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“FILMS CELEBRATING PEOPLE OF COLOR”

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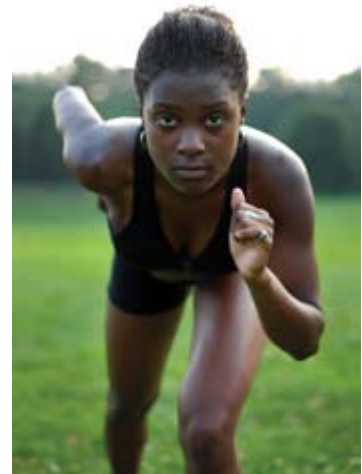
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**The Roxbury International Film Festival and The Boston Jewish Film Festival
To Screen *Off and Running: An American Coming of Age Story***

Boston, MA (6.17) - The Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline, Massachusetts, will screen *Off and Running*, an American coming of age story. Main character Avery Klein-Cloud and composer Daniel Bernard Roumain (a.k.a. DBR) will be in attendance. Named one of *Filmmaker Magazine's 25 New Faces of Independent Film*, Director and Producer Nicole Opper comes to us with a story about a Brooklyn teen, Avery, who struggles to find her identity while fighting to keep her dreams of a college track career alive.

In the film, this young African American female grows up an adopted child of white Jewish lesbian parents. At the same time, she has two adopted brothers, one Korean and the other mixed race. When Avery becomes curious about her heritage, she contacts her birth mother, leading to more questions than answers concerning her identity. As a result, she begins missing school and distancing herself from her home. After her behavior threatens her dreams of running college track, she begins her journey of self-discovery while fighting to hold on to her dream.



Off and Running, being screened by the Roxbury International Film Festival in conjunction with The Boston Jewish Film Festival, which hosted its Boston Premiere last November, was an *audience favorite finalist* at the *Tribeca Film Festival* and *winner of the Discovery Channel's WGA Screenplay Award*. The film also won *Best Documentary* at the *International Women's Film Festival in Milan*.

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Date: Thursday, July 8th
Location: Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Street, Brookline MA 02446
Tickets: \$9.75 General Admission
\$6.75 Coolidge members
Run Time: 7PM
Tickets: To purchase tickets online, log on to <http://www.coolidge.org>.

About the Roxbury Film Festival

The Roxbury International Film Festival (RIFF) is the largest film festival in New England dedicated to films that celebrate people of color. The festival is co-produced by The Color of Film Collaborative (www.coloroffilm.com) and Act Roxbury, a program at Madison Park Development Corporation (www.madison-park.org), and takes place July 29th through August 1st. RIFF will screen 50-60 films including features, shorts, documentaries and youth-produced works. The screenings will take place at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Tower Auditorium at Massachusetts College of Art; Roxbury Center for Arts at Hibernian Hall and the Annex Auditorium at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Updated information on special guests, panels, awards and other festival events can be found at www.roxburyfilmfestival.org.

About the Boston Jewish Film Festival

The Boston Jewish Film Festival presents the best contemporary films from around the world on Jewish themes at its annual Festival and throughout the year. Through features, shorts, documentaries, and conversations with visiting artists, the Festival explores Jewish identity, the current Jewish experience and the richness of Jewish culture in relation to a diverse modern world. For more information, visit www.bjff.org.

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