

media release ACT Community Arts Office, ArtsAbility

BEAUTIFUL, local short film with a difference! ..celebrating International Day of People with Disability

Screening events Mon 29 Nov, 3pm and Fri 3 Dec, 5pm

Beautiful is a locally made short film about love and acceptance made by people with and without disabilities in collaboration with award winning Director Genevieve Clay. Starring Catherine Senior and Peter Rosini. Written by Hal Judge and Genevieve Clay. Supported by a brilliant cast and crew with mixed abilities. Over 60 people have been involved in this project!

Beautiful has been created through the Through a Different Lens Project. Through a Different Lens is an inclusive film making project inspired by Melbourne's the Other Film Festival, which presents new cinema by, with and about people with a disability. A selection of 6 short films from OFF will be screening with *Beautiful* at the National Film and Sound Archive on International Day of People with Disability, Fri 3 Dec.

The project was created as an opportunity for actors, performers, writers and film makers with a disability to extend their existing skills supported by experienced film and music industry professionals. With significant sponsorship behind the project *Beautiful* resonates with high production values and is driven by a strong focus on community development, mentoring and collaboration. This quality local film will shine as a highlight of I'Day celebrations.

ArtsAbility Officer and Executive Producer of the film, Caro Roach says:

"Making *Beautiful* has been a rich process that has brought a lot of people together. Some people in the project have enjoyed having one or two experiences through the workshops or acting as extras and others like the lead actors and support crew have worked intensively for months mastering new skills to produce this excellent film."

Media Opportunities:

- **Monday 29 November. Preview Screening, *Beautiful* + the 'making of' documentary: Interviews available between 3 and 3.30pm.** Event: 3pm – 5pm, National Museum, Lawson Crescent Acton Peninsula. Bookings open to project participants, family, friends and carers.
- **Friday 3 December. Gala Screening, *Short Films with Difference*: Interviews available between 6 and 7pm.** Event: 5pm – 8.30pm, National Film and Sound Archive, McCoy Circuit Acton. Bookings closed, full house.

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