ReelAbilities Houston Film Festival is a FREE city wide film and arts festival that promotes inclusion and celebrates the lives, stories and talents of people with disabilities, making an impact that lasts far beyond the week of the festival.

ReelAbilities Houston Film Festival
February 12-22, 2018

ReelPeople: UP Abilities
Mandy Harvey, Joseph Bensmihen, and Caroline Casey captivated the audience with their extraordinary stories of resilience and perseverance and led engaging breakout Q&A sessions with more than 200 attendees.

ReelMusic
Professional jazz and blues musicians jammed with over a dozen talented musicians with disabilities to a packed house at White Oak Music Hall!

ReelArt
Visiting artist Brandon Lack and Celebration Company artists exhibited their work at the Celebration Company Center for Art and Photography to open this year’s festival.

ReelChildren
Children’s Museum of Houston
More than 1,000 children and families viewed festival films at the museum, including during their special Sensory Friendly Day.

Major Media Coverage
90.9 KTSU
104.1 KRBE
365 Things in Houston
Culture Map
Houston Business Journal
Houston Chronicle
Houston CityBook
Houston Family Magazine
Houston Matters
Houston Press

Houstonia magazine
Jewish Herald-Voice
KHOU-TV Great Day
Houston
KPRC-TV Houston Life
KPRC-TV Houston Newsmakers
Texas Lifestyle Magazine
The Buzz Magazine
Visit Houston

ReelWorkplace
More than 50 employment recruiters and HR professionals from G&A Partners, HCSC, Whataburger, and many other companies attended workshops on hiring people with disabilities.

ReelResults
98% of attendees rated events and films as ‘good’ or ‘very good’

88% of students who attended a ReelEducation event reported that the film and speaker influenced their perceptions of people with disabilities

85% of attendees rated the accessibility of the festival as ‘good’ or ‘very good’

over 5,000 attendees

over 281,000,000 media impressions

68 volunteers

34 sponsors

58 collaborating partners

“We CAN make accommodations for people with disabilities, it’s all about if we WANT to.” - Student from Vistas High School following a ReelEducation program

ReelEducation
Helfman Religious School
Kehillah High
Kipp Peace Elementary
Lamar High School
Peck Elementary
Robert M. Beren Academy
The Emery/Weiner School

The Hub
TDS & TGA
Vistas High School
Wharton Dual Language Academy
Yes Prep East End
Yes Prep White Oak
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