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Hold onto Hope & Democracy with this year's Social Justice Film Festival

WHAT: Social Justice Film Festival

WHEN: October 5-14, 2018

WHERE: Duwamish Cultural Center & Longhouse, Northwest African American Museum, Seattle University, University of Washington, University Christian Church

COST: Tickets are \$7-15 at socialjusticefilmfestival.org. Festival pass is \$75.

(Seattle) — Just four weeks before the U.S. mid-term elections, the **Social Justice Film Festival** returns October 5-14 with new films to keep the flames of Hope & Democracy burning brightly.

"This year's films explore the condition of democracy today – who belongs, its health, and how people are shaping it and owning it," says Aurora Martin, festival managing director. "What we found is that people *are* passionately engaged. Communities of all types are thinking about their future and acting decisively now to shore it up to be safe and equitable for all."

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Justice in Immigration:** Join us for an evening charting the changing lines of identity and immigration. Watch ***Undeterred***, a documentary about community resistance on the rural border town of Arivaca, Ariz. Stay for a talk with filmmaker Eva Lewis and with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and ACLU-WA about steps they're taking to protect immigrant rights, closer to home. Sponsored by Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. (Oct. 5, 6:30 pm, University Christian Church). Watch **trailer**.
- **Truth to Power: Unapologetically Black Voices in Civic Leadership**
The documentary ***My People Are Rising*** and short film ***Sincerely, The Black Kids*** are two portraits of black leadership—then and now. After watching the films, we will celebrate the impact of Seattle's Black Panther Party on its 50th anniversary and explore the contemporary challenges black student leaders face today on mostly white college

campuses. Panelists include Seattle Black Panther chapter founder Aaron Dixon, moderator Tony Benton of Rainier Valley Radio, and local Black Student Union leaders. Ticket includes free entry to the Northwest African American Museum (NAAM) and its exhibit “Power to the People: Seattle Black Panther Party at 50.” Sponsored by NAAM. (October 6, 7 pm, Northwest African American Museum.) Watch trailers: [My People](#) and [Sincerely, the Black Kids](#).

- **Indigenous Futures:** Seattle’s Duwamish Tribe—the Tribe of Chief Si’ahl— welcomes you to the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center to view three short films and the feature film *waáshíwaaín (Coming Home)*, followed by a post-film Q&A. These films tell the stories of Native Peoples reclaiming identity, land, and dignity while articulating ambitious futures for themselves. Sponsored by the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. (October 13, 7 pm, Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center). Watch [trailer](#).
- **Transgender Families:** The documentary *Change in the Family* chronicles the gender transition of Zo Thorpe, his family’s response, and the complexities of young adulthood, biracial identity, and coming out as trans and gender-nonconforming. *Sponsored by TWIST: Seattle Queer Film Festival* (Oct 11, 7 pm, Seattle University Wyckoff Auditorium). Watch [trailer](#).
- **Disability Rights: *Go Penguins!*** follows a theatre troupe's inspiring journey to produce a Broadway-style musical featuring children and young adults with developmental disabilities in lead and ensemble roles. (Oct 14, 4 pm, Seattle University Wyckoff Auditorium). Watch [trailer](#).

Earlier this month, the Social Justice Film Festival announced a new strategic partnership with Meaningful Movies Project to co-promote and link programming. More details [here](#).

Sponsors of the festival include CineCity Pictures and Occupy.com; Meaningful Movies Project; Tulalip Tribes; ProForum; Books to Prisoners; Seattle University Film Studies, MacDonald Hoague & Bayless; KBCS FM, University of Washington School of Social Work, and The Stranger.

ABOUT US:

In its seventh year, the Social Justice Film Festival showcases bold and creative films that challenge injustice around the globe. Visit socialjusticefilmfestival.org.

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