



2021 Maryland Film Fest

FUGITIVE DREAMS

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FUGITIVE DREAMS Live Q&A

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In the midst of a failed suicide attempt, Mary (April Matthis) meets John (Robbie Tann), a well intentioned, but confused and troubled man battling mental illness. The two form a friendship based on their need for housing, food, and personal connection. Mary and John are both currently houseless and occupying a cargo train as they search for new opportunities while unpacking past traumas and depression.

A dark, yet compassionate story, *Fugitive Dreams* weaves an experimental narrative mimicking the experience of mental illness and PTSD through the combination of exquisitely shot color and black and white film. Director Jason Neulander creates a beautiful, yet haunting story of empathy, pain, and ultimately, chosen family.

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—Emily Eddy, Guest Festival Shorts Programmer, MdFF 2021

Content Considerations: Depictions of harassment and violence, strong language, depictions of self harm, misogynistic and racist language

This screening will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers including actors, O-Lan Jones, and April Matthis; DP, Peter Simonite; co-writer and playwright, Caridad Svich; and co-writer and director, Jason Neulander moderated by MdFF Artistic Director, Christy LeMaster.

YEAR
2020

RUNTIME
97 minutes

LANGUAGE
English

COUNTRY
United States

NOTE
English closed captions available

DIRECTOR
Jason Neulander

SCREENWRITER
Caridad Svich, Jason Neulander

PRODUCER
Jason Neulander, Michelle Randolph Faires,
Jennifer Kuczaj, Peter Simonite

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
Peggy O'Shaughnessy, Claire Rivers, Adam
Sear, Rashimi Kilam

CAST
April Matthis, Robbie Tann

CINEMATOGRAPHER
Peter Simonite

EDITOR

Mike Saenz

PRODUCTION DESIGN

Scott Colquitt, Thoa Nguyen

COMPOSER

Nathan Hamilton

SOUND DESIGN

Lyman Hardy, III, Buzz Moran

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