

What people said About Movie Monday this year ...

"I'm so excited to be here; because I missed the last screening that I think was about two and a half years ago. Unfortunately I couldn't be here, I was in London UK, but my Producer was able to be here and he said it was a full house, like it is now, and he said it was one of the best screenings he had ever been to. I think that really speaks to the energy and the engagement that was coming from the audience."

Bruce Spangler, *Protection*

"Your evening alone made making the film worthwhile. "

Manfred Becker, *The Life of Me*

"There are many things that I appreciated about this film. The first thing I would like to do is to thank both Jeff and Ali for their commitment to the message. It is an important one and I appreciated their personal approach to the broad topic of representation. Their combined work is a beautiful personal journal developed by the union of two "Indians" with a common history of cultural oppression."

Patricia Vickers speaking to Movie Monday audience following the screening of *Shooting Indians* (as part of a panel with her filmmaker son Jacob Beacon (Coopermoon Productions and Evelyn Voyageur)

"I am excited that Movie Monday will screen Post Concussion! Thank you! I'd love to do the Q&A! I'm not quite sure what it involves - is it live by phone with an actual audience there listening in on the conversation? That's cool. I've never done that before but it definitely sounds fun. Count me in for sure! I've heard of WHEN BILLY BROKE HIS HEAD AND OTHER TALES OF WONDER, but not BREAKAWAY, and unfortunately have seen neither. I hope I do get to see them one day though. I'll keep an eye out for the book SLOW DANCE as well. I read about your experience on your website. What you wrote about sending out ripples of information and hope, and everything you've done with MM and the hospital, seemed very much to embody the spirit of one of my favourite Robert Kennedy quotes: "Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, you send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance...". Thanks for doing what you do, and for allowing me and Ambrose to be a part of it! Talk soon.

Daniel Yoon, Filmmaker of *Post Concussion*

"Dear Bruce, I have just finished a pleasant 20 minutes or so of looking over your "Movie Monday" web site (a very interesting, well organized site by the way). Congratulations on what you have accomplished and the awards that you have so deservedly received."

"I think you've created a wonderful thing with your Movie Mondays, so you immediately came to mind as being a kindred spirit of these folks in the States (Mostly Martha and Spiritual Cinema Community) and that perhaps might want to know about them and be connected. If Victoria were going to have a rep, I think you'd be it!"

"Hi Bruce, Thanks for inviting Joan and I to Movie Monday. We appreciate your interest. Also thank you for your kind words about the website. It was my intention to show Mike as a person and not just an illness so I am glad that has come across. Movie Monday is a great institution."

From Paddy Miller, a mother of a young man who had Bipolar illness and died of suicide. She and Joan spoke about their cross-Canada fundraising ride before a film in Oct /03 as part of Mental Awareness Week

"First I want to congratulate Kara (Golden Key) and Bruce (Movie Monday) on all their hard work putting this evening's very successful event together. It was wonderful having Daniel Yoon there at the screening of his film. I think it would be great to have more of these "Town-and-Gown" (university + community) events, perhaps monthly. Bruce and I spoke about it and he has ideas for at least 3 other films that look at the issue of brain injury, and might be able to have the filmmakers' presence there, if only by live phone call."

Ron Skelton, University of Victoria's Psychology Department

"I am cutting a final instalment of *Norway* as we speak, and it is coming well. I am very much looking forward to getting it together on DVD. Do you know any good places to get quality authoring done? I am overjoyed to be in touch with you again. I was most silly to have been out of contact for so long. Movie Monday is about the greatest thing going!"

Local independent filmmaker Mike Wood

"I seem to see more and more references to your program, in newsletters and on websites and things, so, it seems as if word has spread that you are a successful program. Congratulations I just wanted you to be aware that there is a great deal of positive energy out there, about YOUR program. You are obviously making a difference and doing some great things."

Sandy Bray, Janssen-Ortho Pharmaceutical Community Relations Manager

"Thanks Bruce. I was just thinking that I would like a list of the upcoming movies. I had mentioned in a staff meeting that I had seen some great movies relating to mental health and had learned a great deal. I really enjoyed the last one on schizophrenia [Walter] and found a lot of the things depicted in the film are experienced by my clients. I told the staff I would let them know of upcoming films that might be interesting to their job so I will forward this to them. Thanks again. Keep them coming."

Jeanette Stamp Vincent, a service provider who houses people with mental health and addiction issues

Hi Bruce, Glad to hear about the positive response (to *Walter*), both monetarily as well as "bodies" of interest (so to speak). Dr. David is a remarkable man - with great talent, blinding insight and sensitivity. Rarely do you see someone who is so capable of knitting his clinical perspectives into such poignant visual and literary artistry. I'm cheering for his "rare breed". *Drummer Boy* is the next one we probably will be interested in purchasing, so when you're able to lend me a preview - We appreciate your efforts to continue to slay the myths out there, Bruce."

Patty Verdone, Executive Director of BCSS Victoria Branch

"How can I get a copy of "Walter". It spoke so clearly about the hospital experience that I would like to see it available as part of our orientation to staff working in ER and the inpatient unit."

Manager of Acute Treatment Services for Mental Health and Addictions in VIHA (EMP) and also Past-President of Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses

"You have pioneered using film as a springboard for discussing mental illness/mental health issues. Your forum is most valuable for public education purposes."

A mental health worker in Vancouver

Congratulations, Bruce. Once more you presented a non-commercial documentary with a message and attracted a nearly full house and presented an involving discussion group. Coming after "Protection" which many would consider very non-mainstream, and again to a good audience, your remarkable abilities as a promoter of meaningful films are confirmed. It is a good start to the New Year.

Stan Fox, Our super supportive Board president

"You are a tremendous supporter Bruce. Your efforts to build MM and showcase docs. and champion local people is so, so appreciated."

Heather MacAndrew - *The Man We Called Juan Carlos* (and board member)