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**LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE SITE FOR FILM FESTIVAL  
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Film buffs can catch some of the best drama, documentaries and animation creations out of the 2010 Picture this ... film festival, an international disability showcase, at Lethbridge College Friday afternoon.

Organizers will show 14 independent films ranging in length from one minute to 20.

"They're by people with disabilities, they showcase disabilities, but I always say bottom line, these are just great films," said Karl Rejman, an education assistant at Lethbridge College and one of the organizers of the college event.

A common misperception is the films are only about how hard it is to live with a disability.

"If you can watch a few of these shows that (idea) just gets shattered," he said. "You're laughing at the comedies, you're intrigued by the dramas and in fact, I think because of the subject matter, you can really get some unique situations you wouldn't get otherwise. If you like films you'll want to come to this but you'll end up learning lots about disabilities and enjoying a laugh as well."

The offerings include an Australian-made film titled 'Yolk,' which was named best of festival

and best drama. Yolk stars Lena, a 15-year-old girl with Down syndrome. She steals a sex book from a mobile library and her mother forces her to take it back. The embarrassing family spectacle that ensues only strengthens Lena's rebellion. 'Profile,' a Canadian film that won the animation category, looks at the consequences of interpreting facial features out of context. Rejman also specifically requested a 2008 film called 'The Man Who Couldn't Dance,' an 11-minute production made in New Zealand.

"It's one of the funniest things I've ever seen in my life. It starts off with a dream sequence and this guy is doing this beautiful ballroom dancing, it's wonderful. The guy wakes up and feels so good and then he falls out of bed. He remembers that he doesn't have any legs," he said. "The rest of the show is about this guy trying to figure out how he can ballroom dance without any legs."

More information about the winning festival films can be found online at [www.ptff.org](http://www.ptff.org). This year the college is partnering with SAIPA, the Southern Alberta Individualized Planning Association, an organization that assists people with developmental disabilities.

The come-and-go event in the E.C. Fredericks Theatre, CE1365, is free and goes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Popcorn, while it lasts, is also free.