

NET's Fall 2012 Coffee and Conversation Film Series Continues Dec. 16 with 'Beauty Is Embarrassing'

The final screening in the 2012 fall "Coffee and Conversation in the Community" film and discussion series convenes at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, with "Beauty Is Embarrassing." The series screens at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center at 13th and Q streets on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Part biography, part live performance, Neil Berkeley's "Beauty Is Embarrassing" tells the irreverent and inspiring story of the one-of-a-kind visual artist and raconteur, Wayne White. The film traces White's career from an underground cartoonist in New York's East Village to his big break as a designer, puppeteer and voice-over actor on "Pee-Wee's Playhouse," for which he won three Emmy Awards. It follows White's success designing and animating for children's shows and music videos through a dark period of struggle and self-reflection before emerging in his present-day incarnation as a respected painter and performer. The film, like White, embraces the ragged edges and messy contradictions of life, art and family with rabid humor and honesty.

For more on this film, see <http://beautyisembarrassing.com/>

"Coffee and Conversation" is free and open to the public. A community discussion in UNL's Van Brunt Visitors Center follows the screening. This film's discussion leader is Gregory Nosan, director of education and publications at the Sheldon Museum of Art.

The films are shown in partnership with ITVS Community Cinema, Lincoln community radio station KZUM (89.3 FM), the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The Sheldon Museum of Art is also a sponsor for "Beauty is Embarrassing."

For more information on Coffee and Conversation and NET Community Engagement and Educational Outreach, check the NET website at <http://netNebraska.org/engage>

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