



Quadriplegic Mom and First-Time Filmmaker Set to Premiere Groundbreaking Documentary

May 18, 2022—Dani Izzie, quadriplegic mother to twins, officially rolls into the world of filmmaking on May 26, 2022, with the world premiere of DANI'S TWINS, a short documentary, at Mountainfilm Festival in Telluride, CO.

Izzie, who lives in Madison County, VA, teamed up with veteran filmmakers Brad Allgood and Steve Dorst to capture her rare and risky pregnancy as one of the few quadriplegics ever to give birth to twins. Her story is one of enduring love, interdependence and high-stakes drama as she forges ahead against all odds to deliver healthy babies and become a mother.

“This documentary is a portrait of my time as a disabled mother-to-be,” says Izzie, film protagonist and producer. “As exhausting as disabled pregnancy and new motherhood can be, the experience has really been empowering.”

When Covid hit, the filmmaking team had to scramble to keep production going. They worked with Izzie, who despite the physical limitations of her pregnancy and spinal cord injury, was able to document a critical portion of her journey—including the race to the University of Virginia (UVA) Medical Center when she went into labor.

“The birth of Dani’s twins was the culmination of months of careful prenatal care and planning,” says Dr. Robert Fuller, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist at UVA Health and UVA Children’s. “We celebrate with Dani and her family as this extraordinary new chapter of her life begins.”

Izzie says: “Insofar as my disability intersects with my role as a parent, I feel capable and complete—the love and joy in this experience is nourishing and limitless. My hope is that the film will resonate within the disability community, encourage those who have been doubted, or self-doubted, and contribute to the larger push to normalize disability and dismantle barriers.”

DANI'S TWINS was made possible in part through generous contributions from Magnetic Me, a clothing line for babies and moms, and Friendsheep, a fair trade producer of eco-friendly wool dryer balls.

Mountainfilm’s in-person festival runs from May 26-30, 2022, and will be followed by a virtual festival, May 31-June 7, 2022. Tickets can be purchased at

<https://mountainfilm.eventive.org/welcome>.

DANI'S TWINS is the premiere release of Perpetuo Films, a studio that produces entertaining content for people who give a damn. Our active slate of programming includes DANI'S TWINS; PATROL, the battle to preserve Nicaragua's rainforest from illegal cattle ranching; and EAT BITTER, the first English-language documentary out of the Central African Republic, capturing the tensions between Chinese migrants and local workers during a civil war. In 2021, our films secured grants and partnered with the biggest global names in nonfiction storytelling: [Hot Docs](#), [Canadian International Documentary Festival](#), [International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam \(IDFA\)](#), the [Ford Foundation](#), the [Sundance Institute](#), [Mountainfilm](#), the [European Union](#), [Re:wild](#), [Netflix](#), [Ambulante](#), [DOC DEVELOPMENT AFRICA](#), [Durban FilmMart](#), and others. [Perpetuo Films](#) is working to realize a thriving Web3 creator economy where documentary filmmakers have more autonomy and ownership.

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