



Dancer and filmmaker Emma Norton.

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FILMMAKER GETS CHANCE TO SHINE ON BIG SCREEN

GISBORNE performing arts student Emma Norton is celebrating who she is through dance and film.

The 28-year-old hasn't let Down syndrome stop her pursuing her passions.

Her latest achievement is the short film *Skin Touching Sky*, which has been selected for inclusion in this week's The Other Film Festival.

Skin Touching Sky was devised, performed and co-produced by Norton.

The film explores a woman's relationship with her body, her skin and her love of dance.

It is one of 30 films in the festival about the lived experience of disability.

Norton's mother, Teresa

Perri, described her daughter as "full of enthusiasm".

"This is a dance film that celebrates who you are," Ms Perri said.

"Emma has enjoyed the experience."

Norton created the film with artistic director Kat Worth as part of inclusive performance ensemble, BoiLOver, which is based at Sunbury Community Health Centre.

Skin Touching Sky will screen at The Other Festival at the Melbourne Brain Centre, Kenneth Myer Building, 30 Royal Pde, Parkville, at 1pm on Sunday.

For more details on the festival, visit otherfilmfestival.com