

Imagining Robert

Lawrence Hott (2002) 54 min.



“Northampton’s own Lawrence Hott made this troubling, affecting documentary about prize-winning New York novelist Jay Neugeboren, and his brother, Robert, who spent thirty-eight years in mental institutions. At the time of the filming, Robert has been moved at last to a half-way house, where he is sometimes endearing and hilarious, a Groucho with a beret and cigar, often an angry, belligerent mess. A beautiful film about the obligations and challenges of brotherhood, in which blood ties remain strong even in the most distressing of circumstances.” — Gerald Peary, *The Boston Phoenix*