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FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026
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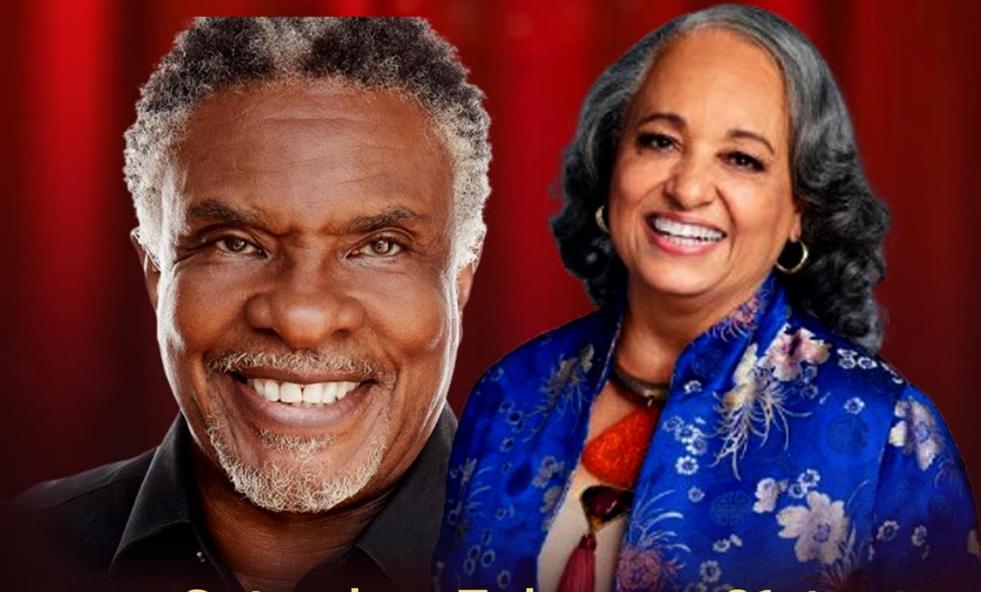
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AWARDS GALA

Special Guests: Keith David and Daphne Maxwell Reid!



Saturday, February 21st
5pm Photo Ops / 6pm Ceremony

Live Music by 5 Starr Band!
Kimball Theatre
428 W. Duke of Gloucester Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185

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Thank you for attending the 3rd annual Virginia Black Film Festival!

In alignment with VA250, VBFF celebrates 250 years of African American contributions to the building of America! We celebrate Black stories and highlight “**Black Excellence; Past, Present, & Future**” through modern storytelling from script to screen. We have curated exceptional films for you to enjoy and distinguished speakers discussing **Film Distribution, Entertainment Law, Stage Combat, Film Distribution, and Acting for Film**. Panelists on “**Filming in Virginia; Old Dominion; New Vision**” will discuss the benefits of bringing small and large productions to the State of Virginia through film incentives and multiple support mechanisms on the State and Local level. This year, our **Lifetime Achievement Award** recipients are **Daphne Maxwell Reid**, and **Keith David**! Finally, we are honored to have **Dr. Sesha Joi Moon** (Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the **Commonwealth of Virginia**) deliver our keynote during the awards gala!

While in town, immerse yourself in Williamsburg’s rich Black History and discover the stories of resilience of people like **Lydia Broadnax, Cesar Tarrant, Judith Jackson, James Lafayette, and Gowan Pamphlet**! The Village Initiative will hold a **Black History Tour** on Sunday at noon, covering the Triangle Block, the once thriving Black residential and business district of Williamsburg.

This event would not be possible without our generous sponsors, Visit Williamsburg, The City of Williamsburg, Dominion Energy, Maverick Entertainment, the Raymond A. Mason Business School, the Virginia Film Office, the College of William & Mary, Huffman & Huffman Law Firm, and Schroder Davis Law Firm along with the Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and many other esteemed partners!

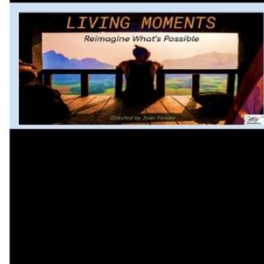
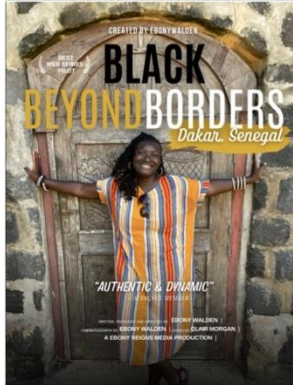
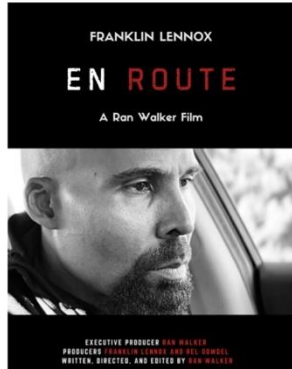
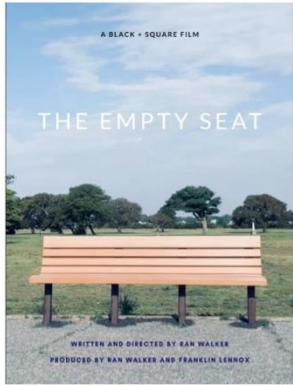
We are grateful you could join us as we make history together!

Sincerely,

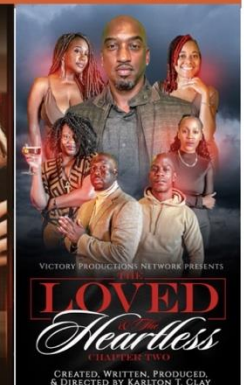
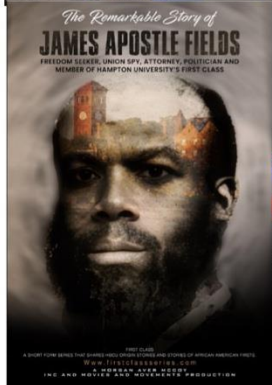
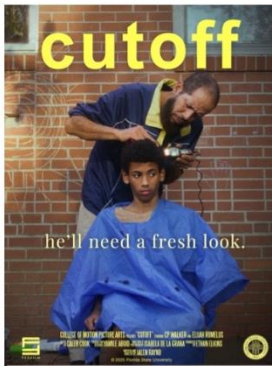
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Bryan G. Thompson
Founder
Virginia Black Film Festival

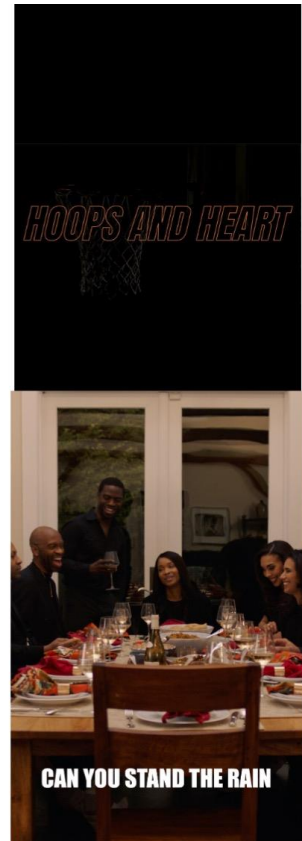
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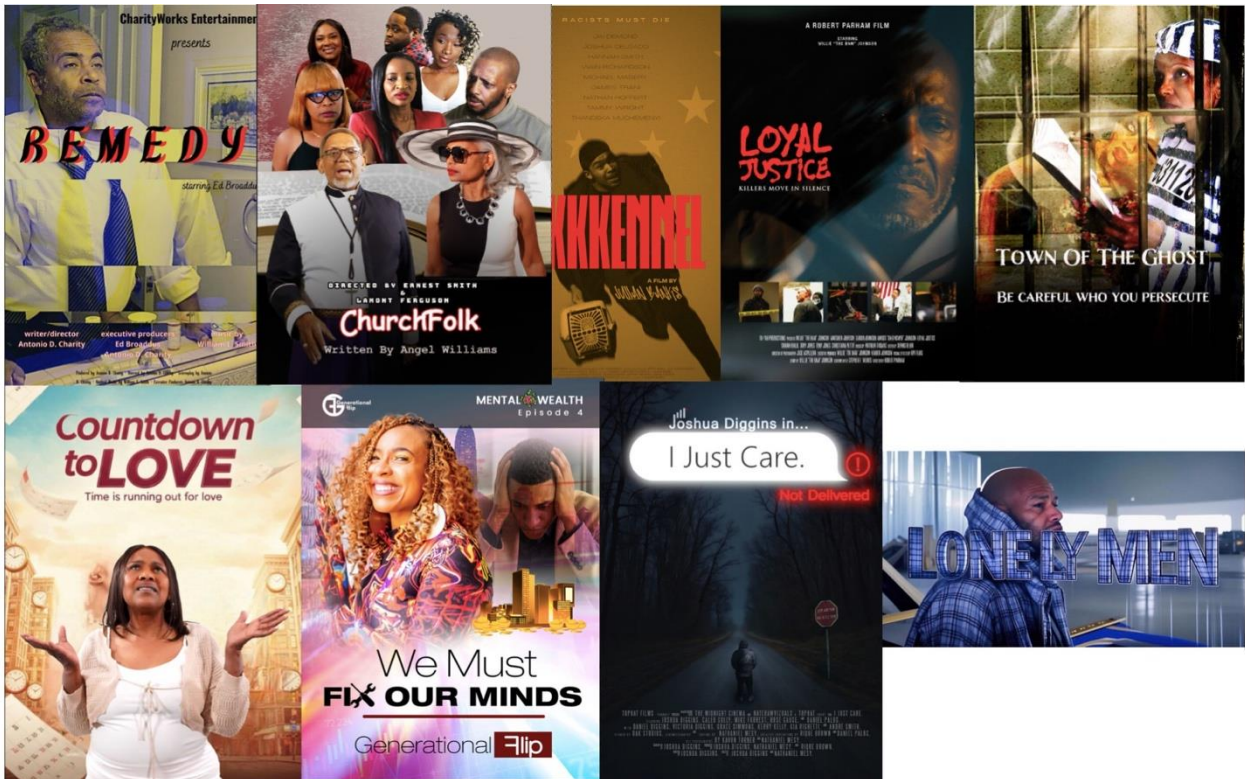
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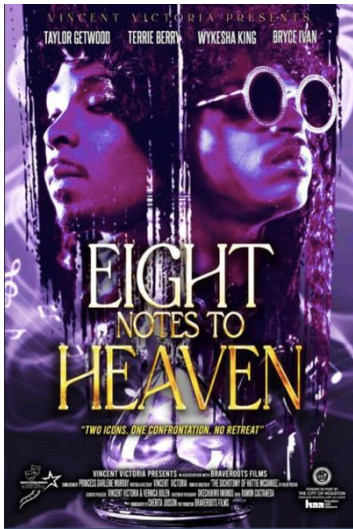


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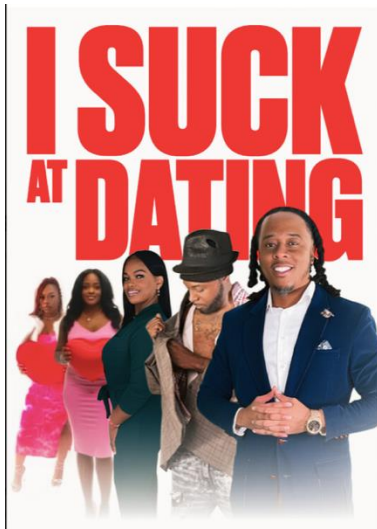


SCREENING BLOCK #4 (Hampton Roads Selection): 10am – 2:10pm 2/22

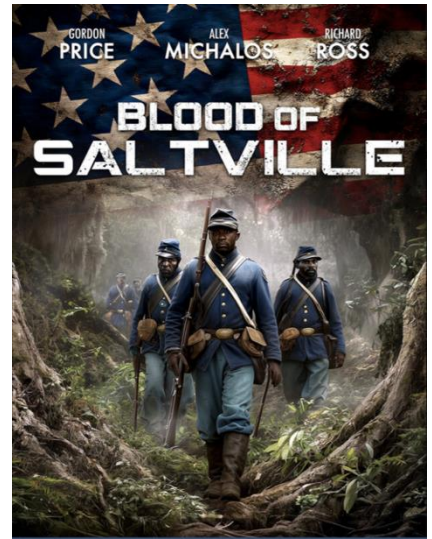




3pm 2/19



4:30pm 2/19



1pm 2/20



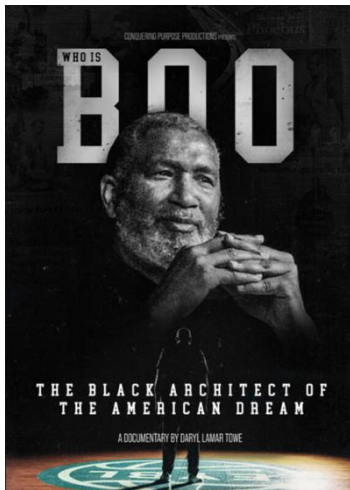
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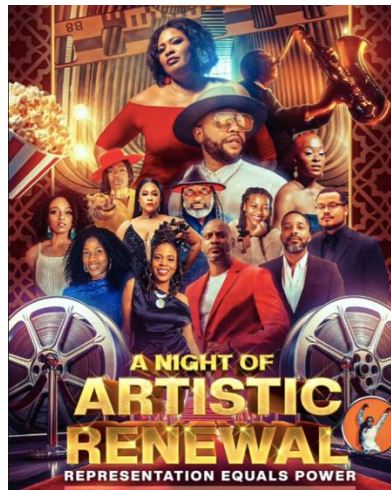
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6:23pm 2/22



7:10pm 2/22



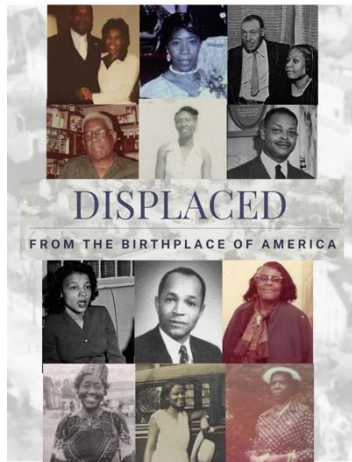
6pm, 2/19 Panel:
OLD DOMINION; NEW VISION



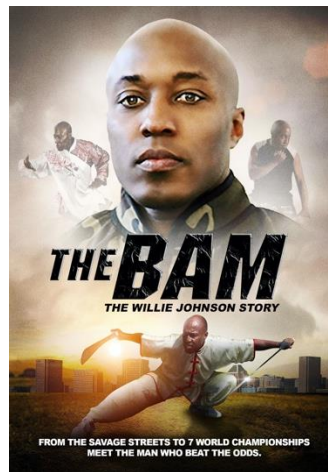
7pm, 2/19 Film w/ Q&A
HISTORY HALF TOLD IS UNTOLD



7pm, 2/20 Film w/ Q&A
RISE OF THE LEGION



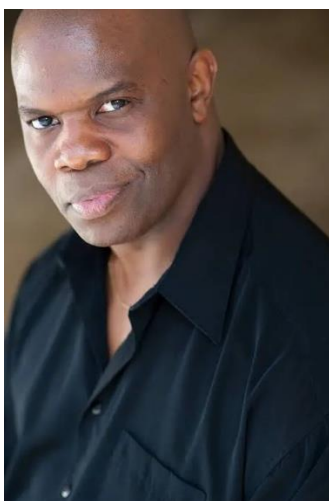
12pm, 2/21 Film w/ Q&A
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BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA



11am, 2/21 Fireside Chat
STAGE COMBAT



1pm, 2/21 Fireside Chat
ENTERTAINMENT LAW



2pm, 2/21 Fireside Chat
ACTING FOR FILM



3pm, 2/21 Film w/Q&A
FOOD FOR THE SOUL



4pm, 2/21 Q&A
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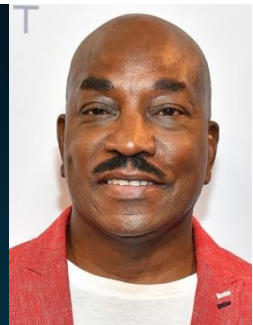
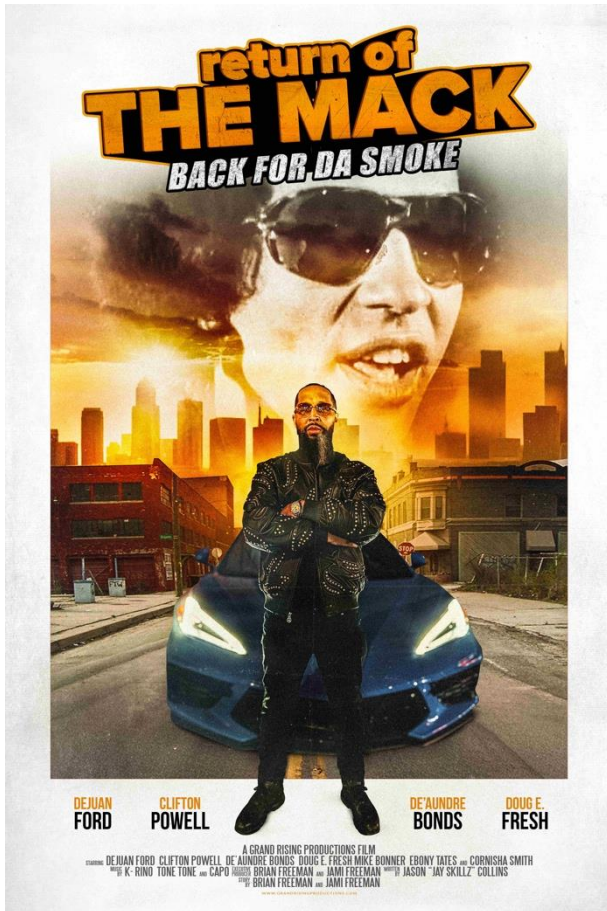
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April 11 - Great American Birthday Quilt Reveal

April 17 - 19 - Revolutionary Rhythms

May 9 - Jamestown Day

May 15, 16 - Flame of Revolution

**June 12 - 14 - Sail Yorktown Festival -
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June 25 - 28 - Williamsburg Live

July 1 (opening) - Give Me Liberty

July 4 - Fourth of July at Colonial Williamsburg

July 4 - Independence Day Celebration Yorktown

October 17, 18 - Yorktown Victory Celebration

**November 14 - 100th Anniversary Celebration of
Colonial Williamsburg**

December 5, 12, 19 - Grand Illumination

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quality of life in Williamsburg. It is designed to be informative and engaging, providing you with new insight into ways your community can serve you – and ways you can serve your community. Next Door Neighbors is truly a magazine whose mission is to serve the Williamsburg community by creating or reinvigorating an awareness of the many opportunities we have to serve others.



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