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APJMM releases the Shelter-in-Place Virtual Film Series' FEBRUARY 2021 FILM SCREENING SCHEDULE

Little Rock (February 1, 2021) -- The award-winning Shelter-in-Place Virtual Film Series (@SIPVFilmSeries) has a slant of ten (10) documentary films that it will screen for U.S. Black History Month. And, one early screening which will be followed by a panel discussion, will feature Ernest Green, the first Black graduate of Little Rock Central High School and his two siblings, as they recount life in segregated Arkansas in the 1950s.

Interspersed within this month's film screenings will be a new feature to the @SIPVFilmSeries expansive line-up: two different comedic PBS Digital Studios series that were originally created a few years ago for Black History Month.

"Say It Loud" celebrates Black culture, context, and history. Hosts Evelyn from the Internets and Azie Dungey give you a comedic take on identity and pop culture, from Black pride movements to Black Twitter shenanigans. The show explores the complexity of Black experience and finds joy in the many ways Black folks have influenced American life.

"Black Folk Don't..." is an open conversation that invites everyone to take a second look at the grey areas between us all, no matter the race, and most importantly to do it with a sense of humor. This documentary web series is a special presentation of BlackPublicMedia.org, directed and produced by Angela Tucker, with support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"Since Shelter-in-Place Virtual Film Series was created in March of last year as a result of the shutdown, this will be our first Black History Month film series for an American audience," says Kwami Abdul-Bey, the @SIPVFilmSeries founder who was awarded the Ford Motor Company's 2020 Unsung Hero of COVID-19 Award for the international impact this @SIPVFilmSeries had as the first and long-running FREE (donate-what-you-wish) web-based movie theater, "We did host our first Black History Month film series in November for our European audience."

The National Park Service's Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, who has had a long-time relationship with the Arkansas Peace & Justice Memorial Movement (APJMM), has joined as a presenting partner of the @SIPVFilmSeries Black History Month film series. The National Historic Site was instrumental in securing for the film series this national debut of "The Green Siblings Project," a film funded by the National Parks Services Civil Rights Grant.

Kwami, along with his wife, Clarice, operates the @SIPVFilmSeries from the couple's home office on a dedicated computer that they purchased with the free will donations that viewers give during the film screenings. They have received partial funding from the Arkansas Humanities Council, the National Endowment for Humanities, and the Bank of America Foundation, to help secure the screening rights for the 3-5 weekly screenings that they have shown over the last year to an average audience size of 30 for each showing. However, they have had several screenings where the audience size exceeded 200.

For the complete schedule and links to register for and view each film, see below:

Feb. 1st

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 1 & 2)

***Two tongue-in-cheek, educational, and unapologetic PBS Digital Studios series created for Black History Month.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/a2gl7>

Feb. 3rd

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 3 & 4)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/hbj47>

Feb. 5th

Mr. Soul!

***Before Oprah, before Arsenio, there was *Mr. SOUL!* Ellis Haizlip ensures the Revolution will be televised with SOUL!, America's first "Black Tonight Show."

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/o1frg>

Feb. 6th

The Invisible Vegan

***A exploration of how plant-based eating intersects with race, class and gender. It examines how institutional racism impacts the health of African American families.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/q4rw9>

Feb. 7th

Say My Name: The Life & Death of Sandra Bland

***Memorializing on what would have been her 34th birthday had she not mysteriously died in police custody after being wrongfully arrested during a pretextual traffic stop by Texas State Trooper Brian Encinia, who was later indicted and fired for lying on the police report concerning her arrest.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/b6wjh>

Feb. 8th

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 5 & 6)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/9c6yg>

Feb. 9th

The Green Siblings Project

***The national debut of this 2021 film explores aspects of the lives of the Green Siblings– their navigations through the 1957 Little Rock Central High School Desegregation crisis and it's long-term ramifications– and also draws connections with social justice and racial justice issues among indigenous communities in South Dakota where Treopia (Green) Washington and the film-makers Scott Simpson and Sharla Steever have worked for many years. (A panel discussion will follow the film.)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/2af52>

Feb. 10th

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 7 & 8)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/5d59u>

Feb. 14th

Frederick Douglas & The White Negro

***Commemorating the 204th birthday of Frederick Douglas, this screening shows a little-known segment of his life as a recently self-emancipated Black man who lived in Ireland.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/30i8s>

Feb. 15th

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 9 & 10)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/8dcrs>

Feb. 17th

Say It Loud / Black Folks Don't... (Episodes 11 & 12)

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/53zer>

Feb. 19th

Village of Peace

***Reveals the untold story of the African Hebrew Israelites, an incredible group originally from Chicago, now thriving "Back in Africa" as a vegan community in Israel.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/ys5ye>

Feb 21st

Who Killed Malcolm X?

***On February 21, 1965, Malcolm X is murdered; three men are arrested, but only one admits to being part of the plot; decades later, one activist pledges to find the real killers, and vows to learn the truth about what officials knew regarding the crime.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/w56by>

Feb. 24th

Tell Them We Are Rising

***With Vice President Kamala Harris being the first HBCU graduate to attain her current position, we delve into the culture of campus life at America's HBCUs.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/mol9e>

Feb. 26th

Coded Bias

***Joy Buolamwini, the Ghanian-American founder of the Algorithmic Justice League, tells the story of how machine-learning algorithms — now ubiquitous in advertising, hiring, financial services, policing and many other fields — can perpetuate society's existing race-, class- and gender-based inequities, because of the data that they are fed.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/gza4q>

Feb. 28th

Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask

***This 1995 docu-drama was the first film to explore Frantz Fanon, the pre-eminent theorist of the anti-colonial movements of this century. Fanon's two major works, *Black Skin, White Masks* and *The Wretched of the Earth*, were pioneering studies of the psychological impact of racism on both colonized and colonizer. This innovative film biography restores Fanon to his rightful place at the center of contemporary discussions around post-colonial identity.

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/8bt11>

For more information on the @SIPVFimSeries, check out their Facebook page. For more information of the Arkansas Peace & Justice Memorial Movement, go to their website at www.APJMM.org.

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P.S.--To learn more about the APJMM backstory, check out the [October 2020 issue](#) of Little Rock Soiree Magazine. To learn more about Rosanne Cash's APJMM connection, read the ["Taking A Stand"](#) article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Respectfully,

Clarice & Kwami Abdul-Bey, Co-Conveners

Arkansas Peace & Justice Memorial Movement ([APJMM](#))

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