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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH!  
Scroll down to check out ways YOU can honor and  
celebrate people with disabilities this month!

*Where in the world are Alice and Diana off to next?*

You guessed it.

# UZBEKISTAN!



**Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy** has been invited through  
the [American Documentary Showcase](#) and the [University Film and Video Association](#)  
to screen for a week in Uzbekistan!

#### Five Fun Facts About Uzbekistan:

1. Uzbekistan is the fourth largest producer of cotton-fiber in the world.
2. Uzbek is the official state language, but Russian is used in much day-to-day official and international communication.
3. Uzbekistan gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.
4. Al-Khwarizmi, who introduced the use of Arabic numbers and founded algebra, was born in Uzbekistan.
5. The highest point in Uzbekistan is Adelunga Toghi (4,301 m).

Alice Elliott will be going, courtesy of the U.S. State Department, but we want to bring the film's surviving subject, Diana Braun, to make a short follow up video. Diana will be speaking and showing people in Uzbekistan how a person with Down syndrome can be a fully integrated, contributing member of our world community. Join us on our travels and participate as Diana changes the world!

Check out our project on [Kickstarter](#) and [help send Diana to Uzbekistan!](#)



Have a message for Diana? Want to give her helpful tips about traveling to Uzbekistan? Check out *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy's* Facebook page! Click [here](#)

***Calicoon Center Band Trailer Screening!***

# SHORT LOCAL FILMS

**Sunday, October 24**

**2 p.m.**

Cinematic stories from  
Livingston Manor  
Highland Lake  
Narrowsburg  
Lew Beach  
Margaretville  
Callicoon Center

Tickets \$8 at the door



**TUSTEN  
THEATRE**

210 Bridge Street  
Narrowsburg, NY

Co-presented by



More information and film descriptions at  
[www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org)

*Everything You Always Wanted to Know About  
the Callicoon Center Band*

(2010, 15 minutes, work in progress)

Directed by Alice Elliott

A documentary work-in-progress that celebrates 75 years of the beloved  
Sullivan County band and the community that makes it possible. Directed by  
Academy-Award-nominated filmmaker Alice Elliott.

Filmed in beautiful Sullivan County, Callicoon Center, NY

For more information visit the [Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Website](http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org)

## **Alice's Active Advocacy**

*Disability News, Media, Links, Opinions & Jokes*

*\*Our fourth edition still lacks jokes - feel free to submit your own\**

Film director and disability media expert, Alice Elliott, provides  
recommendations for disability resources

## **Alice's Disability Film Recommendation**

*Monica and David* is an award-winning documentary film  
by Alexandra Codina. It explores the marriage of two  
adults with Down syndrome and the family who strives to

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National Disability Employment Awareness Month

support  
their needs. Monica and David are blissfully in love and want  
what other adults have-an independent life. Full of humor,  
romance and everyday family drama, the film uses  
intimate  
fly-on-the wall footage to reveal the complexity of their  
story. While Monica and David are capable beyond  
expectations, their parents, aware of mainstream  
rejection of adults with intellectual disabilities, have  
trouble letting go. For more information on the  
film-winner of the "Best Documentary Feature" award at  
the Tribeca Film Festival-please visit  
[www.monicaanddavid.com](http://www.monicaanddavid.com).

The film will have its broadcast premiere on HBO on  
Thursday, October 14 at 8:00 pm, EST. Description lovers  
worldwide can enjoy the soundtrack with audio description  
via an audio stream on ACB Radio, also beginning at 8:00  
pm, EST, on Thursday, October 14. Simply go to  
[www.acbradio.org/world](http://www.acbradio.org/world) to listen in to the film with  
description crafted by ACB's Audio Description Project,  
produced in close collaboration with director Codina and  
streamed on ACB Radio with special thanks to HBO  
Documentary.

### Victory! 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Legislation Passes

“This legislation is a victory for civil rights in our increasingly  
digital world,” explains Andrew Imparato, AAPD’s President and  
CEO. **“The bill makes clear that it is not okay for people with  
sensory disabilities to be second class citizens in 21st century  
America.”** AAPD is the country’s largest cross-disability  
membership association and organizes the disability community to  
be a powerful voice of change—politically, economically, and  
socially.

The legislation requires captioned television programs to be  
captioned also when delivered over the Internet and requires  
video description on television for people with vision loss. The bill  
also allocates \$10 million per year for communications equipment  
used by people who are deaf-blind, ensures emergency  
information is accessible to individuals who are blind or have low  
vision, requires accessible user interfaces on mobile browsers that  
connect to the Internet, and requires hearing aid compatibility of  
'smart phones,' among several other provisions.

Check out the full story on the [JFActivist Blog!](#)

As Americans, we understand employment and economic security are critical to fulfilling  
our hopes and aspirations. We also know we are stronger when our country and economy  
can benefit from the skills and talents of all our citizens. No individual in our Nation should  
face unnecessary barriers to success, and no American with a disability should be limited in  
his or her desire to work. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we  
renew our focus on improving employment opportunities and career pathways that lead to  
good jobs and sound economic futures for people with disabilities.

My Administration is committed to ensuring people living with disabilities have fair access  
to jobs so they can contribute to our economy and realize their dreams. To help achieve this  
goal, I signed an Executive Order in July to increase Federal employment of individuals  
with disabilities. This directive requires Federal agencies to design model recruitment and  
hiring strategies for people with disabilities, and to implement programs to retain these  
public servants. To ensure transparency and accountability, agencies will report on their  
progress on hiring people with disabilities, and the Office of Personnel Management will  
post the results of agencies' efforts online for public evaluation. As the Nation's largest  
employer, the Federal Government can become a model employer by increasing  
employment across America of individuals with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to read the full proclamation.

## What can YOU do for National Disabilities Awareness Month?

- Review a business for [JJ's List](#)



...where people with disabilities review businesses and services.

- [Pledge](#) to end the use of the R-word.



- Check out *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* and other disability related programming on [PBS!](#)

## Welcome Change News & Updates

*Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* screened last month at the [Public Service Broadcasting Trust](#) in India.

"The film was received very well and inspired powerful thoughts and conversations," said the festival's coordinator.

World Food Day is October 16th and Denise Cerreta will be in Rome representing One World!

Click [HERE](#) to check out Denise Cerreta's "Community on the Road" blog!

*The Collector of Bedford Street* will screen on October 31st and November 1st at the [AUCD National Conference.](#)



*The Collector of Bedford Street* has also been chosen to participate in the 2010 Gero-Ed Film Festival.

Click [HERE](#) to check it out!

Check out Larry's new and improved [Facebook fan page!](#)

*Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy*  
is coming back to PBS!



*Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* will be rebroadcast this month for National Disability Awareness Month.

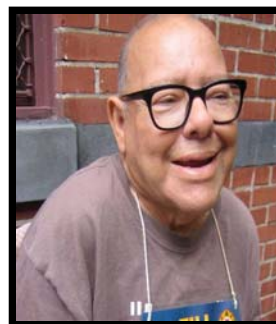
If you are interested in seeing it and helping it reach a wider audience, please ask your local public television stations and to pick it up for programming. "The channels are not required to add a feature to their program if they are unsure that there is a market for it, so it helps if people ask for the film," says Rachel Gordon, Outreach Director for Welcome Change Productions.

Contact your local PBS station and encourage them to show *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy!*  
<http://www.pbs.org/>

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*Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* on  
Facebook!



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<http://twitter.com/dianaandkathy>

To follow Larry on twitter and  
get updates on his fundraising  
activities, visit

[https://twitter.com  
/LarryCollector](https://twitter.com/LarryCollector)

