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"THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC" Honors Jazz Heritage

Rarely seen performances by Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and eight other artists will screen in Cincinnati, followed by live jazz performance.

Big screen presentation of "buried treasures" a first for this region, perhaps the U.S., brings an important piece of history to Cincinnati.

Cincinnati World Cinema and the **Phi Psi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority** will present three screenings of **"THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC"** at **3pm Sunday February 22; 7pm Tuesday February 24** and **7pm Wednesday February 25** at **The Redmoor in Mt. Lookout Square**.

An accidental discovery – 18 cans of film found behind a brick wall in a Toronto home – led to lost kinescope film recordings of musical variety shows produced by Norman Sedawie for the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Largely blocked by segregationist television policies in the U.S. at that time, African American vocalists and musicians were warmly welcomed by the CBC.

Restored by CBC archivists and technicians for the Canadian network's 50th anniversary celebration, Cincinnati World Cinema will present highlights of performances by **Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Sarah Vaughan, Sammy Davis Jr., Dinah Washington, Cab Calloway, Della Reese, Billy Eckstine and Marion Anderson**. **Never aired and rarely, if ever, presented on the large screen in the U.S., Cincinnati audiences will see Ellington, Fitzgerald and Calloway in their prime, and the young faces and voices of Vaughan, Davis, Washington and Reese.**

With roughly four decades in the music business, renowned Cincinnati jazz saxophonist Bruce Menefield will share historical perspective with the audience after each screening and then lead a set of period songs in tribute to the featured artists in the film. The Sunday matinee will include guest vocalist Brenda Flowers and bass player Eddie Brookshire, a post-film hors d'oeuvre reception, all included with the price of admission. The Tuesday and Wednesday screenings will include a cash bar available before and after (but not during) the film and feature a performance by Menefield on sax and Erwin Stuckey on keyboard.

Proceeds from these events will benefit Phi Psi Omega's scholarship fund for college bound students in the Cincinnati metropolitan area.

3pm Sunday, Feb 22, Screening, hors d'oeuvre reception & cash bar with post-film discussion and live performance by the Bruce Menefield Ensemble featuring jazz vocalist Brenda Flowers & bassist Eddie Brookshire; tickets \$20 advance, \$25 at the door.

7pm Tuesday and Wednesday Feb 24 and 25, screenings include cash bar, with post-film discussion and live set by Bruce Menefield & keyboardist Erwin Stuckey; tickets \$10 advance, \$12 at the door.

Proceeds benefit the Phi Psi Omega Scholarship Fund.

Held at The Redmoor, 3187 Linwood Ave, Mt. Lookout Square, Cincinnati OH 452082

More info: <http://www.cincyworldcinema.org> and **859.781.8151**.

Tickets are available in advance at the CWC website; by calling Phi Psi Omega at 513.588.4535; and at local CWC ticket outlets – **Sitwell's**, Clifton; **Lookout Joe Coffee Roasters**, Mt. Lookout Square; **Shake-It**, Northside; and the **Coffee Emporium**, Downtown. Tickets will also be available at the door, if not sold out in advance.

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Still photos and screeners are available for recognized media/reviewers.

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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.

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About Phi Psi Omega & Alpha Kappa Alpha

Each year Phi Psi Omega Chapter provides scholarships to college bound students in the Cincinnati metropolitan area and designates a community organization to support through philanthropy. Over the past seven years, Phi Psi Omega has contributed \$50,000 in scholarships to local high school students and \$55,000 to local community organizations.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is one of the world's leading service organizations and is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-trained women, in 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Phi Psi Omega is an alumnae chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, chartered in 2002 to serve Forest Park and the surrounding communities. Phi Psi Omega serves all mankind through volunteerism, service projects and philanthropy. Robin Frazier, President, and Wiona Berry, Vice President, serve as officers of Phi Psi Omega Chapter.