

Thursday, February 12, 2009

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TIP SHEET/PRESS INFORMATION

Below you will find information regarding events for the 17th annual Pan African Film and Arts Festival.

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009 (Films begin at 1 p.m., Art Market opens at 10 a.m.)

Location: Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles (unless otherwise noted)

Press check-in: All Day, Centerpiece red carpet starts at 6:30 p.m.

Scheduling Interviews/Coverage: Please call Jasmyne Cannick at (323) 295-1706 or email publicity@paff.org.

Quick Facts About PAFF

- 17th year, largest Black History Month event in U.S., event takes place February 5-16
- Showcases Black independent cinema and fine art
- Main venues: Culver City Plaza Theatre and Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
- 42 countries represented in film selection, over quarter of a million attendees throughout 12-day festival, over 140 films selected for 2009 festival
- Founded by Danny Glover, Ja'Net Dubois, and Ayuko Babu
- Website www.paff.org, Phone (323) 295-1706.

Art Market

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, 3650 MLK Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles

A major juried exhibit of Black fine art and quality crafts featuring the work of over 100 different artists and artisans. The artistic works range in scope from oil paintings, watercolors, sculpture, mixed media, pen and ink drawings, glass painting and carvings to jewelry art and woven apparel. The exhibit will be presented to the public free of charge. The PAFF continues to be the largest Black film festival in America, as well as a world-class art exhibition showcasing work from the United States, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, the South Pacific and Canada to illustrate the diversity and complexity of people of African descent. The Art Market is curated by Ghana's Allohn Agbenya. The PAFF Art Market will take place each day from Thursday, February 5 through

Monday, February 16, 2009. The PAFF Art Mart continues to remain free and open to the public.

Panel: Financial Planning

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
PAFF Office, 3775 Santa Rosalia Drive, Los Angeles

Come and learn about some very valuable financial concepts that may help you better plan for your financial future. This seminar will address retirement planning strategies, college planning strategies, debt settlement/consolidation strategies, active money management strategies, 401K/403B roll-overs, Roth IRAs, mutual funds, annuities and life insurance products.

Presented by: David Patterson, Series 7, 63, 65 and Life Licensed
Djeneba Ouattara, Series 6, 63 and Life Licensed

Senior Connections

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles

Giving honor to the elders among us, each weekday during the PAFF from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., seniors aged 62 and older are invited to come and watch films for free!

StudentFest

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles

Each year over 18,000 Los Angeles City and County students and their teachers attend this free program wherein age-appropriate films dealing with issues important to youth such as teen pregnancy, AIDS prevention, literacy, cultural and racial respect, teen self-esteem and gang prevention are screened. Before the screenings, speakers working in areas related to the subject matter of the films conduct positive and interactive discussions.

Special Screening: U People (2008/U.S./76min) *LGBT, Political Interest*

Screening – 2:15 p.m.

The cast and crew of gay and straight women and trans-folk are caught on camera behind the scenes of an atypical video shoot adding a candid and human voice to the debate of gay/straight relations in the Black community. Directed by Hanifah Walidah and Olive

Demetrius. Talent attending. Q&A to follow screening. Film is approximately 76 minutes.

Special Screening: Happy Sad (2008/Trinidad & Tobago/105min)
West Indian Interest

Red Carpet – 4:15 p.m.
Screening – 4:45 p.m.

After her mother is sent to prison, profound changes occur in the lives of several people when 17-year-old Mandy Graham goes to live with her father's dysfunctional family who she never knew. Soon passions are unleashed, laying bare souls and revealing long hidden secrets. Stars Bill Cobb, directed by Dianah Wynter. Talent attending. Q&A to follow screening. Film is approximately 105 minutes.

Film Screenings:

PAFF PLACE

[1:00pm Banana Leaves](#)
[3:15pm This is Not a Test](#)
[6:30pm 4 Our Sons w/The Street Children of Kinshasa](#)

BLAIR UNDERWOOD THEATRE

[1:45PM Sex, Gumbo & Salted Butter](#)
[4:15pm A Griot's Story](#)
[w/ Q: the Man](#)
[6:45pm Peace Mission](#)
[9:15pm African Underground: Democracy in Dakar](#)
[w/ Estilo Hip Hop](#)

MACY'S THEATRE

[2:15pm U People](#)
[4:45pm Happy Sad](#)
[7:30pm Blues](#)
[10:00pm Life, Now](#)
[w/L' Article](#)

WELLS FARGO THEATRE

[1:15pm Divizionz](#)
[3:30pm Josephine](#)
[7:15pm Kassim the Dream](#)
[9:45pm In the Heat of the Night](#)

JA'NET'S THEATRE

1:00pm Disappearing Voices: The Decline of Black Radio
w/ The Talking Tree
3:45pm Kangamba
6:15pm Redemption Song
8:45pm Unequal

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