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East House participates in Fall Reel Mind Film Series; Film Schedule is Announced

East House is once again collaborating with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Mental Health Association, Compeer, DePaul Community Services, and the University of Rochester Cluster on Human Values to bring about a Fall Reel Mind Film Series. Plans include four films to be shown beginning October 5th and ending on November 16th, 2010. The Reel Mind Series began with four film showings the Spring of 2009, and is now on its third series of films. Documentaries on various mental disorders are followed by discussions with local psychiatrists, mental health clients and filmmakers. Most films have sold-out.

“We have been very pleased with the attendance and overall success of the Reel Mind series. We feel that people are seeking information, understanding and a forum to discuss mental health issues,” said Herb Katz, who co-chairs the series along with psychiatrist Lawrence Guttmacher, and Ruth Cowing.

The Fall 2010 series will begin with “Cracking Up” a documentary about a group of mental health consumers who take their stand-up comedy routines on the road. David Granirer, the founder of “Stand Up for Mental Health” will be on the panel for the after-movie discussion, along with Psychiatrist Steven Dvorin. Greg Soehner, President of East House, will facilitate the opening night discussion. “Cracking Up,” and all four films, will take place at the Cinema at 957 South Clinton Avenue, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Three films will follow, with the second presentation to be **“Mary and Max”** a claymation tale that centers on Aspergers’s Syndrome, to be shown on **Tuesday, October 19th**. **On November 2nd**, **“Ordinary People”** will be shown. The film focuses on a suicidal teenager dealing with the recent loss of his older brother. This ground-breaking film, directed by Robert Redford, is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Award-winning author and speaker Susan Rose Blauner will be a panelist.

The Fall film series will close on November 16th, with a showing of **the award-winning HBO biopic “Temple Grandin.”** Ms. Grandin, a Ph.D. lecturer, is perhaps the most renowned example of a person living successfully with Autism. Film director and screen-writer for “Temple Grandin,” Christopher Moner, will join the panel discussion following the movie presentation.

Series tickets are \$28 and include all four films. Individual tickets to the films are \$8. Tickets can be purchased online with a credit card by clicking www.mharochester.org or <http://www.mharochester.org>, or by calling the Mental Health Association of Rochester (MHA) at (585) 325-3145, or visiting the MHA at 320 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY.

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