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Local team behind film *Unbeaten* which is getting critical acclaim *Free showing of inspirational film on Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium*

Everett Public Schools and the city of Everett have partnered to bring a free, <u>inspirational family-appropriate film</u> to town this weekend.

<u>Unbeaten</u>, produced by 1976 Cascade High School graduate Gregory Strom, has received <u>critical</u> <u>acclaim</u> and movie industry praise for its chronicle of 31 wheelchair racers who take on 267 miles from Anchorage to Fairbanks, Alaska through the Denali National Park.

The documentary, narrated by Dan Aykroyd, raises the profile of the disabled athlete and the disabled American. Clint Black's song *A Better Life* was short-listed for this year's 2011 Oscars – an honor considered extraordinary for such a low-budget film.

Before Saturday night's free showing, Strom will award several *Unbeaten Medals* to members of the local community for exemplifying an *Unbeaten Spirit*. They have been chosen for the inspiration they embody for living in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. To date, 20 such awards have been given to recipients around the world. Local artist Rick Haugen's original song *Do You Dream* will be performed by Ricky John and Friends.

Oscar "Oz" Sanchez will also make a special appearance at the Everett showing. Sanchez is current Paralympic gold medalist and the <u>fastest man in the world</u> in a handcycle.

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