

Getting Real With Reelabilities

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After-party co-chair, Liz Murphy and actor Kurt Yaeger

The [Reelabilities Film Festival premiere](#) took place on Saturday, March 9 at the **Underground Railroad Freedom Center**. Having never been, I was especially **pleased with the venue**. It features beautiful views of **the river** as well as the downtown Cincinnati skyline.



The Naked Karate

Girls

Upon entrance I could hear the **high energy performance of the Naked Karate Girls** reverberate throughout the building. The beats were thumping even harder when I made my way to the **second floor for the after party**. I was just in time for the “riding train, c’mon ‘n ride it!”



Matt Horn and

Luke Robinson



Shelly Goering & Tracey Conrad



Brent Renaud and Charles McDonald



Hutchings, Libby Brown, Grey Hall, Elisha Roser, and Katie Shelander

Jennifer

Among those pulling the **imaginary choo choo chord** were a **mix of Cincinnati's finest**. For those who didn't read my preview about this event (shame on you), **Reelabilities** is a **film festival** that promotes and appreciates those with disabilities. The tagline is **DIFFERENT, LIKE YOU** and that's exactly who was in attendance. Lots of **different people** in different outfits with different problems. We did, however, **share one thing in common** — a smile. Honestly, I've been to a lot of events but the **smiles at this one were light-up-the-room** bright and contagious.



*Peter Frey,
Courtney Barnhart, and Heather Redpath*



Darlene Sand Wall and John Lawson



Jennifer Lanser and Bill Diamond

I had the great pleasure of **meeting two really cool dudes**. (Didn't hurt that they were both attractive, too.) **Brent Renaud** is a director based out of NYC. His film, *Warrior Champions* (2009), covers the emotional and inspiring story of a **group of American soliders** as they turn their nightmares of war into **Olympic dreams**. The film will be screened on [Friday, March 15](#) at the Freedom Center.

The other awesome gentleman I met is actor and model, **Kurt Yaeger**. He's probably best known for his **recurring role on FX's *Sons of Anarchy*** as Greg "the Peg." Yaeger is actually a below-the-knee amputee but has been able to keep up a **successful acting career** and even get back on the bike, the vehicle from which he sustained his life altering injury. Yaeger seems like the type of guy who carries a **sunny disposition about him** no matter what. The type who rises out of the ashes and **makes lemonade outta lemons**. I always **admire people like that**.

Beyond small chit chat at the event, I was lucky enough to join Yaeger and Renaud on some **after-after party adventures** that brought us to **Scene and then to last call at Igby's**.

If Sunday hadn't been "**spring forward**" then the 3/4 a.m. bedtime wouldn't have felt so brutal. Oh well... totally worth it for the **good cause** and even better times!

To find out the schedule of events for Reelabilites, visit the website: <http://www.cincyra.org/festival-schedule/>.