

## **DREXEL TO HOLD FORUM OF LOCAL CHILD EXPERTS POST APRIL 24 SCREENING OF *BULLY***

**“Should be required viewing for every parent, teacher, and teenager in America.”  
- *New York Daily News***

*Bully*, the controversial new film from Sundance and Emmy Award-winning director Lee Hirsch which explores the national epidemic of bullying through the eyes of young people affected by the often unspoken and violent practice, will open at the Drexel on Friday, April 13.

On Tuesday, April 24, following the 7pm screening, the Drexel Theatre will hold a moderated audience talk-back on bullying in today’s society with a panel of local child experts. Panel members include Dr. John Campo, Chair of Psychiatry at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Nationwide Children’s Hospital; The Honorable Yvette McGee Brown, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and founder of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children’s Hospital; Mark Real, founding President of KidsOhio.org and former Chair of Mayor Michael Coleman’s Education Advisory Committee; Susan Steinman, child therapist and founder of Bexley Operation Respect; and Harley Williams, Principal of Bexley High School and Middle School. The panel members will be joined by courageous Columbus-area students who will share their own stories of bullying.

“The Drexel is proud to serve the community by assembling this distinguished panel to discuss one of the gravest issues confronting our schools and the children we love,” stated Friends of the Drexel Board Chairman Richard Stoff.

Tickets are \$9 (\$7.50 for students, \$7 for Drexel Members and seniors) and include admission to the film and the post-screening forum. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (614) 231-1050, at [www.Drexel.net](http://www.Drexel.net), or at the Drexel Theatre box office (2254 E. Main St.) in advance or the night of the event. Space is limited, so advance ticket purchases are encouraged.

The Drexel is offering special screenings of *Bully* at discounted rates for schools and youth organizations. To schedule a *Bully* screening or purchase group discount tickets, call (614) 446-1614 or email [info@drexel.net](mailto:info@drexel.net).

### **About *Bully***

More than 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation. *Bully*, a beautifully cinematic documentary directed by Sundance and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Lee Hirsch, offers an intimate, unflinching look at how bullying has touched five families. *Bully* opens a window onto the pained and often endangered lives of bullied kids, revealing a problem that transcends all borders. It documents the responses to behaviors that defy “kids will be kids” clichés and captures a growing movement to change how bullying is handled in schools, communities, and society as a whole. *Bully* is currently not rated. Some content may not be right for some children.

Patrons are encouraged to visit the film’s web site at [www.TheBullyProject.com](http://www.TheBullyProject.com) for a viewing guide and educational materials on this national epidemic.

For a complete list of show times, visit [www.Drexel.net](http://www.Drexel.net).

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**THE DREXEL THEATRE presents a moderated audience talk-back after a special screening of *BULLY***

**Tuesday, April 24, 7 pm**

**Drexel Theatre (2254 E. Main St.)**

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#### **About Drexel Theatre, Inc.**

For generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema, striving to specialize in simply the best films from around the world.

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#### **About Friends of the Drexel, Inc.**

Established in late 2009 by a group of committed community leaders and arts patrons, Friends of the Drexel, Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to a more creative and prosperous future for the Drexel Theatre. Its mission is to secure and sustain the future of the historic Drexel Theatre as a distinctive cultural asset to Bexley and the greater Columbus community. It envisions the Drexel as a sustainable provider of unique arts content as well as a vibrant community meeting place that preserves the charm and eclectic, neighborhood film-going experience in a warm and inviting, yet technologically-advanced, facility.

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