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*Press Release*

**REALABILITIES: NY DISABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES  
PROGRAMMING LINE-UP AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

*~Festival debuts September 21<sup>st</sup> in 14 locations throughout NYC &  
surrounding counties kicking off w/ pre-festival screening September  
14<sup>th</sup> on Roosevelt Island~*

**PRE-FESTIVAL SCREENING at Roosevelt Island**

SHAMELESS: THE ART OF DISABILITY

**September 14, 1:30 PM**

Location: Goldwater Memorial Hospital, 1 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044. Tel:  
(212) 318-4728.

Admission: Free. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for a free pre-festival screening of the remarkable documentary by Bonnie Sherr Klein, SHAMELESS: The Art of Disability.

The Kick-off event for the film festival is being held on Roosevelt Island to acknowledge and celebrate the inclusive community that is unique to RI. A largely diverse community of people with and without disabilities work and live together, affirming the heart and soul of each individual. Many residents were previous consumers at Coler-Goldwater hospital and have re-integrated back into the community. A dialogue will take place after the film is shown to discuss individual and societal beliefs, views and acceptance of disability in today's society and its impact on individuals with disability.

Speakers include Assemblyman Micah Z. Kellner, Claude Ritman, Executive Director of Coler-Goldwater and Virginia Granato, President of the Roosevelt Island Disabled Association.

The Presidents of the Hospital's Community Advisory Boards will be attending. The event is sponsored by Coler-Goldwater Hospital and the Roosevelt Island Disabled Association. Residents of the Coler-Goldwater Hospital will be available for media upon request to discuss what this film means to them. This event was made possible by Lorraine Altman, a resident of Roosevelt Island and partner of the film festival, with additional funding provided by the Angelica Patient Assistance Program.

**Tickets and full festival information are available online  
www.realabilities.org and by phone 646.505.5708.**