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### **Fourth Season of Diversity Film Series Starts This Month**

#### ***October Kick-Off Features In the Family***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - After a disruption in March of this year due to the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 crisis, the Edmonds Diversity Commission is thrilled to kick off its fourth season of the Diversity Film Series this month, with the first FREE screening on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Since the films originally scheduled for March and April could not be screened, they will serve as the 2020-2021 season's first two months of screenings in October and November.

Starting with this month's film, and likely continuing for the foreseeable future, the films will be screened virtually via Zoom platform. Organizers have every intention of returning to in-person screenings in the Edmonds Theater as soon as allowable – but not likely until sometime in 2021.

Screenings will be offered FREE to the public and will continue through April (except December). Each screening presents a film, or films, related to different topics or groups representing diverse populations and experiences. After each screening there is a brief opportunity for comment and dialogue.

The Edmonds Diversity Film Series kicks off its new season with a screening of *In the Family* on Monday, October 19<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom (see login details below).

Film synopsis: Beginning with her story of testing positive for the familial breast cancer mutation (BRCA), Filmmaker Joanna Rudnick chronicles the lives of several women currently

undergoing the process of genetic testing -- following them from their decision to seek testing, through the testing process, and onto the aftermath as they come to terms with the information they receive. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/39773430>

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon two films will be screened:

*Fat Boy Chronicles*. Jimmy Winterpock at age fourteen is 5'5 and weighs 188 pounds. Outside the comfort of his family and church, life for Jimmy is a constant struggle. The cruel taunts of his classmates make going to school or playing sports a humiliating experience. Yet, he still manages to focus on his goals; to lose weight and win over the girl of his dreams. Trailer: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1493243/videoplayer/vi4066876953>

And the short, *On Beauty*. From Emmy-nominated filmmaker Joanna Rudnick (*In the Family*) comes a story about challenging norms and redefining beauty. *On Beauty* follows fashion photographer Rick Guidotti, who left the fashion world when he grew frustrated with having to work within the restrictive parameters of the industry's standard of beauty. After a chance encounter with a young woman who had the genetic condition, albinism, Rick refocused his lens on those too often relegated to the shadows in order to change the way we see and experience beauty. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/106009605>

More detailed information about the films, including full synopses and movie trailers, is available at [diversity.edmondswa.gov](http://diversity.edmondswa.gov) All movies are free to the public.

**What:** In the Family film screening

**When:** Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99192257514?pwd=OFNOZmtwRUUpUR28vcEdSU21wMWM3dz09>

Meeting ID: 991 9225 7514

Passcode: 170534

The Edmonds Diversity Film Series is currently sponsored by the Edmonds Diversity Commission, MyEdmondsNews, and the Edmonds Centers for the Arts.

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