

ORIGINAL MINDS

A Tom Weidlinger Film

Synopsis (91 words)

Five teenagers stigmatized by being in Special Ed. struggle to articulate how their brains work and discover that they are smarter than they thought. In a one-size-fits-all educational system, kids with learning disabilities suffer from lack of self-esteem. They become alienated and drop out. But the protagonists of ORIGINAL MINDS buck the trend. They work intensively with the filmmaker to tell their own stories. Their narratives reveal the unique approach to learning that each must discern and claim as his or her own if they are to succeed in the world. The film eschews the confusing thicket of clinical labels for learning disorders to touch on fundamental truths about how we all acquire and process information.

Length: 56:45

Format: HDCAM 1080i (High Definition)

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