

Film News: ‘When Billy Broke His Head’ at Midwest Independent Film Fest, Aug. 6, 2019

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CHICAGO – A movie milestone highlights the August “First Tuesday” of Chicago’s Midwest Independent Film Festival. “Billy Broke His Head” (1994) celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a screening in association with ReelAbilities Chicago. The festivities kick off at 6pm at Landmark Century Centre Cinema in Chicago, [click here](#) [15] for details and tickets.

“Billy Broke His Head,” subtitled “...And Other Tales of Wonder” is an entertaining, irreverent road movie about disability, civil rights, and the search for intelligent life after brain damage. Following an accident, journalist Billy Golfus woke from a coma to find himself head-injured, hemiplegic and dependent on others. The film tells of Golfus’ struggle to make a new life for himself in the face of pervasive discrimination and bureaucratic “helping systems.” Accompanied by filmmaker David E. Simpson, Golfus travels the country encountering disabled people of all stripes, and witnessing the strength and anger that has forged a civil rights movement for disabled Americans. Filmmaker Simpson will represent the film at the Festival.

When Billy Broke His Head... and Other Tales of Wonder

A Film by BILLY GOLFUS & DAVID E. SIMPSON



August 5th, 2019, at the Midwest Independent Film Festival

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The Festival's Producer's Panel, which takes place before the film, also has a special guest. The newly hired Director of the Chicago Film Office, Kwame Amoaku, will be interviewed by Amy Guth, the Executive Director of the Festival. There will also be a Q&A with filmmaker David E. Simpson after the screening, and an after party immediately following the event.

The Midwest Independent Film Festival is a year-round movie event in Chicago that takes place the first Tuesday of every month, at the Landmark Century Centre Cinema. The festival has been recognized by *Chicago Magazine* in their "Best of Chicago" issue, and has become one of the top places for local filmmakers, producers and actors to network in the city.

The Midwest Independent Film Festival presents "When Billy Broke His Head" on Tuesday, August 5th, 2019 (6pm start), at Landmark Century Centre Cinema, 2828 North Clark Street, Chicago. For more information about the Festival, [click here](#). [16]



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