

Diaspora Festival of Black *and* Independent Films



FALL 2006 EDITION

The Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Films is the Stone Center's twice a year series spotlighting film from all corners of the African diaspora. Many screenings feature commentary by the directors and relevant scholars. The fall 2006 Festival opens on September 14 with a special series entitled Diaspora to Diaspora: African-American/South Asian Encounters.



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September 14 Dreams & Passions

STONE CENTER THEATRE, STONE CENTER • 7:00 P.M.

The Diaspora to Diaspora: African-American/South Asian Encounters opening session features the film *Dreams & Passions*, followed by a discussion with director-producer Sophia Kaushal and screenwriter Jon Poindexter. The film examines the dramatic relationship between Indian born Sara, played by Kaushal, and Danzel, an African-American exchange student played by Poindexter.

**** Special Program** – Join Sophia Kaushal and Jon Poindexter at the Apple Store, Southpoint Mall in Durham on Wednesday, September 13 for a demonstration/discussion on the making of *Dreams & Passions*, their feature length film made on a Macintosh computer.

September 18 An Evening of Short Films

HITCHCOCK MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, STONE CENTER • 7:00 P.M.

The Diaspora to Diaspora: African-American/South Asian Encounters will screen a program of film shorts: *This Moment*, explores the interracial relationship between Uma, a 20-something Indian woman and her African-American boyfriend John Ray, written and directed by Leena Pendharkar, *Library Majnu*, a modern day Romeo and Juliet story with a Bollywood twist, and *We're Indian and African: Voices of the Sidis*, Director Beheroze Shroff's examination of the African roots of India's Sidis.

October 24 The Trials of Darryl Hunt

HITCHCOCK MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, STONE CENTER • 7:00 P.M.

The Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Films will present *The Trials of Darryl Hunt*, followed by a panel discussion with Darryl Hunt, his legal team and Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg, the filmmakers. This powerful documentary film explores the tribulations of Darryl Hunt, the Winston-Salem, NC man who was tried and convicted of rape and murder in 1984. Dogged pursuit of his case by a dedicated group of lawyers and supporters kept Hunt's case alive. Finally, in 2004, DNA evidence freed Hunt.

All viewings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 962-9001.