

We'll Show You What We're Gonna Do! | Info Sheet

1970, 30 minutes, black & white and color, Judith A. Rubin

Full Description:

This film tells the story of an exploratory art program in a school with 18 multiply-handicapped blind children ages 4--14. The viewer discovers how they exceeded the expectations of those who knew them--using all sense modalities, developing individual rhythms and styles, stimulating each other, and expressing powerful feelings in and through their art. The film describes ways in which adults can help children to grow in independence, in mastery, and in the articulation of their own ideas.

The sound track, itself a work of art, was improvised by a blind jazz saxophonist (Erik Kloss) and his friend, a sighted pianist who played to the film as it was shown.

Although the children suffered from many disabilities and the program was in a special school, the basic principles demonstrated in the film are relevant for art therapy with people of all ages.