

# February 2016

## FILM SCREENINGS & DISCUSSIONS

### Film Screening & Discussion with David Pilot Saturday, February 13, 2-5 pm | Ives

Filmmaker, writer, producer and director David Pilot returns to his New Haven roots. He celebrates his creative birthplace in an entertaining afternoon screening his short film *Laundroma*, selections from his full-length documentary: *Skin in the Game*, and from his episodic series *Saving Manhattan*, featuring Amy Poehler. David will discuss his ongoing work with fellow writers, actors, and local artists.

### Black History Month Film Series

#### *Strange Fruit*

Saturday, February 6, 2 pm | Wilson

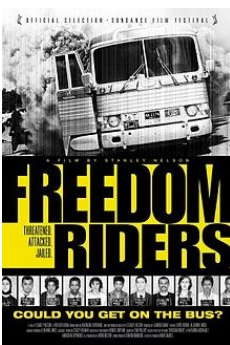


Running time: 118 minutes  
*Strange Fruit* is the first documentary exploring the history and legacy of this renowned Billie Holiday song. While many assume *Strange Fruit* was written by Holiday herself, it actually began as a poem by a Jewish schoolteacher and union activist from the Bronx, motivated and disturbed to write after seeing a photograph of a

lynching. The stark verse was published in 1938 under the pseudonym Lewis Allan.

#### *Freedom Riders*

Saturday, February 13, 2 pm | Wilson



Running time: 120 minutes  
Directed by Stanley Nelson, the 2010 documentary is based in part on the book *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice* by historian Raymond Arsenault. The film chronicles the story behind hundreds of civil rights activists called Freedom Riders who challenged the racial segregation in the American South.

### *The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975*

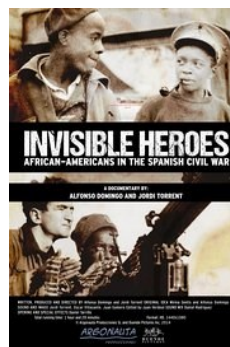
Saturday, February 20, 2 pm | Wilson



Running time: 100 minutes  
Directed by Göran Olsson, this 2011 documentary examines the Black Power Movement in the U.S. from 1967-1975. It features the found footage shot by a group of Swedish journalists (discovered some 30 years later) along with commentaries and interviews from leading contemporary African-American artists, activists, musicians and scholars.

### *Invisible Heroes: African-Americans in the Spanish Civil War*

Saturday, February 27, 2 pm | Ives



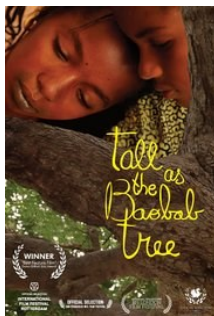
Running time: 77 minutes  
In 1936, some 2,800 young Americans, together with 50,000 volunteers from 54 countries, offered their lives in defense of the Spanish Republic. What is less known is that 85 African Americans joined that heroic struggle to fight against racism and for the very civil rights denied to them in their own country. The

film will be followed by a conversation with Jacinto Lirola, our longstanding contributor to European Art, History and Politics.

### Glance at the World through Film Series

#### *Tall as the Baboab Tree*

Saturday, February 27, 2 pm | Mitchell



Running time: 82 minutes | Pulaar with English subtitles  
In a rural Senegalese village poised at the outer edge of the modern world, a teenage girl hatches a secret plan to rescue her 11-year-old sister from an arranged marriage. Director Jeremy Teicher worked in collaboration with local students from the village of Sinthiou

Mbadane, Senegal "to tell a story that captures the emotions of the traditional and modern worlds colliding."

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