

Abbey Neidik  
DLI Productions

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Dear Abbey:

Thanks for the invitation to today's screening of Broken Mind. It was a pleasure to watch your new film, which explores the delicate subject of mental illness with great tact and sensitivity.

At the heart of Broken Mind is how vividly and unobtrusively it portrays what it feels like for the afflicted person and his family. You've made a movie that will dispel stereotypes with its honesty and gentle intimacy. Bringing the audience in close to the people we meet will enlighten those who have vague, fearful ideas about conditions like paranoid schizophrenia. Randy and the other characters captivate us with their mixed emotions, their insights, their multilayered ways of communicating. Above all, we admire their brave struggles to survive in the real world - a world that often discriminates against them. The struggles and successes of the families we see are touchingly heroic.

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