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“THE BLACK SPADES”

Documentary to Open The 10th Annual People’s Film Festival Music Edition

TPFF also kicks off “THE MUSIC EDITION” IN COLLABORATION WITH RECORDDROP.com

[New York, NY – May 18, 2021] –The People’s Film Festival (TPFF) presented by **The People’s Media, Music & Arts Foundation**, announced today that **“The Black Spades”**, a documentary directed by **Veronica Keitt and Executive Producers David L. Baughan & Marion Frampton**, will open the **10th Annual People’s Film Festival – Music Edition, Sunday May 30, 2021 in Harlem, NY, at the AMC Magic Johnson Theater.**

“The Black Spades” documentary is one of Adaption, Survival and Redemption. It began with a few young teens who decided to create an organization designed to protect their neighborhood against the growing crime, drugs, and gang violence that began to takeover in their neighborhood located in the South Bronx, NY. These young teens soon discovered they would also be fighting racism, and discrimination in the Bronx against the white youth gangs *and white residents* who didn’t want them in their neighborhoods or schools. The Black Spades were considered one the largest, most feared gangs in the Bronx. At its peak they had over 100,000 members. This film tells the untold story of racism, discrimination, and gang violence as seen through the eyes of Black Spades members.

The majority of the cast will be present Opening Day including, **Tiny** 17th Division, **Crazy Dutch** the Harlem Division who are also the founders of **TBS New Direction**; **Guru** and **David Brockington**, the founders of the Black Spades, **Khalif** and **Fat Mike**, 1st Division, **Cholly Rock**, Black Spades historian and original B-Boy, **John** original president of the 14th Division and 17th Division Warlord, **Monk**-Supreme leader, **Chocolate**, **Shotgun Rob**, **Commanche**, **DJ Phase**, **Queen Eva** & more.

Director **Veronica Keitt**, founder of The People’s Film Festival, is a filmmaker, director, editor, with over 25 years in media. **David L. Baughan**, is a Black Spades member, journalist, writer, and Co-Founder of TBS New Direction. **Marion Frampton** is a Black Spades member and former President of the Casanova crew and also the Co-Founder of TBS New Direction.

Opening day will also feature **“The Uncle Nearest Story”**- a short film **directed by David Poag**, featuring **Emmy Award winning actor Jeffrey Wright**, telling the story of the first known African American master distiller.

The People’s Film Festival kicks off **May 30, 2021 and will run through June 6, 2021** in theaters and online at Eventive.org.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for Opening Day are **ON SALE NOW**. Doors open at 12:00pm. Film starts at 1pm sharp.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, there will be no tickets sold at the door or box office. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE THROUGH TICKETBUD.**

Opening Day Tickets in Theater May 30, 2021 is \$25 <http://bit.ly/tpff2021amcmjtickets>
Thursday Night Tickets in Theater June 3, 2021 is \$15 <http://bit.ly/tpff2021amcmjtickets>
Online Tickets @Eventive for individual films & film blocks is **\$10**
<https://watch.eventive.org/thepeoplesfilmfestival2021>

For More information about the festival line up, schedule and events,
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TPFF Press Credentials

Media Accreditation for the 10th Annual People's Film Festival is open through May 21, 2021.

MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The People's Film Festival is an initiative of The People's Media, Music & Arts Foundation (TPMMAF)—which is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide venues and promote awareness in independent music, media, and art across the globe while encouraging those—particularly in the Harlem New York area, to develop a greater appreciation and understanding for cultural diversity in film.

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