

**A FREE SCREENING OF SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILMS CREATED  
DURING "REEL STORIES", THE SUNDANCE INSTITUTE AND SPY  
HOP PRODUCTIONS YOUTH DOCUMENTARY WORKSHOP**

**WHAT**

Sundance Institute and Spy Hop Productions have announced a free community screening of the projects developed through **REEL STORIES: SUNDANCE INSTITUTE'S YOUTH DOCUMENTARY WORKSHOP AT SPY HOP PRODUCTIONS**. REEL STORIES is a program co-produced by Sundance Institute and Spy Hop Productions, a creative, youth media center promoting critical thinking and media literacy. Using digital cameras and computer editing systems provided by Spy Hop, each participant developed, wrote, shot, edited, and produced a short documentary film. This screening is the culmination of the program, and features the seven short documentary films that were developed and created by the young filmmakers during the three-week workshop. The films include a range of topics; all are told from the perspective of the young filmmakers and reflect their individuality. Some of the more self reflective films include an exploration of the meaning of success told through the eyes of a 16 year old college graduate, how well equipped American youth are for leaving home, and the lifestyle contrasts between young Indian and American adults. There are also culturally focused films exploring male body issues, pace of life with a particular focus on the American version, the culture of video games, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness' annual walk for awareness.

Films from past workshops have gone on to screen on HBO Family, and the MNN Youth Channel National Series, as part of PBS' online youth media initiative "Listen Up!", and at numerous film festivals including: Museum of Television and Radio Docu-Jam, MNN Youth Channel National Series, and the IFP Los Angeles Film Festival.

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**WHO**

This year's seven REEL STORIES participants are: Chase Mark, Morgan High School; Teresa Kuan, University of Utah; Michelle Ripplinger, Ogden High School; Julian Moon, East Hollywood High School; Trent Oswald, American Fork High School; Avijit Halder, Rowland Hall-St. Mark's; and Kent Prewett, Davis High School.

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**WHEN** Tuesday, August 8 at 7 pm

**WHERE** The Tower Theatre, 876 East 900 South, Salt Lake City

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