

Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival presents stories that celebrate human spirit

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This fall, Cincinnati will host the first annual Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival. Organized by LADD (Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled), this annual film festival will shine a spotlight on the stories that celebrate the human spirit.

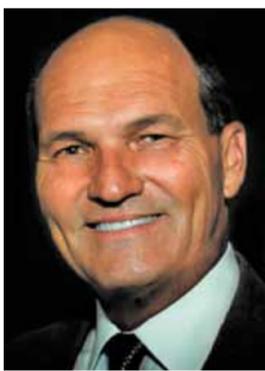
Formerly known as the ReelAbilities Film Festival, the newly rebranded Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival will continue the spirit of celebrating special abilities as well as expand its reach to include such themes as freedom, diversity, identity and faith.

"We are positioning the Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival to become a meaningful way for people to connect," states Jack Geiger, managing director of the 2018 Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival. "We are also excited that this film festival can be an impactful part of the many efforts that are building a more welcoming and diverse community in Cincinnati and throughout the region."

Taking place Sep-

tember 26 to 30, in the Over-the-Rhine area, the 2018 Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival will be an event featuring film, family and fun. The festival has been selecting films from over 150 feature length and short films submitted by Hollywood and independent filmmakers from around the world. The film festival will also be complemented with a community celebration, incorporating the new Global Village experience for cultural exchange, as well as featuring businesses and restaurants in Over-the-Rhine. Entertainment industry workshops, engaging movie "Talk Back" with filmmakers and "Bold Conversations" on the festivals themes will be featured, along with Hollywood celebrities including, Tanika Ray, Co-Host of "EXTRA," Obba Babatundé, award-winning actor of TV/stage/screen, Zach Anner of ABC's "Speechless," Drew Lachey of "98 Degrees," and Emmy Award winning actress, Carrie Preston, of TNT's "Claws."

The 2018 Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival event chairs are



Jack Geiger
Managing director
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local, regional and national leaders, including Kitty Rosenthal, Arlene Koth, Jon Sanchez and Scott Van Nice. Kim Vincent and Jenny McCloy are also returning from chairing the film festival in 2017 as chairs emeritus. The 2018 honorary chairs include: Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley and Cincinnati Reds' Teddy Kremer.

"The overarching goal for the Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival is to ultimately create a unique and major event focused on telling the incredible stories of the human spirit and our shared humanity," Geiger said.

For the most recent updates on the 2018 Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival, visit otrilmfest.org.

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