

EVENTS

Bangor woman subject of film fest documentary

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Michelle Smith was attending the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts, when the legally blind teenager with Asperger's syndrome met filmmaker Garrett Zevgetis. He was captivated by the then-teenage Smith's quirky, cheerful personality and embarked on a six-year filming process capturing her transition from curious teenager to adult grappling with the reality of being blind in the U.S.

The documentary he created will be among the films shown this week at the Camden International Film Festival.

"Best and Most Beautiful Things," which premiered at the 2016 SXSW Festival, tells the story of Smith, a Bradford native now living in Bangor. Beyond exploring what life is like for young blind people, the film also shows Smith's gradual embrace of her out-of-the-mainstream sexual identity, discovering a lifestyle and a community that has helped her come out of her shell. Shot in a vivid, impressionistic style, "Best and Most Beautiful Things" is an unexpected story about an extremely unique person — as well as a chance to see Bangor, which features prominently in the film, on the big screen. It screens at 6:30

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Camden Opera House.

This is a special year for festival organizers Ben Fowlie and Caroline von Kuhn, as the pair transformed the Points North Forum — a series of documentary film workshops held concurrently with the festival — into the Points North Institute, a year-round hub for documentary filmmaking in Midcoast Maine. The Points North Forum will continue during the festival, but the institute's expanded focus will offer year-round programming and education for aspiring nonfiction filmmakers.

There are 40 feature-length documentary films and 38 short films that will be shown over the course of the Camden International Film Festival's four days from Sept. 15 to Sept. 18, spanning a wide gamut of topics, countries of origin and filmmaking styles. A few highlights include the following:

7:30 p.m. Sept. 15, Camden Opera House

Inspired by a best-selling book by the same name, director Morgan Spurlock's newest feature explores the lives of man's greatest parasite. Equal parts history and horror, Spurlock journeys around the world to bring viewers face to face with rats while delving into our



BDN FILE
Michelle Smith, shown in 2014, is the subject of "Best and Most Beautiful Things," which will be shown at the Camden International Film Festival.

complicated relationship with the creatures. Spurlock — known for "Super-size Me" and his CNN show "Morgan Spurlock Inside Man" — will be in attendance at the screening, the festival opener.

4 p.m. Sept. 16, Strand Theatre, Rockland

Academy Award-winning director Roger Ross Williams tells the inspirational story of Owen Suskind, a young man with autism who

was unable to speak as a child until he and his family discovered a unique way to communicate by immersing themselves in classic Disney animated films. The film uses a combination of animation and live-action to tell this heartwarming tale.

2:30 p.m. Sept. 17, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland

This documentary tells the story of the PKK — the Kurdistan Worker's Party,

an all-female guerrilla movement bent on defending Kurdish territory in Iraq and Syria and defeating ISIS.

3:30 p.m. Sept. 17, Strand Theatre

This documentary about the collapse of the cod population in New England delves into the role of overfishing, the impact of climate change and the measures scientists and policymakers are taking to restore the region's iconic species. The film highlights the fight of one community to adapt to a changing way of life while examining how depleted cod populations elsewhere are rebounding. The filmmakers will be in attendance for a panel discussion after the screening.

9 p.m., Sept. 17, Strand Theatre, Rockland

In 2015 musician David Byrne recruited 10 of the country's elite color guard teams — flag-flipping, colorfully-costumed teams usually seen at sporting events — to collaborate with bands and artists to create a one of a kind of artistic event. The resulting documentary features musicians like St. Vincent, Adam Horowitz of the Beastie Boys, Tune-Yards, Nelly Furtado, Dev Hynes, Nico Muhly, Blood Orange and more.

10 a.m. Sept. 18, Rock-

port Opera House

The six documentary shorts that comprise this all-Maine program include "Alison and NuDay Syria," about a Maine woman who collects donation to send to Syrian refugees; "Ashley Bryan's World," about the Islesford painter; "Bird Carver," about professional wood carver Steven Valteau of Southwest Harbor; "First Light," about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission; "Guided," about Maine Wilderness Guide Ray Reitze; and "The Long Haul," about a solo female lobster fisherman.

3 p.m. Sept. 18, Camden Opera House

The creator of such groundbreaking 1970s television shows as "All In The Family," "The Jeffersons" and "Maude" is the subject of this hilarious but fascinating documentary. Lear, now in his 90s, is no less dynamic than he was in his TV heyday.

For a full schedule of films, visit pointsnorthinstitute.org. Festival passes and individual tickets are available at the ClFF box office on Bayview Street in Camden; a festival pass including all screenings is \$95, an all-access pass including preferred seating and parties each night is \$195.

Things to Do

BANGOR — Art show, through September, Bangor Public Library. Reception, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept 15, Cyr Gallery. Meet the artists and view 41 paintings in watercolor, oil and acrylic. Refreshments provided. 947-8336 or nay624@roadrunner.com.

BANGOR — "Cutting Edge Quilts: The Work of Sally K. Field, with Elizabeth Busch and Ellie Pancoe," on display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through Sept. 30, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St.

BANGOR — September book talk series at Bangor Public Library: Lyn Mikel Brown, "Powered by Girl: A Field Guide for Supporting Youth Activists," 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21; Hale Bradt, "Wilber's War, An American Family's Journey through WWII," 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Free. bangorpubliclibrary.org or 947-8336.

BANGOR — Appalachian Mountain Club meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St. Guest speaker Nicole Grohoski, first female through-paddler of 740-mile Northern Forest Canoe Trail. education@amcmaine.org

BANGOR — Contradance with Ron Blechner calling and music by Bennett Konesni and Edith Gawler, Friday, Sept. 16, Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St. Beginner session, 7:30 p.m.; dance, 8 p.m. \$8 per person. 941-9727, bangorcontra.org or bangorcontra@gmail.com.

BANGOR — Vigil and speakout for fifth anniversary of the Occupy Movement, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Peirce Park, next to Bangor Public Library, followed by potluck lunch at Peace and Justice Center, 96 Harlow St., No. 100. Participants encouraged to attend End Violence Together rally and march, 1 p.m., West Market Square, downtown Bangor. 942-9343 or larryd@myfairpoint.net.

BAR HARBOR — Make 3-D paper German stars with paper artist Sherry Rasmussen during Acadia Night Sky Festival, 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Art on West Gallery: Studio Upstairs, 78 West St. Suggested

\$10 donation to support the festival. Space limited to 10. Register at 288-4229.

BELFAST — Midcoast Actors' Studio production of "Arms and the Man," 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 18, Troy Howard Stage, 173 Lincolnville Ave. Tickets \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 370-7592.

BELFAST — Belfast Chapter 1434 of the Experimental Aircraft Association second annual Airport Open House and Lobster Fly In, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Belfast Municipal Airport on Wright Brothers Drive. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 18. Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee, \$7. Food trucks on hand. Free admission.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Frye Mountain, Sept. 16; Buffalo Creek; Sept. 23; New Society, Sept. 30. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BREWER — Bangor Area Homeless Shelter annual meeting and celebration, 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave. Recognition of donors, volunteers and staff. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Music by Brian Catell. RSVPs required by Thursday, Sept. 15. info@bangorshelter.org or 947-6018.

BRUNSWICK — World music and dance from the Balkans, Israel, Western Europe and around the globe, 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30, People Plus, 35 Union St. Many dances are taught. No partner needed. \$5. 200-7577, brennan.mk@gmail.com or folkdance-brunswick.com.

DEXTER — Maine Highlands Senior Center and Thriving in Place Collaborative free fall risk screening, 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, Dexter Family Practice. 924-7349.

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Maine Highlands Senior Center and Thriving in Place Collaborative free fall risk screening, 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Sept. 23, Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church, Monument Square. 564-2872.

MILLINOCKET — Ninth

annual Trails End Festival, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Free music by The Mallet Brothers Band, Chris Ross and the North, Rob Boyle and Johnny Henry, Woodstone, Everett Dumas and more. Chili cookoff, pie auction, hiking events, water activities, food vendors, artist's paint out, "All Trails Lead to Katahdin Parade," rubber ducky race, 5K Fun Run/Walk, Saturday night dance at Elks Club with Baxter Beer Co. trailsendfestival.org or Trails End Festival on Facebook.

NEWBURGH — Newburgh Day, 4 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, Sept. 17, Newburgh town office. Free admission. Games, kids craft area, make your own sundaes, barbecue. Bring your decorated bike for the bike parade. Fireworks at dusk.

NEWPORT — Talk and book signing by Maine author Dean Bennett on "Ghost Buck — The Legacy of One Man's Family and its Hunting Traditions," 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Newport Cultural Center, 154 Main St. Free. Books for sale and signing and free refreshments.

OAKFIELD — 25th anniversary celebration, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Oakfield Railroad Museum, Station Street. Bangor & Aroostook Railroad retirees will be recognized. Entertainment. Lunch available. 267-5882.

PALERMO — Semi-annual soup and pie social fundraiser, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Palermo Community Library, 2789 Route 3. \$2.50 for bowl of homemade soup, \$2.50 for slice of pie, free to children 5 and under. Whole pies, \$15. 993-6088, palermo@palermo.lib.me.us or palermo.lib.me.us.

ROCKLAND — Maine Trivia Night with Bill Green of WCSH 6, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, American Legion Hall, 335 Limerock St., to benefit L.I.F.E. Ministry, non-profit ministry that supports men coming out of jail and prison with housing and a discipleship program. Maine trivia, snacks, raffle drawing, two live auction items, a door prize and more. Buy a table for eight friends, colleagues,

parishioners for \$150 by calling 542-4419 by Friday, Sept. 16.

SEAL COVE — Cars and Coffee, featuring vehicles from Coast Guard, National Guard and other military vehicles, 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, Sept. 15, Seal Cove Auto Museum, 1414 Tremont Road. Open to all, with or without their own antique or vintage automobile. Show off special cars, kick tires, peer under hoods, enjoy coffee with fellow car lovers. 244-9242 or hrowan@sealcoveauto-museum.org.

Thursday prime time

		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2	NBC	207	Inside Ed.	Superstore	Superstore	Superstore	Chicago Med (HD)		News
	4	CBS	The Nature of Things		Firsthand		The National (N)	CBC	Coronation	Rio Para.
	5	CBS	Big Bang	NFL Kickoff	NFL Kickoff	(:25) NFL Football New York Jets at Buffalo Bills. (N) (D) (HD)				News
	52	CW	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Flash (HD)		Beauty and the Beast	News	Seinfeld	Cougar
	6	NBC	207	Inside Ed.	Superstore	Superstore	Superstore	Chicago Med (HD)		News
	7	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Get Away With Murder		News
	WAGM	FOX	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Rosewood (HD)		Bones (HD)	News	Broke Girl	Broke Girl
	8	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Get Away With Murder		News
	MPBN	PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)		Doctor Blake Mysteries		Last Tango in Halifax	Time for School: 2003-2016 (N)		
	9	IND	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bosch (N)	News-Lisa	CTV News	Daily Show
KIDS	13	CBS	Ent. Tonight	NFL Kickoff	NFL Kickoff	(:25) NFL Football New York Jets at Buffalo Bills. (N) (D) (HD)				News
	22	FOX	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Rosewood (HD)		Bones (HD)	FOX 22 News at 10 (N)		Mentalist
	33	IND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan Isle	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero
	38	IND	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News (N) (HD)		The Mentalist (HD)	The Mentalist (HD)		Seinfeld
	NICK		Thunder		*** The Parent Trap (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. (P)			Friends		
	DISN		Bizaardvark	Stuck	** Bedtime Stories (2008) (P)			Best Fr.	(:10) Bunk'd	Liv-Mad.
	FREE		(6:00) Home Alone 2: Lost in New York		(:45) **** WALL-E (2008) (ESP)	Voices of Ben Burt. (G)				700 Club
	HIST		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)	(:03) Ice Road Truckers		Mnt. Men
	DISC		Fast N' Loud (ESP)		Fast N' Loud (ESP)		Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud		Sacred
	TLC		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb
LEARN	A&E		The First 48		60 Days In	60 Days In	60 Days In (N)	Behind Bars: Rookie Year		Weed
	ANPL		North Woods Law		Rugged Justice		(:01) Rugged Justice	(:02) Rugged Justice (N)		Rugged
	CSNE		Tailgate	Football	3 and Out	Quick	State-Revs	3 and Out	SportsNet	Sports
	ESPN		Football	College Football	Houston at Cincinnati. (N) (D)				SportsCenter (N) (D)	
	ESPN2		SportsCenter (N) (D)		Women's Soccer: International Friendly			Sports Shorts (N)		Drone
	NBCSP		Rio Paralympics From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (N)		Mecum	Mecum		Journey to	Journey to	Crazy Train
	NESN		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. (N) (D)					Extra	Red Sox	Sports
	CNBC		American Greed		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	American Greed (N)		Greed
	CNN		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight		Tonight
	FNC		On the Record With Brit		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)		O'Reilly
NEWS	MSNBC		Hardball Chris Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word		11th Hour
	AMC		(5:00) GoodFellas (1990) (R)	*** The Italian Job (2003) (ESP) Mark Wahlberg. (P-13)			** Walking Tall (2004)			
	BRV		Below Deck		Below Deck		Flipping Out (N)	Flipping Out		Happens
	CMT		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Cowboys Cheerleaders	I Love Kellie	Cowboys Cheerleaders	
	COM		Futurama		Tosh.0	(:26) Tosh.0	* Big Daddy (1999) Adam Sandler. (P-13)	Sandler. (P-13)		Daily Show
	E!		E! News (N)		Macy's Presents: Fashion		The Kardashians	Rob & Chyna		E! News
	FOOD		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FX		Purge	*** 22 Jump Street (2014, Comedy) Jonah Hill. (R)				Better	Better	Better
	GAC		Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront
	HALL		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
VARIETY	HGTV		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Desert Flip
	LIFE		(6:00) Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)	(:32) Project Runway		
	MTV		Wild 'n Out	Nick Cannon: Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Joking Off	Wonderland
	OXY		BGC: Casting Special	*** Precious (2009, Drama) Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique. (R)					(:35) *** Precious (R)	
	SPIKE		(5:00) The Book of Eli (R)	**** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (R)						
	SYFY		(6:30) ** Orphan (2009, Horror) Vera Farmiga. (R)	** The Blair Witch Project (1999, Horror) (R)			Jeepers 2			
	TBN		History	Potters	Trinity	Joel Osteen	Prince	Hillsong TV	Praise the Lord	
	TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Big Bang	Big Bang	Broke Girl	Broke Girl
	TCM		(5:30) Sergeant York (NR)	*** I Married a Witch (1942) (NR)			**** Seven Days in May (1964) Burt Lancaster.			
	TMC		Boydhood (R)	Iverson (2014, Documentary) (NR)	*** The Best Man (1999) (ESP) Taye Diggs. (R)			*** Ray		
PREMIUM	TNT		Castle		* Blended (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler. (P-13)			* Blended (2014)		
	TRAVEL		Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum
	TRU		Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Jokes
	TVL		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
	USA		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)	Law-SVU	
	VH1		Diary of Mad		RuPaul Drag Race		Basketball Wives LA	RuPaul Drag Race	VH1 Live!	
	WGN-A		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
	HBO		(6:00) ** 27 Dresses (2008) Katherine Heigl.	** The 33 (2015) Antonio Banderas. Rescuers work 69 days to save 33 trapped Chilean miners. (P-13)			(15) ** The Intern (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Robert De Niro. (P-13)			
	MAX		*** Crimson Peak (2015, Horror) (ESP) Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain, Tom Hiddleston. (R)	Quarry A Vietnam vet is tempted by the criminal lifestyle. (ESP)			(20) ** The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy			
	SHOW		(:15) Ray Donovan	(:15) *** St. Vincent (2014) Bill Murray. A bawdy misanthrope mentors his young neighbor. (P-13)				Masters of Sex (ESP)		
STARZ		(5:40) ** The Equalizer (2014) Denzel Washington.	(7:55) **** Dances With Wolves (1990, Historical Drama) (ESP) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. A Union officer befriends the Lakota. (P-13)			Officer-Gentle				
		(6:05) ** Fools Rush In (1997) Matthew Perry.	*** Big (1988) Tom Hanks. A wishing machine turns boy into a man with a job and girlfriend. (P-13)			(9:50) ** The Jackal (1997, Suspense) (ESP) Bruce Willis. (R)				