

Date:
DIVA Center 110 W. Broadway, Eugene
Contact: Eric Ostlind
Phone: 344-3482
E-Mail: eric@divanow.org

Subject: Waking Life screens at DIVA Center

DIVA's Art House Films and Conversation series screens Richard Linklater's experimental animation film Waking Life at 7:00pm on Sunday, January 20th. Admission Free. The screening is followed by thought provoking audience discussion led by Steve Poizat-Newcomb.

The entire film was shot using digital video and then a team of artists using computers employed a technique known as rotoscoping to draw stylized lines and colors over each frame, creating a dream-like animated landscape.

This experimental form of animation enhances the existential philosophical journey of a young man who seemingly floats through encounters with a succession of eccentrics and passionate thinkers, all the while uncertain whether he's conscious or dreaming. The resulting conversation makes for an innovative film that is by turns humorous, disturbing and provocative.

Nominated for numerous awards, mainly for its technical achievements, Waking Life won the National Society of Film Critics award for "Best Experimental Film," the New York Film Critics Circle award for "Best Animated Film," and the "CinemAvvenire" award at the Venice Film Festival for "Best Film." It was also nominated for the Golden Lion, the festival's main award.

Submitted by Gary Ferrington
gferrington@gmail.com