

11th Annual
Roxbury
film festival
Films Celebrating People of Color

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WHO:

Obba Babatundé, the American actor of stage and screen, known for an Emmy®-nominated performance in the television movie “**Miss Evers' Boys**,” a NAACP Image award-nominated performance in the TV movie “**Introducing Dorothy Dandridge**,” and a Tony® award nominated role for his performance as C.C. White in the original cast of the 1981 Broadway musical “**Dreamgirls**. This year, veteran actor Obba Babatundé will be on-hand for the screening and Q&A, along with Tommy Haung, director of “Why Am I Doing This?”

WHAT:

Haley House partners with the Color of Film Collaborative and the **Roxbury Film Festival** on third annual “**Outdoor Dinner & A Movie**.” In this year we feature the award-winning film “**Why Am I Doing This?**,” The film chronicles the experiences of Lester Niles, a struggling African-American comedian, and Tony Chang, a struggling Asian-American actor—best friends who are down on their luck in Hollywood. They ponder the age-old question, “Why Am I Doing This?” as they juggle relationships, family and the dreaded feeling that they are never going to make it. View the trailer at: <http://www.whyamidoingthis.net>

WHEN:

Friday, July 31, 2009. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. with the film begins at sundown.

WHERE:

Haley House Bakery Café, Blair Lot across Washington Street. (Rain location: Hibernian Hall at 182-186 Dudley Street.)

TICKETS

\$25.00 per person. Purchase: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/74156

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Roxbury Film Festival

The 11th Annual Roxbury Film Festival will be July 30 - August 2, 2009. Films will be screened at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Tower Auditorium at the Massachusetts College of Art, Roxbury Center for Arts at Hibernian Hall, and 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.

Dinner & A Movie

The “Dinner & A Movie” at Haley House tradition began at the 8th Annual Roxbury Film Festival, and has happened quarterly since that time, due to popular demand. Last year, during the 10th Roxbury Film Festival, we moved everything out-of-doors into our parking lot with an inflatable screen and table seating. It was such a success, that we have brought it back for 2009.

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The festival is co-produced by ACT Roxbury and The Color of Film Collaborative with assistance from The Roxbury Film Festival Planning Committee.

ACT Roxbury, a program of Madison Park Development Corporation, promotes arts and culture as a vehicle for economic development. ACT stands for Arts, Culture and Trade. The Roxbury Film Festival is one of several annual events of the Roxbury Arts Series produced by ACT Roxbury. For more information on ACT Roxbury, visit www.actroxbury.org.

The Color of Film Collaborative is a non-profit organization that works to support media makers of color and others who have an interest in creating and developing new and diverse images of people of color in film, video and performing arts. For more information on the Color of Film Collaborative, contact info@coloroffilm.org.

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