



Hill Country Film Society and Gem of the Hills Activity Center to Screen Texas-made Documentary HI I'M BLAKE

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 22, 2021) – The Hill Country Film Society, a non-profit organization committed to providing year-round independent film programming and education in the Texas Hill Country and host to the annual [Hill Country Film Festival](#) in Fredericksburg, Texas, on June 2 – 5, 2022, has partnered with [Gem of the Hills Activity Center](#) to host a screening of [HI I'M BLAKE](#) (d. Jon Michael Simpson, U.S.) as part of Indie Film Series.

WHAT: **HI I'M BLAKE** is a Texas-made documentary that was filmed over the course of six years and recently inspired the development of the “Hi I’m” series featured on Magnolia Network.

After a life-altering gymnastics accident leaves Blake Hyland in a coma, his friends and family cling to hope for a miracle. After weeks of waiting, at last his eyes open, and his optimistic family refuses to believe in anything less than a full recovery. **HI I'M BLAKE** follows the Hyland’s struggle to paint a new picture for their lives. As Blake attempts to reintegrate into society with a traumatic brain injury, it is a mystery if he will ever walk again, gain an education, or return to his former life. Filmed over six years, this inspirational story captures the joy of a boy with profound hope, the sacrificial love of a family, and seeks to answer the question, “When will Blake fully recover?”

Information on upcoming indie screenings in the Texas Hill Country can be found on HCFF Event page at: <http://www.hillcountryff.com/home/events/>.

WHEN: Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

WHERE: Gem of the Hills Activity Center, 2233 US Highway 281 North Blanco, Texas

COST: Free

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Guests are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings at all times unless eating or drinking. Seating will be socially distanced and guests are asked to maintain six feet of distance between other non-household guests. Hand sanitizer will be available. If a

guest is experiencing a fever, coughing, sneezing, loss of smell/taste or believe they have been recently exposed to COVID-19, organizers ask you to please stay home.

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@HC_Film_Fest & Gem of the Hills to host screening of Texas-made documentary film @HilmBlakeFilm on 12/5.

About Hill Country Film Society

The Hill Country Film Festival, created in 2010 to celebrate and showcase filmmakers from Texas and around the world, quickly evolved into a non-profit organization with a broader vision. The Hill Country Film Society not only hosts the annual festival, but provides year-round independent film programming in the Texas Hill Country as well as education in the art of independent film. Its mission is to encourage discovery through visual storytelling and create experiences that educate, inspire and engage. The society relies on its sponsors and members to help achieve its mission and ensure the future of film as part of a vibrant, creative culture. For more information, visit www.hillcountryff.com/film-society/.

About Hill Country Film Festival

Set in Fredericksburg, Texas, the Hill Country Film Festival (HCFF) is the vision of its director Chad Mathews, an actor, screenwriter, producer and native Texan. Having participated in the film festival circuit, Mathews came to love the camaraderie and shared respect of those who are committed to the art of independent filmmaking. HCFF was created to celebrate and showcase filmmakers from Texas and around the world and is annually presented by the Hill Country Film Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information visit www.hillcountryff.com.

About Gem of the Hills Activity Center

Gem of the Hills Activity Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit, was founded in Blanco, Texas, in 1984 for the purpose of establishing a facility where the adult community could gather to enrich their daily lives through programs and activities of recreation, health, fitness and general welfare. In 1995, a modern 5,600 square-foot building was completed, constructed primarily by a group of highly dedicated senior citizens. In addition to fulfilling the mission to provide space for programs and activities for senior citizens and the community, the center has become a popular site for weddings, anniversaries, family reunions, public meetings, and other gatherings. For more information visit www.gemofthehills.org.

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