



Heartland Film Society

presents

Special People (2007)

October 1st and 2nd 2009



Plot Jasper, a thirty something wannabe film director and onetime star of the "Walsall film festival" sets out to make a film with a bunch of disabled teenagers. He starts off with a good helping of preconceptions and prejudices about disability and finds himself challenged by a bunch of more or less ordinary kids, who are not interested in his good intentions. They set out to make a movie and, despite the setbacks along the way, important lessons are learned, though not necessarily about film making.

What the critics said Xan Brooks in the Guardian: 'At times Special People feels hobbled by the very political correctness it wants to poke fun at; still, it's nicely observed and crisply played, gently confounding a gaggle of prejudices'

Amber Wilkinson from *www.eyeforfilm.co.uk*: 'It's thanks to Coleman that the film never gets mired in the doldrums. He hits every note – mainly in a minor key – perfectly pitching Jasper out on to a tightrope between cringeworthy and sympathetic.'

Cast: David Proud, Dominic Coleman, Jason Maza, Matthew Dunster, Robyn Frampton, Sasha Hardway

Director: Justin Edgar

Length and certificate: 1 hr 20 mins, 12A **Language:** English

Next film: 29th and 30th October, **The Orphanage**

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