



Ruby Bridges

Film directed by Ezuhan Palcy
and

Public Forum
panel discussion

Racism in American Schools: 1960 – 1998 What's changed? What remains the same?

Join local African American students, parents, educators, and advocates as they compare similarities and differences in the struggle for racial equality in our schools.

**Friday, September 25, 1998
Olin Hall, Macalester College**

- 7:00 P.M. Film screening of Ruby Bridges directed by Ezuhan Palcy
- 8:45 P.M. Public Forum discussion lead by Ora Lee Patterson, education advocate and director of the Summit University Education Consortium, and the Reverend Devin Miller, community leader and director of the Collaborative Movement for Improvement youth program.
- 9:00 P.M. Reception and continued discussion

Ruby Bridges is a docudrama produced by and aired on ABC television which tells the story of the six year-old girl who confronted the hostility of white parents in 1960 to become the first African American student at Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. As we share her story in film we understand from a child's perspective the toll racial bigotry takes on each child subjected to it. But as every parent of a black student in the school system knows, civil rights legislation did not eliminate racism. Given current challenges to realizing racial equality in public education, it seems strategic to revisit the first victories of integration of the 1960's as we try to achieve our contemporary goals.

For more information, call the Twin Cities Black Film Festival at 825-1486.
For directions to Olin Hall, call Macalester College 696-6000.

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