of films, parties and celebrities.

The March event is being hosted by GE Aviation at the GE Aviation Learning Center located at 1 Neumann Way.

LADD (Living Arrangements for The Developmentally Disabled) has been providing services to adults with disabilities in our community for 40 years. LADD serves nearly 500 adults with developmental disabilities in Hamilton County through housing, life skill training, employment and day services.

Jason's Connection is a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to connecting people living with disabilities to resources that serve their needs, enrich their lives and help them meet their goals. Jason's Connection created an online community to connect people experiencing disability and their family/caregivers to quality resources, support and each other.

The **Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival**, organized by **LADD**, is our region's largest film festival whose unique purpose is bringing people together to explore our differences and shared humanity. The carefully selected films and events celebrate the stories, lives and art of people who experience disability, with year-round programming and education outreach. **ReelAbilities** was founded in 2007 by JCC Manhattan. To find out more about the festival or to see the upcoming 2016 ReelPrograms, visit www.cincyra.org

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