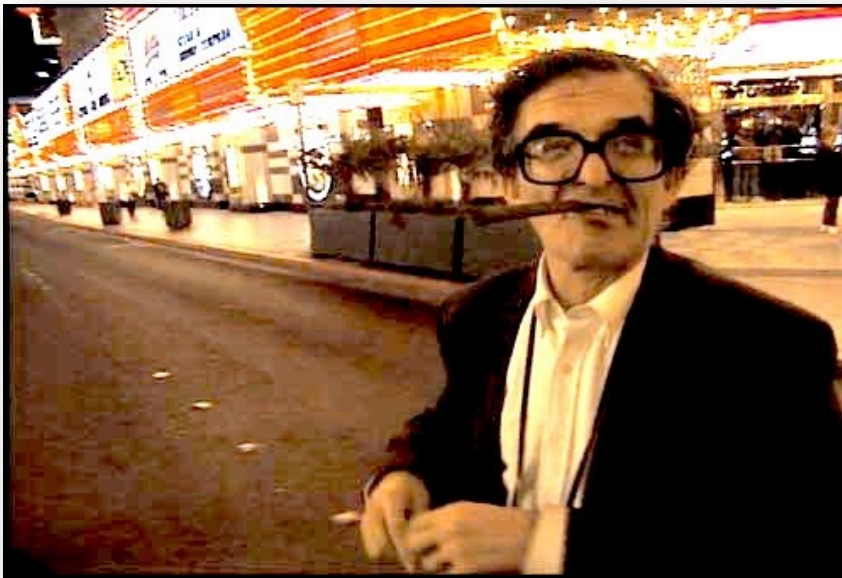


# at **MOVIE MONDAY**

**6:30 Monday May 8, 2017**

## **WEST 47th** **STREET**



Nathaniel "Tex" Gordon, a former rodeo star who spent the majority of his life in mental hospital, who through Fountain House, became 'a man of the world' and peer coach

This multi-award winning classic documentary, West 47th Street, was my introduction to New York's Fountain House and the Clubhouse International accrediting organization.

The film covers the experience of just four members over 3 years as they seek out opportunities for meaningful work, education, housing, and a real sense of belonging and purpose - all under one roof. 104min 2001 Pg  
[www.pbs.org/pov/west47thstreet/film-description/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/west47thstreet/film-description/)

We will bring the film into the context of Victoria's initiative, Connections Place -  
[www.connectionsplace.org/](http://www.connectionsplace.org/) which has it's big fundraising dinner Thursday May 11.



### **With Special Guest Jonathan Beard.**

In the 1940's a group of people with mental illness started "We Are Not Alone". With the help of some philanthropists they developed Fountain House, an organization that would help them recover by giving them an opportunity to actively live, work and learn together. They knew what they needed to live a full life.

In that era, the idea of consumers of mental health services founding and running a mutual and self help organization was an astonishing achievement. Fountain House is recognised an evidence based practice in mental health rehab and the clubhouse model has been replicated all over the world. Its own site is [www.fountainhouse.org/](http://www.fountainhouse.org/) Jonathan's father John Beard, became Fountain House's director in 1955 and fine-tuned the Clubhouse model.

Jonathan is an impressive man in the field himself - see his Seattle-based [www.progressivestrategies.org/](http://www.progressivestrategies.org/). Jonathan Beard is coming to speak at this Movie Monday screening a few days before you'll see him again at the fundraising dinner at Uptown Mall on May 11 - for Victoria's own Clubhouse, Connections Place. Tour Fountain House as it is today: [www.sideways.nyc/2014/06/fountain-house/](http://www.sideways.nyc/2014/06/fountain-house/).

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