

kelly's hollywood film features buffalo natives

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Siblings have a special connection – they can support and lift one another's spirits. In the documentary, Kelly's Hollywood, the sibling bond is captured between Buffalo natives Brian and Kelly Donovan.



The movie is Brian's tribute to his sister, Kelly, born with Down syndrome. A 1985 graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Brian is a Hollywood writer, actor, director and producer. The inspirational film is about a brother's quest to fulfill his

sister's dream of becoming a Hollywood diva.

When asked why he created this documentary, Brian explained, "When I picked up the camera 15 years ago, I didn't have much of an agenda. I was capturing moments in Kelly's life that inspired me, but when those moments started to affect me more directly, I got more serious."

The film is entertaining and informative while exploring challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Brian says, "By documenting my sister, I hope the film illuminates that it's not who you are when you're born, but who you are when you live."

The film will be shown twice on October 17, at 3 and 7pm, at the Amherst Dipson Theatre, 3500 Main Street, Buffalo. A reception with Brian Donovan will take place at 5pm at the Museum of disABILITY History, 3826 Main Street, Buffalo. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit the Museum of disABILITY History, Bornhava and Cantalician Center. Call 716-629-3626 or visit disabilityfilmfest.org for tickets.

