New York Transit Museum

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New York Transit Museum to Screen 2e: Twice Exceptional

Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

On March 15, the New York Transit Museum will present the award-winning documentary 2e: Twice Exceptional, joining a group of over 40 prestigious venues throughout the NY metro area to host the 8th Annual ReelAbility: NY Disabilities Film Festival. 2e: Twice Exceptional is an honest, up-close look at what it's like to be a gifted young person coming to terms with a learning difference. Directed by Thomas Ropelewsky, the documentary follows the personal journeys of a group of high school students who have been identified as "twice exceptional" – gifted individuals with learning disabilities or differences. Following the screening, the Transit Museum will lead a discussion and Q & A with Kim Busi (Founder and Director of the Quad Preparatory School) and Beth Rosenberg (Founder and Director of Tech Kids Unlimited).

Featuring thought-provoking interviews with students, parents, teachers, psychologists and therapists, *2e: Twice Exceptional* indicates where our next generation of "outliers" – geniuses, mavericks, and dreamers – may come from. The Transit Museum has embraced this generation through programs like <u>Subway Sleuths</u>, an after-school program for students with autism, and <u>Special Day for Special Kids</u>, a program series that offers free admission and exclusive access to the Museum for families with children with disabilities. This event is part of the Museum's ongoing effort to provide a welcoming, supportive space for those with disabilities and offer programs that make its extensive collection accessible and meaningful to all.

Tickets are available at http://www.bit.ly/NYTM2E for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit www.mta.info/museum/programs for more information on Transit Museum programs.

For information on wheelchair access, American Sign Language interpreters, Assisted Listening Devices, or other accessibility matters, please contact Meredith Gregory at 718-694-1823 or meredith.gregory@nyct.com. Additional information about accessibility at our Downtown Brooklyn and Grand Central Museum locations is available on the Transit Museum's website.

ABOUT THE REEL ABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL:

Initiated by JCC Manhattan in 2007, **ReelAbilities** is the largest festival in the country dedicated to presenting award-winning films made by and about people with different disabilities – physical, developmental and psychological. Through film, ReelAbilities brings the community together to celebrate diversity and inclusion, by engaging film lovers and audiences from all walks of life. The festival is part of a movement to bring awareness and appreciation to the

experiences and stories of people living and thriving with disabilities – building on the cultural shift that puts complex images of people with disabilities into the foreground of film.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The New York Transit Museum, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception more than a quarter century ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The New York Transit Museum operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

What: Film screening of 2e: Twice Exceptional

When: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00)

Where: New York Transit Museum

Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

Admission: \$10/Free for Museum members

Tickets: http://bit.ly/NYTM2E

Complimentary press passes available.

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