

2024 REHOBOTH BEACH AFRICAN AMERICAN Film Festival

*Presented by the Rehoboth Beach Film Society
in partnership with
The Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice*

Feb. 16 - 18, 2024

Cinema Art Theater
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Welcome to the Festival!

The Rehoboth Beach Film Society in partnership with The Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice is proud to present the 5th annual Rehoboth Beach African American Film Festival.

Two features, three documentaries and a block of five short films, will be presented over President's Day weekend (Fri., Feb. 16 - Sun., Feb. 18). These films capture little known stories of African Americans' contributions to their country and in doing so have shaped today's American culture.

A special thank you for the hard work of the members of this year's Festival Planning Committee: Marjorie Belmont, Murry Gatling, Rachel King, Shari Hemeseth and Charlotte King.

OPENING RECEPTION

Fri., Feb. 16 at 5:00 pm

Cinema Art Theater Lobby

\$5.00 per person

Please join us for spirits and apps!

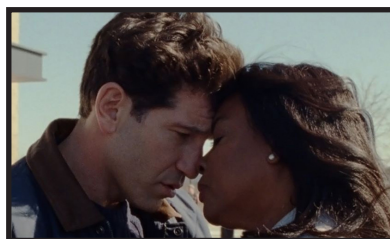


Origin

Charlotte's Feature Film Pick

Fri., Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm

Charlotte King, Founder of SDARJ and the inspiration behind the annual AAFJ partnership, selected this feature film.



While grappling with tremendous personal tragedy, Isabel sets herself on a path of global investigation and discovery. Despite the colossal scope of her project, she finds beauty and bravery while crafting one of the defining American books of our time.

[2023, USA, 141 min, Rated: PG-13]

FILM FESTIVAL TICKETS:

\$ 9 Members \$11.50 General Admission \$5 Students

Purchase tickets online at RehobothFilm.com or at the Cinema Art Theater box office.



Double Feature

Sat., Feb. 17 at 2:00 pm

Hosted by Melanie & Allen Boston

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN WWII: A Legacy of Patriotism & Valor

This comprehensive documentary produced for the C-SPAN "Reel America" series contains extensive footage that demonstrates the contributions of African American soldiers during WWII. Their courage at D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge in Italy and in the Pacific, are woven into the episode with numerous interviews of veterans including several Congressional Medal of Honor winners. A clear demonstration of valor and bravery .

[1997, USA, 49 min, Rated: NR]

761st TANK BATTALION: The Original Black Panthers

The 761st Black Tank Battalion is a powerful documentary Executive Produced by Academy Award®-winning actor Morgan Freeman for the History Channel. It tells the true story of the 761st Tank Battalion, the first Black tank unit to serve in combat during WWII. The episode explores in-depth, the major battles they faced both overseas while in combat and back home in the United States. [2023, USA, 47 min, Rated: NR]

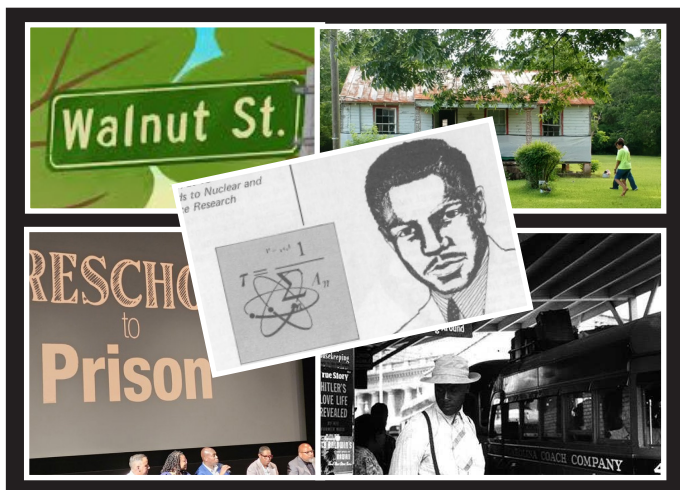
If Beale Street Could Talk

Sat., Feb. 17 at 5:00 pm

Hosted by Melanie & Allen Boston

This film is a Barry Jenkin's adaptation of James Baldwin's 1974 novel, of the same name. We take this opportunity to celebrate the 100th Birthday of James Baldwin by revisiting this film and an era with themes that still reverberate today. The feature tells the love story of Fonny and Tish, young African Americans in early 1970's New York City negotiating an impossible situation. After her fiancé is falsely imprisoned, a pregnant Tish sets out to clear his name and prove his innocence. [2018, US, 120 min, Rated: R]





Five Film Shorts Total runtime 57 minutes

Sun., Feb. 18 at 2:00 pm

Hosted by Murry & Yvonne Gatling

*WALNUT STREET • 54 MILES TO HOME • PRESCHOOL TO PRISON
JIM CROW LAWS & RACIAL SEGREGATION IN AMERICA
THE SPIRIT THAT BUILT AMERICA: THE MANHATTAN PROJECT*



FINDING THEIR VOICES:

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & LEGACY OF LEWES

Sun., Feb. 18 at 4:00 pm

Hosted by Melanie & Allen Boston

“Finding Their Voices” examines the local African American community that lived and worked in Lewes, DE in the early to mid-20th Century. [2022, US, 90 min, Rated: NR]

Post-film discussion with Film Producer, J. Marcos Salaverria.

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