



DOCUMENTARY 'TEACHER OF PATIENCE' TO SCREEN AS PART OF SLAMDANCE FILM FESTIVAL'S FIRST IN-PERSON UNSTOPPABLE PROGRAM

Logline: Over 20 years after Emily Felter is diagnosed with Down syndrome, paramedic (and Emily's father) Tom develops a presentation to share her story with other first responders. As the Felters work to raise disability awareness, they come face-to-face with the struggles and joys of their daily lives.

The documentary is continuing its campaign to educate first responders about how to interact with individuals with disabilities and increasing visibility through key film festivals.

Salt Lake City & Park City, UT (01/09/2023) - The award-winning 29-minute documentary [Teacher of Patience](#) is set to be screened as part of Slamdance Film Festival's first in-person iteration of its trailblazing [Unstoppable](#) program. Slamdance Unstoppable is a showcase of films made by filmmakers with visible and non-visible disabilities. Programmed exclusively by disabled artists, Slamdance Unstoppable aims to eliminate the prejudices and gate-keeping that have historically kept disabled filmmakers from being represented in the entertainment industry.

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 has 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 an understanding of how to best respect and interact with those who communicate in all types of ways while highlighting the story of a family who advocates for 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. Being part of the 2023 Slamdance lineup is a huge deal for us, as it gives big-industry visibility to a small-town narrative. As a disabled filmmaker from Indiana, having this kind of platform to share the Felters' story means the world."

Teacher of Patience will screen as part of the "Slamdance Unstoppable Shorts Block One" in Salt Lake City at The Student Union Theater at University of Utah on Monday, January 23 from 5:25-8:10pm. Tickets are free, but RSVP'ing is recommended to secure a spot at the screening. The film will also screen alongside feature documentary *Sexual Healing* on Thursday, January 26 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Crescent Room at Treasure Mountain Inn in Park City. Tickets are \$15. Q&As will follow both screenings, and director Carmen Vincent will be present. Tickets can be reserved at www.slamdance.com/festival/#schedule.

Teacher of Patience and the entire 2023 Slamdance lineup can be streamed from January 23-29 for \$7.99. Register at www.slamdancechannel.com/registration-festival-2023.

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Info Graphic for Slamdance Screenings (Please Use):

Download:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k7EpLdlmHF1etVkszfDCoJKnsbQmUts8/view?usp=sharing>

Preview:

Teacher of Patience (2022), 29 minutes
www.teacherofpatience.com

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A short documentary by Carmen Vincent.
Filmed in Indiana.

COME SEE US AT SLAMDANCE!

- **Slamdance UNSTOPPABLE Shorts Block One (with Q&A)**
Monday, January 23, 5:25 - 8:10 PM
The Student Union Theater @ University of Utah
200 South Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84112
FREE, RSVP at: www.slamdance.com/festival/#schedule
- **Sexual Healing & Teacher of Patience (with Q&A)**
Thursday, January 26, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Crescent Room @ Treasure Mountain Inn
255 Main Street, Park City, UT 84060
Buy Tickets: www.slamdance.com/festival/#schedule
- **Stream Online from January 23-29** Roku   
www.slamdancechannel.com/registration-festival-2023



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Film Website:

<https://www.teacherofpatience.com/>

IMDb Page:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21113330/>

Press Kit:

<https://www.teacherofpatience.com/press-kit.html>

Headshots/Movie Poster/Stills/Etc:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uaQEE38s4Sj2JbgnqT0h1RQbC8nPW24A?usp=sharing>

About Carmen Vincent

Through video production, editing, and documentary filmmaking, Carmen Vincent 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.

Vincent is a Nikon Storytellers Scholar, a selected participant of Adobe's Creator Camp, and a proud selected participant of RespectAbility's Lab for Entertainment Professionals with Disabilities.

Learn more at www.carmenvincent.com.

About Slamdance Film Festival

Founded in 1995, the Academy Award-Qualifying Slamdance Film Festival is a showcase for raw and innovative filmmaking that lives and bleeds by its mantra: By Filmmakers, For Filmmakers. Slamdance has created a track record for showcasing breakthrough artists that is beyond dispute. Filmmakers who first presented their work at the festival are now amongst the biggest names in the entertainment industry.

Alumni who have shown their early short films and debut features at Slamdance include Rian Johnson (*Knives Out*), Ari Aster (*Midsommar*), Gina Prince-Bythewood (*The Old Guard*), The Russo Brothers (*Avengers: Endgame*), Bong Joon Ho (*Parasite*), Lena Dunham (*Girls*), Jon M. Chu (*Crazy Rich Asians*), Lynn Shelton (*Little Fires Everywhere*) and Christopher Nolan (*Dunkirk*).

Slamdance Website: <https://slamdance.com/>

Slamdance Logo: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:SlamdanceFilmFestivalLogo.svg>

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