

**SHEPPARD PRATT
INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL SCREENING OF:**

TOUCHED WITH FIRE

A MOVIE ABOUT THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF BIPOLAR DISORDER, WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY FORMER SHEPPARD PRATT PATIENT PAUL DALIO.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 AT 5:30 P.M.

The Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt
6501 N. Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204

Movie screening will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Q&A session with the writer/director, Paul Dalio.



ABOUT TOUCHED WITH FIRE

Touched with Fire stars Katie Holmes and Luke Kirby as two poets with bipolar disorder whose art is fueled by their emotional extremes. When they meet in a treatment facility, their chemistry is instant and intense driving each other's mania to new heights. They pursue their passion which breaks outside the bounds of sanity, swinging them from fantastical highs to tormented lows until they ultimately must choose between sanity and love.

Inspired by the filmmaker's own struggles overcoming bipolar disorder, Paul Dalio wrote, directed, edited and scored his feature film debut. The film also includes performances by Griffin Dunne, Christine Lahti and Bruce Altman with a cameo by Kay Jamison, author of the book "*Touched with Fire*," the definitive work on creativity and madness. The film is produced by Jeremy Alter and Kristina Nikolova and executive produced by Spike Lee.

Touched with Fire takes the audience on an authentic journey through the highs and lows of bipolar disorder and how it impacts not only individuals but their friends, families and work life.

It is an outstanding film that offers a holistic portrayal of mental health and provides audiences with an inside look into one of the nation's most discussed and least understood mental health conditions.