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A true independent film

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Winner of multiple awards during the 2014 film festival circuit, "Una Vida" is dedicated to finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease, an homage to the musical culture of New Orleans, and at its core a story of redemption for all of the central characters.

Neuroscientist Dr. Alvaro Cruz, haunted by dreams of the mother he lost to the disease that is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., finds solace in discovering, assisting and eventually reuniting a family torn asunder by poverty and disease. Aunianue Ellis, who masterfully portrays the afflicted "Una Vida" and also appears in "The Help," has the ability to lose focus in her eyes, snapping back to reality when music or memories stir her to do so. Her singing voice,

sorrowful and beautiful, drives the narrative and enraptures Dr. Cruz and the audience.

The cinematography, soft, warm and fuzzy, captures both the palette of New Orleans and a sense of declining memory. The soundtrack, full of languid iazz lullabies from a bygone era, underscores the story of loss and longing. "Una Vida" is a true independent film, free of Hollywood's shadow, directed with passion and acted purely. Rarely can an activist film be so artistic, but this piece of work proves that it is possible.

The Breckenridge Film Festival will bring more than 50 independent films, their film makersand festival-goers to Breckenridge from Sept.

18-21. Featuring chances to meet filmmakers, panel discussions, plenty of parties and mingling, and - back this year $the \, Adventure \, Reel \, for \,$ young and young-at-heart audiences, the festival promises to delight. Visit www.breckfilmfest.com for more information, ticket prices and ways to support the festival through sponsorship.



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