An Evening of Shorts  Wednesday, October 17
5:30pm · Myers Auditorium · Talk-Back following the films

Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O’Brien

The Academy Award-winning documentary explores the unique world of Mark O’Brien, the poet-journalist who lived for four decades paralyzed in an iron lung.

This provocative documentary asks: What is a life worth living?

By presenting O’Brien’s life from his point of view, the film provides an intimate window into the reality of a life of severe disability, as well as an illuminating portrait of a remarkable artist.

The Collector of Bedford

An Academy Award® nominated short documentary follows the filmmaker’s 60 year old neighbor, Larry Selman, a community activist and fundraiser who has an intellectual disability. Every year, Larry collects thousands of dollars for charities while living at the poverty line. When Larry’s primary caregiver becomes unable to care for him, his New York City neighborhood community rallies together to protect his independent lifestyle by establishing an adult trust fund in his behalf.