

Stockton University to Screen 'Mimi and Dona' Film as Part of PBS Indie Lens Pop-Up Series

Film to be Shown Nov. 18 in Manahawkin

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Galloway, NJ – Stockton University will host a screening of the film "Mimi and Dona," a portrait of a mother at the end of her life who must find a new home for her daughter, who has an intellectual disability. The screening will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Manahawkin Instructional Site, located at 712 East Bay Ave. in Manahawkin.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP to the Manahawkin screening by calling 609-626-3883.

Since her husband died in 1968, Mimi Thornton has lived with her daughter Dona in a suburban home in Dallas. Dona has an intellectual disability and possibly some undiagnosed autism.

Over the years, Mimi and Dona have carved out a happy life for themselves - one filled with errands, church, weekly visits to the beauty parlor and nightly doses of Wheel of Fortune.

However, Mimi and Dona's symbiotic existence is about to end. At age 92, Mimi can no longer care for Dona; and at age 64, Dona is about to take the biggest step of her life - she's leaving home to live in an assisted-living facility.

An estimated 4.6 million Americans have an intellectual or developmental disability. These individuals are living longer than ever before, with more than 75 percent of them living at home with family. What happens when aging family members can no longer care for them? "Mimi and Dona" explores this issue through the intimate story of a quirky and fiercely devoted mother-daughter duo.

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This is one of a series of films that will be shown at Stockton through the Indie Lens Pop-Up, a neighborhood series that brings people together for film screenings and community-driven conversations. Featuring documentaries seen on the PBS series Independent Lens, Indie Lens Pop-Up draws local residents, leaders and organizations to discuss what matters most, from newsworthy topics to family and relationships. Make friends, share stories and join the conversation.

For more information on the film, visit: <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/mimi-and-dona/>

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