



CINE-ONU

The United Nations

invites you to the screening of the award-winning documentary

AUTISM: The Musical

Tuesday, 4 May 2010, 6:30 p.m.

In 1980, autism was a relatively rare disorder, diagnosed in one in 10,000 children in the United States. Now it is one in 150.

AUTISM: THE MUSICAL counters today's bleak statistics with one woman's optimistic pledge to lead a group of autistic children in defying diagnosed expectations by writing, rehearsing and performing their own full-length musical. Following five Los Angeles children over the course of six months, director Tricia Regan captures the struggles and triumphs of their family lives and observes how this musical production gives these performers a comfort zone in which they can explore their creative sides.

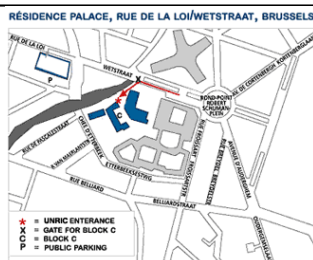
Both on and off stage, AUTISM: THE MUSICAL is a call-to-arms, bringing attention to a modern-day epidemic, all the while celebrating the way the human spirit can overcome any challenge.



*The film will be followed by a Q & A session with
Aurélie Baranger (Director of Autism Europe)
Sarah Schelstraete (Flemish Parents and Family Association)*

Moderated by Carlos Jimenez (UNRIC)

There is no entrance fee, but as places are limited, we kindly ask you to register in advance by sending an e-mail with the subject "CINE-ONU" to: cine-onu@unric.org. **NO registration e-mails will be accepted after Monday, 3 May, 5:30pm.**



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NB: The film is in English and the debate will be held in English. The film has a runtime of 94 minutes.