



## [THE REASON I JUMP](#)

United Kingdom, United States • Director: Jerry Rothwell • 82m • English

Based on the groundbreaking memoir by 13-year-old author Naoki Higashida, this fascinating documentary uses an immersive, impressionistic approach to chronicle the rich inner lives of non-speaking autistic people from India, Britain, the U.S., and Sierra Leone. Filmmaker Jerry Rothwell draws empathic portraits of his subjects and their families, and then, in a visually sumptuous artistic flourish, he interweaves their experiences with images of a young Japanese boy playing on a stormy coast. All the while, narrated passages from Naoki's book describe the way in which he perceives the world around him. The critical message: not being able to speak does not mean there is

nothing to say.

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## [THE SPECIAL \(ESPECIAL\)](#)

Venezuela, U.S. • Director: Ignacio Márquez • 91m • Spanish with subtitles

In this thoughtful and uplifting debut, the profoundly charming Chuo is having to navigate the challenges of early adulthood with Down Syndrome. He feels a growing need for independence from his father José, who struggles to provide and care for his son as he grapples with demons past and the disappointments of dreams deferred. When Chuo lands a job at a small graphic design studio, he begins to find community and discover purpose and a sense of self. Long parted by an ocean of silence and shame, will father and son be able to fulfill the promise of Chuo's dreams and build a

common future?

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