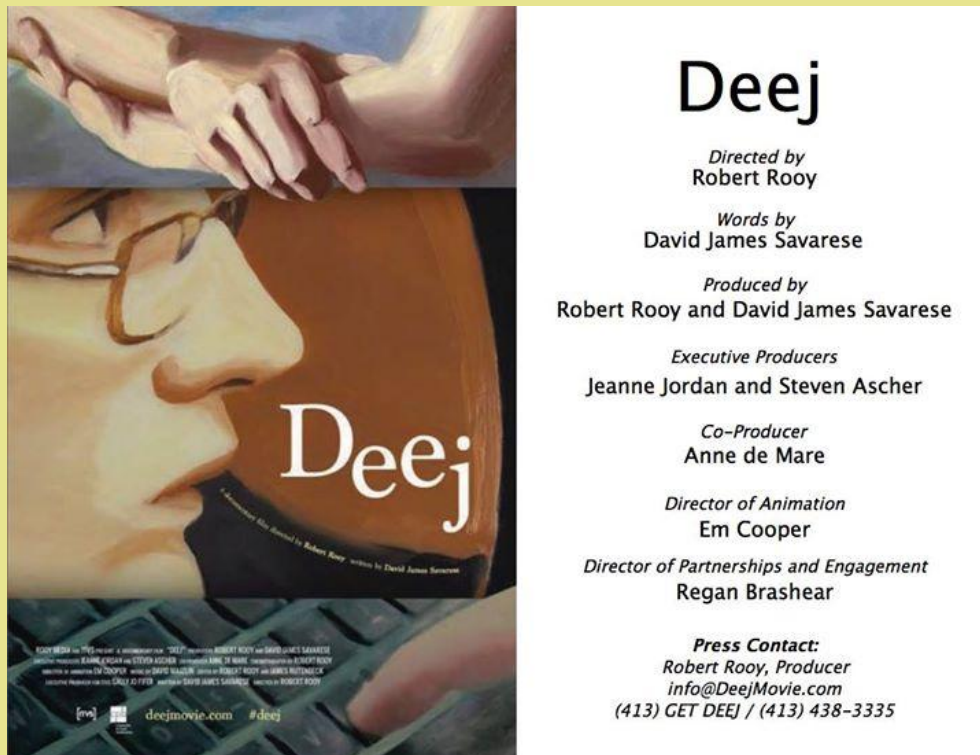


Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati Mirror Hall



Join The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, and the Muslim Student Associations of University of Cincinnati and Xavier University for a screening of the groundbreaking film *Deej*, followed by a panel discussion with the special needs staff, parents, and volunteers at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati.

DJ Savarese (“Deej”) is a gifted young writer and advocate for nonverbal individuals. Once a profoundly disabled foster kid on a fast track to nowhere, DJ dreams of college and insists on standing up for his peers: people who are dismissed as incompetent because they have neurological differences. Will DJ find freedom for himself and others?

In this first-of-its kind collaboration between a veteran filmmaker and a nonspeaking person with autism, Robert Rooy and DJ share editorial control as they navigate the challenges of representing autism. At its core, Deej reflects the level of participation that disability rights advocates insist upon: "Nothing about us without us."

Doors Open at 5:45

Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome, and a safe sensory space will be made available outside the mirror hall.

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