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CWC presents the Tri-State Area premiere of

A Man Named Pearl

Cincinnati World Cinema is proud to present the first-run screening of the award-winning documentary **A MAN NAMED PEARL**, at the **Cincinnati Art Museum**, 953 Eden Park Drive, (Eden Park) Cincinnati OH 45202.

This **family-friendly** film will be shown at **2 pm** on **Sunday, August 24**, **7pm** on **Tuesday August 26**, and **7 pm** on **Wednesday August 27**.

A MAN NAMED PEARL is a subtle and intriguing film that opens both hearts and minds. It focuses on an extraordinary man, a garden of exquisite beauty and love, and a community that has been brought to life by his artistry, enthusiasm, and sharing of the passion that moves him. Directors Scott Galloway and Brent Pierson have crafted an upbeat message that speaks to respect for both self and others -- a plain-spoken, enlightening and inspiring expression of humanity and creativity.

"There's always gonna be obstacles. The thing about it is, you don't let those obstacles determine where you go," says Pearl Fryar, an African-American man now in his late sixties.

He should know. Back in 1976, when Pearl and his wife Metra moved to tiny Bishopville, S.C., a prospective neighbor asserted, "black people don't keep up their yards." The Fryars settled in a more "welcoming" part of town and proved the bigots wrong.

Without formal training -- just passion, energy and discards from the local nursery -- Pearl began sculpting his three-and-a-half acres into a dazzling array of abstract topiary art, earning this sharecropper's son kudos from art and garden authorities around the world. Pearl's impressive creation has become a major tourist attraction, source of community pride and unique bridge between local whites and blacks. His story has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and the New York Times.

This family-friendly film is enlightening and inspiring. It will appeal to anyone who cares about creativity, humanity and hope for our society - and more narrowly - to those interested in gardening, art and nature.

Rated G, appropriate for all audiences; total running time 78 minutes.

Discussion follows each screening, facilitators to be announced.

Tickets are \$9.00 (\$7.00 for Art Museum members, students/ETA & military families with valid ID.)

Info: (tickets, trailer, film details) - <http://www.cincyworldcinema.org> and **859.781.8151**.

Advance tickets go on sale August 4 and are available at the **CWC website**, by visiting or calling the **Cincinnati Art Museum** at 513.721.ARTS, and at these local ticket outlets --

Sitwell's Coffeehouse, Clifton; **Lookout Joe Coffee Roasters**, Mt. Lookout Square;

Shake-It, Northside; **Coffee Emporium**, Downtown; & the **College Hill Coffee Co.**, College Hill.

For more information, call **859.781.8151** or visit www.cincyworldcinema.org

High-resolution still photos and preview screeners are available for recognized media.

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"*A Man Named Pearl* not only makes you want to get out there and play Edward Scissorhands but can, at least for its 78 jazz-and-gospel infused minutes, help replenish one's faith in humanity. " ~ Los Angeles Times

"One of the most popular documentaries in our festival's history." ~ Jeff Sparks, President, Heartland Film Festival, Indianapolis

"In a sea of polemic, heavy-handed political documentaries, A MAN NAMED PEARL offers an effective social statement on race relations and human potential." ~ Charlotte Post & Courier

The film's hero is charismatic: modest, thoughtful, well-spoken, pointing out he achieved remarkable things because he didn't know he wasn't supposed to be able to do them. ~ Charlotte Observer

About Cincinnati World Cinema

An all-volunteer organization, Cincinnati World Cinema showcases outstanding motion pictures normally not shown in Cincinnati with a focus on those that explore the human condition and celebrate cultural diversity. International, independent, narrative and documentary films are typically followed by discussions with filmmakers or local authorities to enhance the educational experience.

<http://www.cincyworldcinema.org>

About the Cincinnati Art Museum

Through partnership with Cincinnati World Cinema, the Cincinnati Art Museum's visitors can enjoy a range of international, documentary, live-action and animated films that further enhance their understanding of the Art Museum's collection and the world around them. Located in scenic Eden Park, the Art Museum features an unparalleled art collection of more than 60,000 works spanning 6,000 years. The Art Museum is open six days a week, free of charge to all.

<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org>