

DANI'S TWINS Film Set to Screen at Port Townsend Women & Film Festival

April 21, 2023—Perpetuo Films announced today the screening of its award-winning documentary DANI'S TWINS at the <u>Port Townsend Women & Film Festival</u>, taking place April 21-23, 2023 in the beautiful seaside village of Port Townsend, WA, with a virtual encore taking place from April 24-30.

DANI'S TWINS captures the pregnancy and early parenting journey of Daniela Izzie, one of the few quadriplegics in history to ever give birth to twins. While a source of great joy, Dani's twin pregnancy is highly unusual and susceptible to an array of risks, ranging from blood pressure spikes that could lead to a stroke to the almost-certain likelihood of preterm labor. When the Covid-19 pandemic strikes, it raises the stakes for an already complicated pregnancy. Amid these ups and downs, Dani's story depicts her unwavering determination against all odds to deliver healthy babies and be a great mother.

Following its <u>world premiere at Mountainfilm Festival</u> in May 2022, DANI'S TWINS has screened at two dozen film festivals in five countries and won 10 awards, including the recent <u>"Special Jury Award Short"</u> from Frozen River Film Festival.

These awards come on the heels of a coveted win at the Virginia Film Festival, where it took home the "Audience Award for Best Documentary," in addition to "Best Film about Women Award" from the Toronto International Women Film Festival, "Audience Award for Best Documentary" from DC Shorts Film Festival, and "Audience Award for Best Short Film" from the Pittsburgh ReelAbilities Film Festival. Other wins include the Hollywood International Diversity Film Festival's "Female Perspective Award," the "Audience Award for Best Short Film" at the Washington West Film Festival, "Award for Most Inspiring Film," at the Conquering Disabilities/ETHOS Film Awards Festival, the Tokyo International Short Film Festival's "Message of Hope Award," and the Roma Short Film Festival's selection for "Best Disability Film."

Dani's Twins was directed by Brad Allgood, known for his feature documentary "Landfill Harmonic," which garnered over 40 festival wins in 250+ festivals and was acquired by HBO, and Steve Dorst, whose film "Shattered Sky" told the story of how America led the world to solve the biggest environmental crisis ever seen (the ozone crisis) and played on PBS. The film was produced by Angie Gentile, Dani Izzie, and Andy Arias, with Associate Producer Brian Kemler.

The original soundtrack by composer Sam Ewing and is available on Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/album/39UzfyxRAsme25sGcQtXca?si=_xoA1wGAR1muq4OWMykQ3w.

The film was made possible in part through generous contributions from <u>Permobil</u>, a global leader in innovative assistive technology for people living with disabilities, <u>Magnetic Me</u>, a clothing line for babies and moms, and <u>Friendsheep</u>, a fair trade producer of eco-friendly wool dryer balls.

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, a documentary set in the Central African Republic and China, capturing the tensions between Chinese migrants and local workers during a civil war. 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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