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Please Join Us for a Press Conference:
Thursday, September 22nd at 10:00 -11:30AM
LightHouse for the Blind and Visually
Impaired, 1155 Market Street, Floor 10 in San
Francisco

Announcing:
**The 30th Anniversary
Superfest: International
Disability Film Festival
October 22nd and 23rd,**

Press Conference Schedule:

- 10:00 am Bagels and Coffee with Festival Directors, Jurors and Filmmakers
- 10:30 am Festival Overview by Bryan Bashin and Cathy Kudlick, Festival Directors
- 10:45 am Screening of two **Superfest 2016 shorts**: Awake (UK, 2015), Yam's Journey (Israel, 2015)
- 11:20 am Informal Q & A and Event Conclusion

[Superfest: International Disability Film Festival](#) (October 22nd and 23rd, 2016) the world's longest running disability film festival, celebrates disability as a creative force in cinema and culture. It features films with fresh ideas and images that stimulate thought and meaningful conversation. A jury made up of film aficionados, disability studies scholars and disability community organizers, all people with disabilities, selected films that bring onto the screen a variety of topics and disabilities. Each film moves forward Superfest's mission to showcase cutting-edge cinema that portrays disability culture in all its diverse, complex, and engaging facets. Together with the

[Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability](#), [LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#) coordinates Superfest. Tickets for both festival days [are on sale now](#) (press passes available).

Complete Festival press kit, images and DVD/online screeners will be available at the press conference.

We request your RSVP at 415.694.7311 or dbrown@lighthouse-sf.org

Films to be screened at the press conference:

Awake (England, 2015), West Coast Premiere



Written and Directed by
Michael Achtman,
Produced by Caglar
Kimyoncu

Everybody knows what it's like to open your door and see a stranger at your door sent to tell you about Jesus. But Anna isn't everybody; she can't see, and neither can the

proselytizer, Doreen, at her door. *Awake* is a film about what happens when you decide not to close the door on someone's face; when Jesus talk gives way to breaking into a house, baking a chocolate cake, smoking a joint, watching an Ingmar Bergman film, and more. *Awake* is the story of how two women, seemingly so different, and the unlikely friendship they forge.

[View the trailer.](#)

Yam's Journey (Israel, 2015), World Premiere

Directed, Written, and Produced by Rubi Gat



Packing list for Europe: 2 wheel chairs, 1 walker, and 1 iPad. Yam, a teen with Cerebral Palsy, and his father embark on a voyage to Europe for his Bar Mitzvah. Shot entirely on Yam's new iPad, this coming of age story layers a father and son relationship over a journey of embracing

independence with a disability.