



Special Event at the Jacob Burns Film Center

BREAKING BOUNDARIES: the Art of Alex Masket

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:15

A self-taught artist, Alex Masket makes dynamic work with unconventional media and an uninhibited, bold use of color. His creativity and sophisticated understanding of light, color, and form are unconstrained by his severe autism, which does inhibit his ability to communicate verbally. Masket's work has appeared in more than a dozen solo and group shows and in *Esopus* and other magazines. This award-winning short documentary both introduces us to this extraordinary artist and asks what artistic communication and the creative impulse are all about. Dennis Connors. 2010. 18 m. USA.

Followed by a discussion with of Arc of Westchester Executive Director **Richard P. Swierat** and autism advocate **Elaine Masket** (Alex's mother), moderated by **Dr. Beth Mount**, a consultant who helps others see capacities in people with disabilities. Afterwards, join us upstairs in the Jane Peck Gallery for a reception and the opening of an exhibition of Alex Masket's work.

Tickets \$6 (JBFC members), \$11 (nonmembers)

Tickets can be purchased at the box office or online at burnsfilmcenter.org

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