



## "Including Samuel" Screens At Boston International Film Festival April 24

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DURHAM, N.H. - The documentary film "Including Samuel," a project of the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability (IOD), has been selected by the 2009 Boston International Film Festival and will be screened on Friday, April 24, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the AMC/LOEWS theatre, Boston Common. A question-and-answer session with Keith Jones - hip-hop artist, disability rights activist, and one subject of the documentary - will follow the screening.

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib, who is filmmaker-in-residence at the IOD, rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary film "Including Samuel" portrays his family's hopes and struggles as well as the experiences of four other individuals with disabilities and their families. "Including Samuel" is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion.

Since the documentary was released, Habib and the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire have shared the film with communities across the country and around the world. INCLUDING SAMUEL has been featured on NPR and Good Morning America, as well as in the Washington Post and the Boston Globe. The film was previously selected for screening by the 2008 Sprout Film Festival, the 2008 Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, and the Moscow (Iraq) International Breaking Down Barriers Film Festival. It won Best Documentary at the 2007 Somewhat North of Boston Film Festival and an Excellence Award at the Superfest XXVIII International Disability Film Festival.

The Boston International Film Festival screening of "Including Samuel" is at the AMC/Lowes theatre on Boston Common, 175 Tremont Street. Tickets for the single screening may be purchased online at [www.bifilmfestival.com](http://www.bifilmfestival.com) for \$10 each.

"Including Samuel" is part of the Institute on Disability/UCED, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization at the University of New Hampshire. The project's mission is to build more inclusive schools and communities through curriculum, training, and outreach. For more information, visit [www.includingsamuel.com](http://www.includingsamuel.com).

The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 to provide a coherent university-based focus for the improvement of knowledge, policies, and practices related to the lives of persons with disabilities and their families. Its mission is to advance policies and systems changes, promising practices, education, and research that strengthen communities to ensure full access, equal opportunities, and participation for all persons.

The seventh annual Boston International Film Festival opened Friday, April 17, 2009, and will run through Sunday, April 27. The festival encourages and supports independent filmmakers from around the world, and it strives to promote international understanding by bringing a variety of movies to the diverse Boston community. The goal of the festival is to display the

passion and unique visions of the filmmakers in an environment that brings all cultures together. This year's festival will screen more than a hundred short and feature films from six continents.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a New England liberal arts college and a major research university with a strong focus on undergraduate-oriented research. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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