

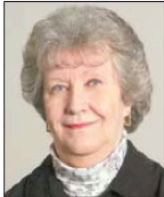
## OAKLAND COUNTY

# New Famie film premieres at the Birmingham 8

**A** new film directed and produced by nine-time Emmy Award-winner Keith Famie features U.S. Army Capt. Ivan

Castro of 7th Special Forces Group stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Castro was blinded by a mortar round in Iraq in 2006. He mentors soldiers with life-changing injuries.

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The Keith Famie Visionalist Entertainment Productions documentary "Can You See How I See?" premieres at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Birmingham 8 theater, 211 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

Castro has run in the New York City Marathon, completed a triathlon and has climbed a 14,500-foot mountain in Colorado.

The film includes Jordyn Castor, a 16-year-old student born blind, George Wurtzel, a blind carpenter, blind musicians and business leaders and two leader dog recipients from Chile who receive guide dogs and training from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester.

"It's a film about what it's like to be blind," Famie said. "I can tell you this film will change the way you look at people who are blind."

Tickets for the film are \$20. Space is limited. Call 248-869-0096 to reserve seats. To pay by check, write it payable to Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (a nonprofit organization) and mail it to Visionalist Entertainment Productions, 28345 Beck Road, Ste. 404, Wixom 48393.

Emmy Award-winning



Photo by Josh Famie, courtesy of Visionalist Entertainment Productions

**Emmy Award-winning director and producer Keith Famie (left) with U.S. Army Capt. Ivan Castro, who is featured in Famie's documentary film "Can You See How I See?" which premieres at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Birmingham 8 theater. Castro is the only blind Special Forces officer to serve on active duty with the U.S. Army.**

editor Nick Hryck of Digital Image edited the film, which will air on Detroit Public Television in March and will be submitted to the national film festival circuit.

Sponsors of the film include Leader Dogs for the Blind; 9Line; American House Senior Living Communities; Digital Image Studios; Lakeshore Engineering Services Inc.; Norman Yatooma and Associates, ROPARD; Toni Wisne-Sabina and Steve Sabina; and Wright and Filippis.

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