



BRONZELENS

★ Film Festival of Atlanta, Georgia ★

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10th ANNUAL BRONZELENS FILM FESTIVAL CINEMA AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY FILMS TACKLE IMMIGRATION AND ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHEATING SCANDAL

Provocative Films to Educate, Engage and Inspire Change.

Sunday, August 25, 2019

WHAT: The BronzeLens Film Festival will host its annual **Cinema and Social Justice Sunday**, featuring socially-relevant films that are sure to inspire thought and conversation. Cinema and Social Justice Sunday is a unique and critical component of festival programming; and is free and open to the public. This year's featured films are:

Illegal Rose, written and directed by award-winning filmmaker **Deborah Riley Draper** ("Olympic Pride"), takes on the timely issue of immigration. The film stars **Jasmine Guy** ("A Different World," "Grey's Anatomy," "The Vampire Diaries") and introduces newcomer **Lucca Rodriguez-Pedraza**. ***Illegal Rose*** explores the dynamics of respect, decency and kindness through two people of different generations, ages, races and legal status, as they navigate their choices and the consequences. Post-screening talkback features **Deborah Riley Draper** along with **Jasmine Guy** and **Lucca Rodriguez-Pedraza**. Rapper **Kap G** will perform his hit song "A Day without a Mexican" and vocalist **Nina White** also will perform.

One Child Left Behind: The Untold Atlanta Cheating Scandal, Directed by Emmy-nominated producer **Jodi Gomes** ("Married to Medicine"), the harrowing documentary film, ***One Child Left Behind: The Untold Atlanta Cheating Scandal*** sheds light on one of the most complex scandals in U.S. history. The film brings the accused, whistleblowers, cheaters, and innocent together on film for the first time to tell the real story of the Atlanta Public Schools cheating scandal. Former Atlanta Mayor **Kasim Reed** and President of the American Federation of Teachers **Randi Weingarten** are confirmed to participate in the talkback.

WHEN: ***Illegal Rose***
12:00 pm: Doors Open
1:00 pm: Screening Begins

One Child Left Behind: The Untold Atlanta Cheating Scandal
2:00 pm: Doors Open
3:00 pm: Screening Begins

WHERE: **Fulton County Southwest Arts Center**
915 New Hope Road SW
Atlanta, GA 30331

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For a complete selection of films and show times, visit:

<https://bronzelens.com/schedule>

For additional information or to register for BronzeLens Film Festival tickets, visit:

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About the BronzeLens Film Festival

BronzeLens Film Festival of Atlanta, Georgia, is a non-profit organization, founded in 2009, that is dedicated to bringing national and worldwide attention to Atlanta as a center for film and film production for people of color. Its mission is two-fold: to promote Atlanta as the new film mecca for people of color; and to showcase films and provide networking opportunities that will develop the next generation of filmmakers. Since its inception, BronzeLens producers have brought national and worldwide attention to Atlanta, helping to showcase the city as a leader in the thriving film industry.

In 2017 the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences approved BronzeLens as a qualifying festival for the Short Film Awards category. The short film that receives the BronzeLens Best Short Award is eligible to enter the Academy's Short Subject competition for the concurrent season.

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