

Acclaimed Author, Holocaust survivor in Town for the Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

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The Chicago International Children's Film Festival is proud to feature the film adaptation of Gerda Weissmann Klein's book, The Wings of EPOH as part of the "Meet Me Halfway" short program at 9:45am Monday, October 27 at Facets Cinema (1517 W. Fullerton, Chicago). "Wings of EPOH" is a gentle, inspirational movie that follows the relationship of a young autistic boy and his newfound friend, a butterfly. The film focuses on showing the audience the beauty in each unique life.

Klein is an acclaimed author, lecturer and Holocaust survivor whose story was made into the Oscar-winning and Emmy-winning film, "One Survivor Remembers". She is also known for her philanthropic efforts.

In 1998, Klein and her husband, Kurt formed the *Klein Foundation* to promote tolerance for differences, respect for others and the empowerment of students through education and community service. Most recently, Klein collaborated with the Phoenix AZ-based *Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center* (SARRC) on her book, Wings of EPOH, which complements the mission of The Blue Rose to advance tolerance, understanding and acceptance of individuals with differences.



In furtherance of her mission to spread tolerance and understanding to our youth, Klein recently founded *Citizenship Counts*, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides a middle school curriculum for civic education. The program launches October 24th in Phoenix and, in Spring 2009, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will officiate at the program's first student-planned and led naturalization ceremony.

Her books include her autobiography, All But My Life, as well as A Boring Evening at Home; The Hours After: Letters of Love and Longing, which she co-wrote with her late husband, Kurt; and The Blue Rose, a story of a young developmentally-disabled girl, named Jenny.

Klein will be in town from Monday, October 27 through Tuesday, October 28 and is available for interviews.

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