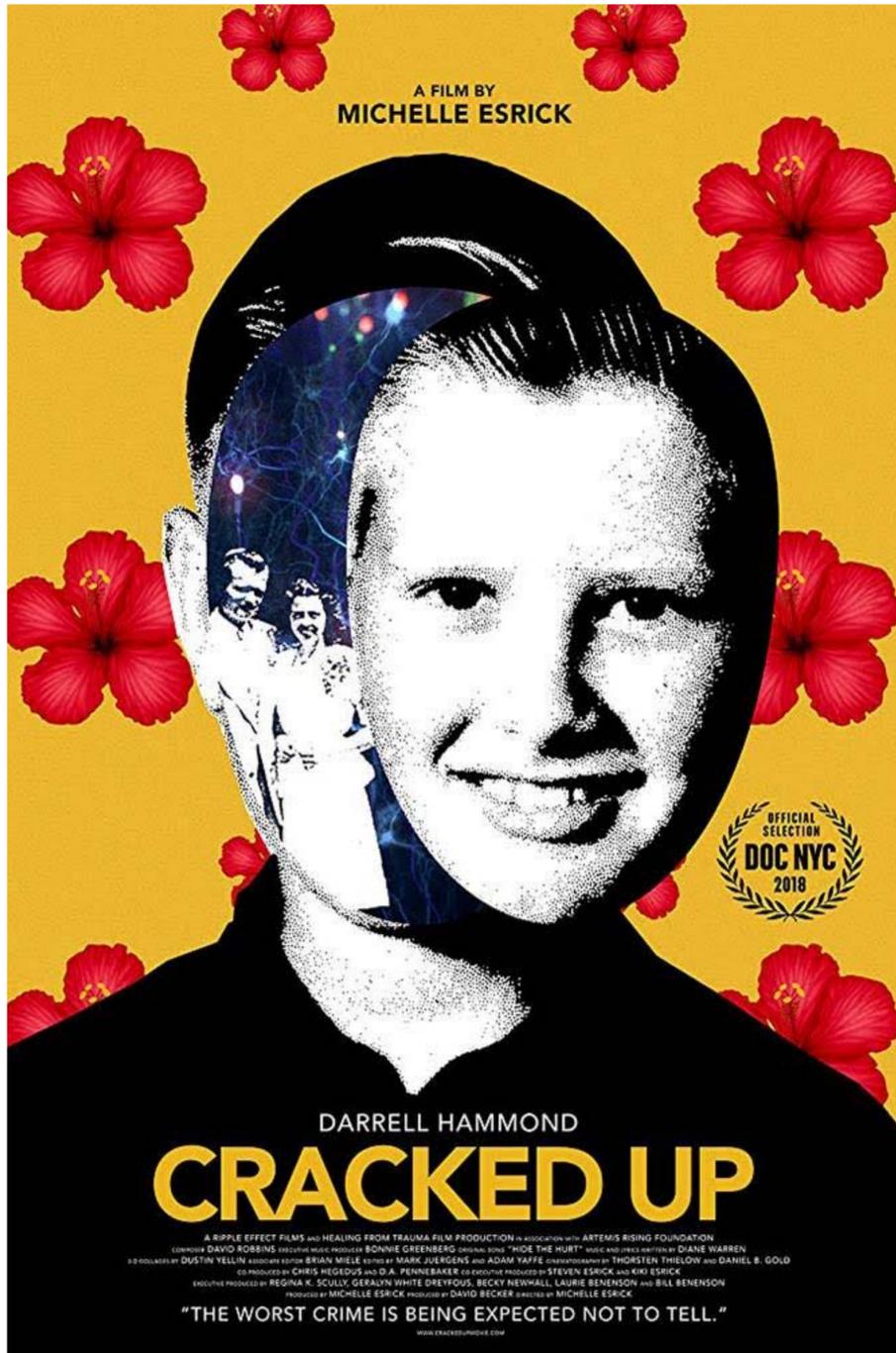


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CRACKED UP
Michelle Esrick's Unflinching Portrait of SNL Comedian Darrell Hammond
Redefines "Mental Illness" as "Mental Injury"

Now Playing at IFC Center through Thursday, Sept 19



Michelle Esrick and I were elevator mates at DuArt during the three years that IndieCollect was helping Irwin & Linda Young to inventory the films in their vault. But I had no idea she was making such a groundbreaking film until co-producer Chris Hegedus invited me to the September 13 premiere at the IFC Center. Chris also shot part of the film.

[This is a MUST-SEE for anyone with a friend or family member who is a battling mental illness. Doesn't that include us all?](#)

As the Hollywood Reporter's Frank Scheck aptly [writes](#):

"A moving and powerful portrait of trauma and recovery, *Cracked Up* will likely prove as therapeutic for many viewers as it clearly is for Hammond himself."

The key concept — simple but revelatory — is that we should perhaps stop talking about "mental illness" and start talking about "mental injury" — the implication being that some form of physical and/or emotional abuse, and the resulting trauma, are often the root cause.

The film only plays through Thursday, Sept 19. Purchase tickets [here](#).

We note with pride that IndieCollect patrons Bill & Laurie Benenson are executive producers of CRACKED UP, as is our former Board member, Geryl Dreyfous. Kudos to you all for supporting this tremendously important movie!

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