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## REELABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES DIFFERENCES

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Best known for his role of Walter 'Flynn' White Jr. for five riveting seasons of AMC's Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning thriller, "Breaking Bad", and the handsome face of GAP's International 2014 "Lived In Summer" Campaign, RJ Mitte will be joining a list of Hollywood stars, dignitaries, and ReelAbilities film VIPs to join Greater Cincinnati in celebrating difference at the region's largest film festival, the 2017 Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival organized by LADD – March 9 to 12 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

The film festival's goal is that people will leave having been uplifted with a new perception of difference, appreciation and welcoming of each other.

"Growing up, I was never taught to use the words 'can't' or 'won't.' I was taught to believe that I can achieve anything I want and that disability does not define me." said R. J. Mitte, who has cerebral palsy. "The Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival focuses on how differences strengthen us individually and as a community and I'm excited to be working with them."

The 2017 Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival will be a film screening extravaganza with Hollywood stars, parties, workshops and



more! It will feature more than 40 diverse, impactful and entertaining films, all of which are about the lives, stories and art of people experiencing disability.

The film screenings (with discussions to follow the films), will not only entertain audiences, but will also transform the way guests perceive differences, appreciate and welcome one another. Films will range from silly (like the Spring Break Zombie Massacre) to powerfully told documentaries to beautifully portrayed stories to fun animations. Each screening is hosted by and benefits a local nonprofit organization. Some screenings are family friendly and parents are encouraged to bring their children as they watch

and learn together important messages of friendship and diversity.

Thousands are expected for the four-day, Hollywood style film screening extravaganza that will benefit local nonprofit organizations whose work is enriching and strengthening the lives of individuals who have disabilities, their families and their communities

Learn more including films, event tickets, and screening dates, visit www.cincyra.org.

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