



DOCUMENTARY 'TEACHER OF PATIENCE' TO DEBUT AT THE 2022 INDY SHORTS  
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN JULY

*The documentary is beginning its campaign to educate first responders about how to interact with individuals with disabilities.*

**CHESTERTON, IN (6/23/22)** - The documentary [Teacher of Patience](#) is beginning its festival circuit at the 2022 Indy Shorts International Film Festival. Teacher of Patience follows a local Indiana family's efforts to raise disability awareness among first responders and the general public, teaching others how to interact with individuals with Down Syndrome and other disabilities through a presentation called [The Emily Talk](#).

The film accompanies father and paramedic Tom, wife and labor and delivery nurse Tina, and daughter who happens to have down syndrome Emily Felter as they use learned life lessons as a tool for teaching others about living with disabilities. As a short documentary, its goal is to facilitate a further understanding of how to best live and interact alongside those who communicate in all types of ways while highlighting the story of a family who seeks to do that in their own community.

"I was inspired to tell this story because we don't often see on screen what it looks like to be a small town advocate," said director [Carmen Vincent](#). "Disability education for our first responders is vital, but lacking, and the Felter's are doing all they can to fulfill that need. I love that the Felter's are human and they don't try to hide it – they use it to teach others."

The festival begins Tuesday, July 19th, and runs through Sunday the 24th. *Teacher of Patience* debuts at The Toby Theater at Newfields in Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday, July 24th at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://tickets.indyshorts.org/> for virtual and in-person showings.

*Teacher of Patience*, while debuting at the 2022 [Indy Shorts International Film Festival](#) has been submitted to dozens of other national and international film festivals. Additionally, part of the campaign is to incorporate the film directly into first responder training programs. Further announcements on acceptance to festivals, awards won and partnerships can be found at [teacherofpatience.com](http://teacherofpatience.com).

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**About [Carmen Vincent](#)**

Through video production, editing, and documentary filmmaking, Carmen amplifies the human experience by drawing out people's authentic, diverse stories. While Midwestern

through-and-through, Carmen has worked with clients and told stories from across the country and in the United Kingdom and Palestine. She uses her experience with non-visible disabilities, including OCD and ADHD, to pursue her work with creativity, empathy, and curiosity. She is a Nikon Storytellers Scholar, a selected participant in Adobe's Creator Camp, and a proud recipient of the Best International Director award at the Georgia Documentary Film Festival for her short documentary *Forever A Champion*. Learn more at [www.carmenvincent.com](http://www.carmenvincent.com).

### **About [Indy Shorts International Film Festival](#)**

The Academy Award®-Qualifying Indy Shorts International Film Festival presented by Heartland Film is the largest shorts festival in the Midwest running in Indianapolis, Indiana, since 2018. Originally an expansion to the Heartland International Film Festival, Indy Shorts has become its own six-day summer festival that celebrates the unique, creative, and captivating art of short films in a wide range of categories including horror, comedy, documentary, narrative, animated, and more. Learn more at <https://www.heartlandfilm.org/indyshorts>.

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