



# I SEE YOU

A SHORT FILM BY BRIAR MARCH

ANNE MARCH SUSANNAH-GRACE SHERRIFF KIERAN CHARNOCK

SOUND BY ENVY STUDIOS ONLINE BY TOYBOX POST ORIGINAL MUSIC BY DANA LUND EDITED BY ADAM-LUKA TURJAK DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ADAM LUXTON  
PRODUCED BY CAROLINE HUTCHISON IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NEW ZEALAND FILM COMMISSION WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY BRIAR MARCH

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Title of Film: I See You  
Country of Production: New Zealand  
Date of Completion: April 2024  
Screening Format: DCP  
Ratio: 16:9  
Sound: Dolby Digital 5.1  
Duration: 17 minutes  
Genre: Drama  
Language: English

## Log line:

In a world where having the perfect baby is becoming a choice Julia is struggling to love and accept her daughter for who she is.

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*Susannah-Grace Sherriff as Susannah with Anne March as Julia*

### **Synopsis:**

Julia, a high achiever, is struggling with her 2 year old's delayed development. Her daughter, Susannah, has Down Syndrome. Her husband Mark's easy going attitude makes Julia feel the burden of their daughters development is on her shoulders alone. The developmental therapist and Julia's super-mum friends, with their typically developing toddlers, push Julia to breaking point. A chance encounter with Maui, a charismatic young man with Down syndrome, creates a shift in Julia. Her tunnel vision gives way to opening her eyes and for the first time seeing her daughter for who she is – a beautiful baby girl.



*Susannah, Julia*



*Susannah and Kieran Charnock as Mark*



*Julia*



*Jacob Dombroski as Maui*



Julia, Maui



Julia, Susannah

**Directors statement:**

I See You is a short film partially funded by the New Zealand Film Commission. It tells the story of a young Mum struggling to accept her baby who has Down syndrome. Both myself and the producer, Caroline Hutchison, have sons with Down syndrome. We have experienced the issues that I See You explores.

*The internal question at the heart of the film is personal and also relatable for all parents  
"How can I see my child for who they are?"*

I See You is a challenging and heart-warming film that has us questioning our own judgments and expectations and ultimately supports us to accept and embrace people for who they really are.



*Susannah-Grace Sherriff as Susannah in I SEE YOU*

**Directors bio:**

Briar March's films are diverse but grounded in a passionate desire to connect, foster debate and inspire social change. Feature documentaries include *Dame Valerie Adams: More than Gold* (2022), *Mothers of the Revolution* (2021), *There Once was an Island* (2010). Her work has premiered at major international festivals including Sundance, SXSW, IDFA and the BFI London Film Festival. She has received numerous awards. Briar is a Fulbright scholar. She has an MFA in documentary filmmaking from Stanford University. *I See You* is her first drama, told in a social realism style befitting her documentary background. <https://www.nzonscreen.com/profile/briar-march>

**Producers bio:**

Caroline Hutchison trained as an actor at Theatre Corporate and then went on to establish Auckland's Watershed Theatre in the 1990's - producing many years of theatre. She was a trustee of the New Zealand Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi for 10 years. In 2017 she executive produced the feature film 'The Changeover'. A year later she co-produced a family feature film 'Kiwi Christmas'. *I See You* is her first film as sole Producer.

**Crew**

DOP: Adam Luxton

Editor: Adam-Luka Turjak

Original Music: Dana Lund

Sound Design: Vedat Kiyici

**Cast**

Julia: Anne March

Susannah: Susannah-Grace Sherriff

Mark: Kieran Charnock



*Julia, Susannah | SEE YOU (2024)*