

Suicide has been a subject for artistic reflection throughout history. The three biblical stories of suicide and its treatment in ancient Greek literature may be more familiar to students of Western culture, but suicide is depicted in art, oral and written traditions in early cultures throughout the world. This wide range of foundational portrayals – from graphic to suggested, and the diversity of perspectives – from condemnation to compassion, from admiration to grieving, provides the groundwork for an open conversation of contemporary expressions in art, fiction, poetry, theater and film.

The appropriation of universal themes from



A Discourse on Suicide Through Film

The Suicide Prevention Council invites you to join us for 2 classic films: *Ordinary People* and *The Sensation of Sight*. Movies will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Humanist Maren Tirabassi for those who wish to participate. Executive Producer Buzz McLaughlin and Director/Writer Aaron Wiederspahn of *The Sensation of Sight* will also be present for their film.

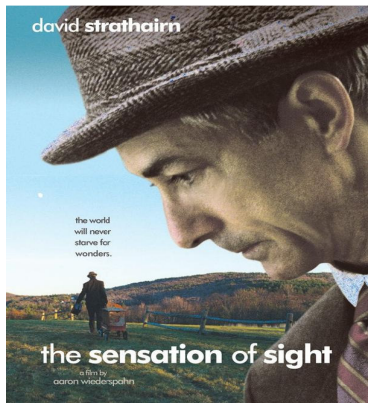
particular human narratives allows people a broad forum within which to discuss both artistic values and their personal feelings about suicide. The Suicide Prevention Council's (SPC) priority is clearly in the service of caring for and healing survivors of suicide and presenting an uncompromising witness against the act of suicide while responding to suicide attempts with compassion and therapeutic intervention.

It is such a rare opportunity to have the involvement of the Executive Producer and Director/Writer of a film. Their insight into writing and directing the film paired with Maren's artistic perception should lead to discourse that will be truly poignant and memorable.



Ordinary People will be shown at Derry Public Library on February 27th from 1-4pm and Portsmouth Community Campus February 28th from 1-4pm.

The Sensation of Sight will be shown at Derry Public Library March 20th from 1-4 pm and Portsmouth Community Campus March 21st from 1-4 pm.



Derry Public Library is located at 64 E. Broadway, Derry NH, 03038

Portsmouth Community Campus is located at 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801

There is no fee to attend, but space is limited. Please register to: Catrina.watson@nhms.org or call 603-224-1909



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