

**Crandall Public Library
and the
Glens Falls Chapter of the NAACP
Celebrate
Black History Month 2010 with the
11th Annual African-American Film Forum
Tuesdays in February, starting February 9th at 6:30 p.m.
In the Community Room, Basement Level, Glen Street Entrance
A discussion will follow each film**

Tuesday, February 9th Brick By Brick: A Civil Rights Story

Directed by: Bill Kavanagh

USA 2007 53 min.

"Brick by Brick follows the historic U.S. v. Yonkers Federal anti-discrimination lawsuit that grew out of local efforts toward equal opportunity."-Bill Kavanagh, the film's director. Three families in Yonkers challenge local government to change discriminatory housing and education laws and to exercise their equal housing rights. The film demonstrates that discrimination is as prevalent in the North as the South in an extremely important civil rights case in legal history.

"A fascinating artifact, particularly for those too young to remember Yonker's relatively recent role as the Birmingham of the North."- Lawrence Downes, *New York Times*, Feb. 2007

Tuesday, February 16th Scarred Justice: The Orangeburg Massacre 1968

Directed by: Bestor Cram and Judy Richardson

USA 2008 55 min.

The slaying of three black students and the wounding of 28 more at a civil rights demonstration in South Carolina in 1968 is barely reported by the national press, while events at Kent State in 1970 take center stage when white students are killed. While the Orangeburg tragedy is blamed on an African-American SNCC organizer, none of law enforcement officers from the South Carolina State Police and National Guard who were present were ever brought to justice. There were over 500 officials sent to Orangeburg, South Carolina to the peaceful demonstration.

"The filmmakers, using news footage, interviews, and even dramatic reenactments, produce a superb documentary which details the events leading up the violence but also the conditions which sparked the tragedy."- Timothy W. Kneeland, History and Political Science Department, Nazareth College.

Tuesday, February 23rd Prom Night in Mississippi

Directed by: Paul Saltzman

Canada 2008 90 min.

After eleven years, the offer made by Academy-Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman, to sponsor the first integrated prom in the community where he grew up is finally accepted. In April 2008, Charleston, Mississippi High School had their first integrated prom! In planning the prom, the prejudices which prevented an integrated prom are exposed including footage taken by the students themselves. While it seems impossible to us that a prom would be segregated in 21st century America, black and white students, parents, local officials and the community face Freeman's challenge and overcome the prejudice of decades.

"Nonetheless, the big event itself more than proves Freeman's point that if you allow people to socialize together, racial divisions will fast melt away...Inspirational!"- Dennis Harvey, *Variety* 1-19-09

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