

# ONLY ONE FULL SPECTRUM AUTISM FILM IN LIST OF OSCAR QUALIFYING DOCS

## IN A YEAR OF RECORD SUBMISSIONS, ONLY ONE FILM THAT COVERS FULL AUTISM SPECTRUM HIGHLIGHTED IN LIST OF QUALIFYING DOCS FOR 86th ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

**Lancaster, PA, October 21st, 2013** – After a sizzling US domestic theatrical release of over 100 screenings, the award winning film “The United States of Autism” is officially in the running for the 86th Annual Academy Awards. It is the only film featuring the entire autism spectrum on the Academy list for 2013, and was highlighted in the exclusive announcement by Hollywood magazine “The Wrap” this past week in Los Angeles.

An entirely crowd-sourced film using a Pepsi Refresh Project Grant and Kickstarter funds, and positively reviewed in the NY Times, LA Times, Hollywood Reporter, and Variety Magazine, the film follows Richard Everts’ 11,000 mile, 40 day journey across America to visit twenty families and individuals living with autism. Interviewees come from a broad cultural spectrum from Mormon to Muslim and Hispanic to Chinese. Each person shows how autism has shaped their world, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse, yet always with significance. What Everts learns along the way changes not only his life, but the lives of those he meets, forever.

The United States of Autism is an independent film. It’s helped raise over \$20,000 for local autism groups around the country to date. For more information on the list of qualifying documentaries, see the article in The Wrap here: <http://www.thewrap.com/deluge-documentaries-heres-list-151-oscar-qualifying-docs/>

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