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JSDD's "WAE Beyond" Film Festival

Highlights Work by and about People with Disabilities

WAE Beyond: A Members' Club will present its first *Film Festival* on Sunday, March 18, 2012, 1-4 p.m. at JSDD's WAE (Wellness Arts Enrichment) Center, located at 270 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange, NJ. Admission to the show is \$10, payable at the door.

The *WAE Beyond Film Festival* will feature original short works, reflecting a variety of topics, by members of the WAE Beyond and WAE Center programs as well as selected submissions from local filmmakers. Styles include traditional and computer generated animation, live action narrative, and documentary. The longest selection (18 minutes) is *Breaking Boundaries: the Art of Alex Masket*, a documentary by Dennis Connors about a 23-year-old artist with severe autism.

As an added attraction for local film enthusiasts, John Skillin, former librarian and film programmer at the Montclair Public Library, will present examples and lead discussion of historic animation shorts that have influenced animators for decades.

Operating as a program of Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of Metrowest, Inc. (JSDD), the WAE Center provides artistic, educational and health enhancing opportunities to people with disabilities. The newest initiative, *WAE Beyond: A Members' Club*, offers evening and weekend socializing, learning, and creative opportunities for adults with disabilities. JSDD is the lead, multi-purpose agency dedicated to providing an integrated program of community education, advocacy and services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. To learn more about JSDD's WAE Center, visit www.waecenter.org