

**Series tickets now available
for 2010 ReelMind Film and Theatre Series!**

Series tickets are now available at www.mharochester.org for the second annual “*Reel Mind Film Series*” featuring films (and, this year, theatre!) about mental illness that promote hope despite difficult diagnoses, and which work to break down the stigma that remains so prevalent around issues of mental illness and addiction in today's society.

The series opens May 18 and 19 with two live theatre performances at 7 pm at Blackfriars Theater, 795 E. Main St., and continues with three films on June 1, 15 and 29 at the Cinema Theatre, 957 Clinton Avenue. All films will be followed by a Q&A with noted community psychiatrists and consumers; filmmakers will also be present as noted. Discounted series tickets are \$35 for one theatre performance and 3 films; individual tickets will go on sale later in the month. Series tickets include the following titles:

- **May 18 & 19, 7 pm, Blackfriars Theatre, 795 E. Main St.: *Living With It***, Frank LaFrazia's acclaimed one-man play which details his experiences as a teenager living with his mother who suffered from bipolar disorder. In his performance, LaFrazia revisits his life in Rochester between the ages of 13 and 18, during which time he was his mother's caregiver, negotiating an obstacle course of hospital admissions, medical problems and his own coming of age.
- **June 1, 7 pm, Cinema Theatre, 957 Clinton Ave.: *Diagnosis Bipolar: Five Families Search for Answers***, a thought-provoking film about the controversial topic of children, diagnoses and medication. Q&A to follow; filmmaker present.
- **June 15, 7 pm, Cinema Theatre, 957 Clinton Ave.: *Unlisted: A Story of Schizophrenia***, the powerful story of an adult daughter (and doctor) who reconnects with her long-estranged, at-times homeless father who has suffered from schizophrenia since she was a little girl. Q&A to follow.
- **June 29, 7 pm, Cinema Theatre, 957 Clinton Ave.: *People Say I'm Crazy***, the award-winning and groundbreaking documentary by and about artist John Cadigan, whose experience with schizophrenia the *New York Times* called “extremely affecting.” Film producer present. Q&A to follow.

People are being strongly encouraged to buy their series tickets early to avoid long lines at the individual box offices night of shows, and in case of sold-out shows per last year's series.

Series tickets can be purchased online with a credit card by clicking www.mharochester.org, 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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*Keep up on the Reel Mind Series: learn more about each film, read interviews with directors, and get alerts to related events in Rochester by [becoming a fan](#) on **Facebook!***